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GRIFFIN_P01

**Sound recordings collected by
P. C. Griffin, 1968**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1968

Extent: 2 sound tape reels (2 hr.) : analogue, 7 1/2 ips, mono.

Production history

These recordings were collected in 1968 by P. C. Griffin during fieldwork at Yarrabah, Queensland. The purpose of the field trip was to research songs, stories and language of the Yidiny and Gungay peoples of that area. Interviewees and performers include Richard Hyde, Hilary Harris and Wilfred Harris. The collection was deposited at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies on 21 April 1971.

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This finding aid was compiled from information contained in documentation provided by P. C. Griffin and audition sheets prepared by AIATSIS staff.

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ITEM LIST

Archive number	Field recording number	Description
001576	Field tape 1	Songs performed and some language elicitation in Gungay and narratives in English with Hilary Harris and Wilfred Harris
001577	Field tape 2	Songs, language elicitation and conversation in Yidiny and English with Richard Hyde, Hilary Harris and Wilfred Harris

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

001576/Field tape 1

Performer/speaker(s):	Hilary Harris, Wilfred Harris
Subject keywords:	Stories and motifs - Cultural heroes, Music - Vocal - Solo – Male, Music - Instruments - Percussion - Paired boomerangs, Language - Linguistics - Language elicitation, Stories and motifs – Birds, Stories and motifs - Climate and weather, Language - Vocabulary - Place names, Stories and motifs - Flood
Language/people:	Gungay people, Gungay language
Places:	Yarrabah / Cape Grafton (NE Qld SE55-02)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
GRIFFIN_P01-001576	00:00:00	Story about Damari (a Gungay hero) related by Wilfred Harris.	1968	Yarrabah, Qld
	00:02:10	Songs performed in Gungay, including Rainbow Dance songs, and explained in English, with some language translated by Wilfred Harris.		
	00:09:16	Songs performed in Gungay, including songs about Damari and a Cyclone, and explained in English, with some language translated by Hilary and Wilfred Harris.		
	00:25:45	Songs performed in Gungay, include songs about a White Cockatoo and explained in English, with some language translated by Wilfred Harris.		
	00:48:05	Wilfred and Hilary Harris speak of sites around Yarrabah.		
	00:56:30	Wilfred Harris speaks of a flood through Yarrabah.		
	01:04:02	End of field tape 1 and end of GRIFFIN_P01-001576.		

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001577/Field tape 2

Performer/speaker(s):	Richard Hyde, Hilary Harris, Wilfred Harris
Subject keywords:	Language - Vocabulary - Animal names, Stories and motifs – Birds, Language - Linguistics - Language elicitation - Discussion / Conversation, Stories and motifs – Sharks, Stories and motifs - Rainbow serpent, History - Oral history
Language/people:	Yidiny / Yidindji
Places:	Yarrabah / Cape Grafton (NE Qld SE55-02)
Recording quality:	Fair
Notes:	Restricted – personal material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
GRIFFIN_P01-001577	00:00:00	Yidiny elicitation of animal names with Richard Hyde and Hilary and Wilfred Harris.	1968	Yarrabah, Qld
	00:07:40	Songs and stories about the Fire Bird, the White Cockatoo, the Black Cockatoo and the Cassowary with Richard Hyde and Hilary and Wilfred Harris.		
	00:24:00	Story of the Two Sisters and discussion of the Shark, initiation and Rainbow with Richard Hyde and Hilary and Wilfred Harris.		
	00:47:38	Conversation in Yidiny and its explanation in English with Richard Hyde and Hilary and Wilfred Harris.		
	00:53:30	Language elicitation in Yidiny with Richard Hyde and Hilary and Wilfred Harris.		
	00:58:50	End of field tape 2 and end of GRIFFIN_P01-001577.		

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