



Finding aid

EGLOFF_B02

**Sound recordings collected by
Brian Egloff, 1987**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1987

Extent: 2 audiocassettes : analogue, mono.

Production history

These recordings were collected by Dr Brian Egloff on 3 March 1987 at Bairnsdale, VIC, as part of a report to the National Parks and Wildlife Service, NSW, titled *A Report on an Investigation of Places of Cultural Significance to Aboriginal People on the Southern Portion of the Eden Woodchip Agreement Area*. Billy Thomas is the interviewee, with John Pender and Celia Bond also present. Billy Thomas talks about his career as a whaler, families and people he remembers from the Eden area and places of cultural significance. The tapes were deposited on 5 December 2001.

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ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Brian Egloff and audition sheets prepared by AIATSIS staff.

Timing points may be slightly out depending on the technologies and procedures in place at the time the recordings were auditioned.

ITEM LIST

Archive number	Field recording number	Description
023906	87/1	Oral history interview with Billy Thomas.

Archive number	Field recording number	Description
023907 023908	87/2	Oral history interview with Billy Thomas.

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

023906/87/1

Performer/speaker(s):	Billy (Willy) Thomas, John Pender
Subject keywords	History - Oral history
Language/people:	English
Places:	Bairnsdale (E Vic Gippsland SJ55-07)
Recording quality:	Fair to good.

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
EGLOFF_B02-023906	00:00:00	Brian Egloff tests the tape recorder.	3 March 1987	Bairnsdale, VIC
	00:02:49	End of field recording 87/1 and end of EGLOFF_B02-023906.		

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023907 + 023908/87/2

Performer/speaker(s):	Billy (Willy) Thomas, John Pender, Celia Bond
Personal subject(s):	Albert Thomas, Bill Adduri (?), Jack Davidson, Bill Greg, Jackson, George Davidson, Davidson family, Mark Penders, Ted and Arthur Stuart, Bob Marshall, Will and James Carter, Bert Penrith, Hadygady (?) family, Adduri family, Jenny Adduri, Charlie Adduri, Marry Adduri, Carey Adduri, Bill Penrith, King Merriman, Parsons, Les Mundo, Uncle Nunny Stuart, Muriel Stuart, Granny Tongia, Jack Anders, King Mumbala, Davis family, Dickson family, Longbottom family
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Economic sectors – Whaling, Occupations – Whalers, Employment – Seasonal and casual, History - Genealogy and family history, Dance - Recreational – Corroboree, History – Cultural, Indigenous knowledge - Health and medicine
Language/people:	English
Places:	Bairnsdale (E Vic Gippsland SJ55-07), Eden / Twofold Bay (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-08), Wreck Bay (ACT / NSW S Coast SI56-13), Monaro (S NSW SI55-16, SJ55-14), Bega / Candelo / Tathra (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-04), Wallaga Lake (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-04), Delegate (S NSW SJ55-04)
Recording quality:	Fair to good.

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
EGLOFF_B02-023907	00:00:00	Billy Thomas recalls working as a whaler.	3 March 1987	Bairnsdale, VIC
	00:18:00	Billy Thomas talks about his family history and the older people he could remember from his childhood.		
	00:26:45	Billy Thomas and John Penders talk about what happens at a corroboree.		
	00:32:23	End of EGLOFF_B02-023906		
EGLOFF_B02-023908	00:00:00	Continued discussion of corroborees.	3 March 1987	Bairnsdale, VIC
	00:05:42	Billy Thomas and John Pender recall people they can remember from their childhood.		
	00:08:18	Billy Thomas and John Pender talk about massacre sites and important cultural sites in the area.		
	00:13:08	Billy Thomas talks about Granny Tongia.		

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
	00:14:23	John Pender talks about the Bidawal/Bidwell people.		
	00:21:57	Unidentified female speaker and Billy Thomas identify people in photographs.		
	00:32:28	End of field recording 87/2 and end of EGLOFF_B02-023907.		

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