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**GREEN\_C01**

**Sound recordings collected by  
Charmaine Green, 1996-1997**

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

**Date:** 1996-1997

**Extent:** 4 audiocassettes (approximately 60 min. each): analogue, mono

### Production history

These recordings were collected by Charmaine Green during fieldwork at Mullewa, Western Australia between June 1996 and April 1997. The purpose of the field trip was to document the lives of the speakers. The interviewees are Eric Papertalk and Margaret Green. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS on 13 May 1998.

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## ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Charmaine Green 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                                |
|------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 035458<br>035459 | <a href="#">Field tape 1</a> | Oral history interview with Eric Papertalk |
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| 035462           | <a href="#">Field tape 3</a> | Oral history interview with Margaret Green |
| 035463<br>035464 | <a href="#">Field tape 4</a> | Oral history interview with Eric Papertalk |

## ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

**035458 + 035459/Field tape 1**

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|-----------------------|--|
| Performer/speaker(s): | Eric Papertalk   |
| Personal subject(s):  | Charmaine Green, Tom Hickson, Ned Papertalk, Sally Bunbarra, Doug Battleaxe, Father Ross, Jinko (?), Jack Crane, Billy Francis, Billy (William) Flanagan, Millie Comeagain, 'Snatchem', the Joseph family, King Billy (Jimmy Elliot), Wongarten (?), Ned Grinler (?), Ricky Gilbert, Mackellar, George Pearce, Fred Willock, Don Flanagan, George Pearce (jnr) |
| Subject keywords:     | Social welfare – Rationing, Religions - Christianity – Missions, Habitation - Camps - Fringe and town, Dance – Ceremonial, Habitation - Government settlements, History - Genealogy and family history, Outstations / Homelands movement   |
| Language/people:      | Wajarri / Watjarri people (A39), Yamaji languages  |
| Places:               | Yalgoo (SW WA SH50-02), Mullewa (SW WA SH50-02), Tardun (SW WA SH50-02), Kalgoorlie map area (SE WA Goldfields SH51-09), Stirling Range (SW WA SI50-11, SI50-15), Meekatharra (WA Gascoyne / Murchison SG50-12), Geraldton map area (SW WA SH50-01), Beverley (SW WA SI50-02), Brookton (SW WA SI50-02, SI50-03), Fremantle (Perth SW WA SI50-02)              |
| Recording quality:    | Poor   |

| Archive item number | Timing point | Description   | Date | Place       |
|---------------------|--------------|---|------|-------------|
| GREEN_C01-035458    | 00:00:00     | Eric Papertalk speaks about the Aboriginal camps in Mullewa and aspects of settlement life such as rationing and curfews. He reflects on violence and the regular displacement of Aboriginal residents and housing.                     | 1996 | Mullewa, WA |
|                     | 00:07:09     | Eric Papertalk speaks about Afghani traders, the local police, an Aboriginal work crew from Kalgoorlie, a local Chinese market gardener, the quarry, the Catholic church, the Mullewa race course and a Corroboree that was held there. |      |             |
|                     | 00:16:05     | Eric Papertalk speaks about his working life as a school boy and lists some of the Aboriginal families that lived in the area. The Stirling Ranges are also discussed in relation to the death of Eric's grandmother                    |      |             |

| Archive item number                 | Timing point | Description  | Date | Place       |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--|------|-------------|
| GREEN_C01-035459                    | 00:22:23     | and Wajarri tribal lore.<br>Eric Papertalk speaks about Aboriginal hardship and the uncertain future for his people. He speaks his working life, with horses and on cattle and sheep stations in WA. | 1996 | Mullewa, WA |
|                                     | 00:31:49     | End of GREEN_C01-035458  |      |             |
|                                     | 00:00:00     | Eric Papertalk speaks about his experiences with a boxing troupe, his return to horse breaking and later kangaroo and goat shooting.   |      |             |
|                                     | 00:09:53     | Eric Papertalk speaks about the hardship of Aboriginal people and 'freight hopping' scams to steal wool bales and food.  |      |             |
|                                     | 00:13:16     | End of Field tape 1 and end of GREEN_C01-035459  |      |             |
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**035460 + 035461/Field tape 2**

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| Performer/speaker(s): | Margaret Green   |
| Personal subject(s):  | Ella Marlowe/Derby (?), Ned Papertalk, Joy Dronin, Kate Kirker, Big Jack, Alfie Merritt Papertalk, Katie Papertalk, Jean Comeagain, Eric Papertalk, Gladis Papertalk / Mary Collins, Vic Harris, Eileen Harris, George Ronin, Emmett Gill, Olive Gill, John Comeagain, Butch Comeagain, Doug Comeagain, Charlie Marr, Rosie Marr, Minnie Cockles, Jimmy Joseph, Vera Flanagan, Mrs Broad, Jim Crow, Charlie Cameron, Irene Cameron, Ted Harvey, Burt Hines, Charlie Harvey, Dr Hertz, Pansy Harvey, Charles Arthur Green, Sir Charles Gairdner, Lady Gairdner, Dr Buller Murphy (also known as Lady Hackett and Lady Moulden), |
| Subject keywords:     | History - Genealogy and family history, Habitation - Camps - Fringe and town, Habitation - Government settlements, Defence - World War II, Religions - Christianity – Missions, Health services – Hospitals  |
| Language/people:      | English  |
| Places:               | Geraldton map area (SW WA SH50-01), Katanning (SW WA SI50-07), Mullewa (SW WA SH50-02), Yalgoo (SW WA SH50-02), Carnarvon (WA South Pilbara / Gascoyne SG49-04), Minilya map area (WA West Pilbara SF49-16), Bamboo Springs (WA East Pilbara SF50-12), Paynes Find (SW WA SH50-03)   |
| Recording quality:    | Poor   |

| Archive item number | Timing point | Description  | Date | Place           |
|---------------------|--------------|--|------|-----------------|
| GREEN_C01-035460    | 00:00:00     | Margaret Green talks about her family genealogy including the circumstances of her birth.  | 1996 | Beach Lands, WA |
|                     | 00:05:54     | Margaret Green talks about her mother's death and her (Margaret's) working life. She talks about her father 'Pop' (Ned) Papertalk and his working life with mention of Woolgerong and Tullarra Stations. |      |                 |
|                     | 00:18:18     | Margaret Green talks about wartime (WWII) in Mullewa – military bases, truck and tank convoys, curfews and the munitions dump at Water fall Well.  |      |                 |
|                     | 00:24:45     | Margaret Green speaks of her mother, her working life in Mullewa and Pindar, her premature death and some of the other Aboriginal families resident at the camps in Mullewa.                             |      |                 |

| Archive item number | Timing point | Description   | Date | Place           |
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|                     | 00:28:57     | End of GREEN_C01-035460   |      |                 |
| GREEN_C01-035461    | 00:00:00     | Margaret Green speaks about her early working life at Mullewa hospital followed by a 2 year period as housemaid at Wagga station.   | 1996 | Beach Lands, WA |
|                     | 00:09:27     | Margaret Green talks about her first husband Ted Harvey, their courtship and the first period of their marriage living on Mia Mia station. She speaks of the birth of her child Charlie, the death of her husband, her marriage to second husband Charles Arthur Green and her working life in Carnarvon. |      |                 |
|                     | 00:18:34     | Margaret Green talks about her move back to Mullewa and her life in Sandstone in the early 1960s.   |      |                 |
|                     | 00:27:46     | Margaret Green reflects further, on her time working at Minilya Station.  |      |                 |
|                     | 00:31:19     | End of field tape 2 and end of GREEN_C01-035461   |      |                 |

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**035462/Field tape 3**

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| Performer/speaker(s): | Margaret Green  |
| Personal subject(s):  | Ned "Pop" Papertalk, Mary (Gladis) Collins, Pastor Andrews, Ella Marlowe Derby, Charles Arthur Green, Eric Papertalk, Olive Merrit, Roy Merrit, Ike Simpson, Irene Simpson, Brother Dodd, Jim Joseph, Jack Comeagain, Carl Newman |
| Subject keywords:     | Health services – Hospitals, Settlement and contacts - Government settlements, reserves, Religions - Christianity - Seventh Day Adventists, Substance use - Alcohol   |
| Language/people:      | English   |
| Places:               | Mullewa (SW WA SH50-02),  |
| Recording quality:    | Poor  |

| Archive item number | Timing point | Description   | Date | Place       |
|---------------------|--------------|---|------|-------------|
| GREEN_C01-035462    | 00:00:00     | Margaret Green speaks about caring for her father and his death. She talks about the period of her life following in which she was primarily involved in child rearing.                 | 1996 | Mullewa, WA |
|                     | 00:08:32     | Margaret Green talks about the movement of Aboriginal families between different reserves in Mullewa and the importance of the Seventh Day Adventist church for Aboriginal communities. |      |             |
|                     | 00:13:23     | Discussion about "drinking rights" and the broader impact of alcohol on Aboriginal families in Mullewa including the efforts of the Aboriginal Legal Council to address the problem.    |      |             |
|                     | 00:21:25     | End of field tape 3 and end of GREEN_C01-035462   |      |             |

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| <b>035463 + 035464/Field tape 4</b> |  |   |      |            |
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| Performer/speaker(s):               | Eric Papertalk   |   |      |            |
| Personal subject(s):                | Alice Papertalk, Tommy Derby, Jane Noury, Jack Derby, Ned Papertalk / Mindeloo, Rose Coleman, Big Jack, Joseph Marlin / "Gummy Joe," Joseph Derby, Kate (Kirkup) Papertalk, George Ronin, Lottie Anna Papertalk, Officer MacGowan, Tom Hickson, the Olsen family, Joe Yuan, Tom Shannon, Hammond Gil, Mrs Twombie, Tom Molster, Fred Kingan, Father Halls, Jack Neville, Alfie (Merritt) Papertalk, Ella Marlowe Derby, Sid Cameron, Jim Joseph, The Comeagain family, The Flanagan family |   |      |            |
| Subject keywords:                   | History - Genealogy and family history, Health services – Hospitals, Sites - Mortuary sites and cemeteries, Social welfare – Rationing, Social organisation – Kinship, Race relations, Religions – Christianity, Religion – Dreaming, Religions - Christianity – Missions, Defence - World War II,   |   |      |            |
| Language/people:                    | Yamaji languages,  |   |      |            |
| Places:                             | Geraldton map area (SW WA SH50-01), Minilya map area (WA West Pilbara SF49-16), Mullewa (SW WA SH50-02), Mingenew (SW WA SH50-05), Meekatharra (WA Gascoyne / Murchison SG50-12), Karijini National Park (WA West Pilbara SF50-11), Yalgoo (SW WA SH50-02), Darwin (NT Top End SD52-04), Moora (SW WA SH50-10),  |   |      |            |
| Recording quality:                  | Very poor.   |   |      |            |
| Archive item number                 | Timing point   | Description   | Date | Place      |
| GREEN_C01-035463                    | 00:00:00   | Eric Papertalk speaks about his place of birth, his grandmother's death, Mullewa hospital and the generation of Papertalks that came before him.  | 1997 | Mullewa,WA |
|                                     | 00:10:48   | Eric Papertalk speaks about his early working years as a boy, droving, wood chopping  |      |            |
|                                     | 00:19:51   | Eric Papertalk describes memories of traditional Aboriginal life from his childhood and an underground spring that ran through the town of Mullewa. He reminisces about commercial life in Mullewa. |      |            |
|                                     | 00:27:52   | Eric Papertalk reflects on race relations in Mullewa, and on both Christian worship amongst Aboriginal people and traditional Aboriginal spiritual belief systems.                                  |      |            |
|                                     | 00:32:00   | End of GREEN_C01-035463   |      |            |
| GREEN_C01-                          | 00:00:00   | Eric Papertalk speaks about the   | 1997 | Mullewa,WA |

| Archive item number | Timing point | Description   | Date | Place |
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| 035464              | 00:05:15     | Aboriginal community at Mass Rock and the encroachment of Jack Neville and the Moora mission on their way of life.<br>Eric Papertalk speaks about the ancestry of the Papertalk and Comeagain families. |      |       |
|                     | 00:07:22     | End of field recording 4 and end of GREEN_C01-035464  |      |       |

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