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Finding aid

ROBINVALE_01

**Sound recordings collected by
the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and
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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1986

Extent: 6 sound cassette (ca. 60 min. each) : analogue, mono.

Production history

These recordings were collected by Penny Taylor of AIATSIS in 1986 as part of the 'After 200 Years' project. The recordings were made in Robinvale, Victoria, Australia. They feature oral history interviews in English with men and women who live in Robinvale and who are involved in agriculture and commerce there. Speakers include Michael Hill, Bruce Baxter, Alex Baxter, Myrtle Clayton, Jean Sampson and Darcy Pettit. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS on 14 September 1990.

RELATED MATERIAL

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ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

Please note that field numbers do not necessarily relate to the chronological order of these recordings.

This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Penny Taylor 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.

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Archive number	Field recording number	Description
027007	FT 44	Michael Hill undertaking oral history and narrative recording
027008	FT 45	Bruce Baxter undertaking oral history and narrative recording
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027015	FT 49	Darcy Pettit undertaking oral history and narrative recording

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

027007/FT 44

Performer/speaker(s):	Michael Hill
Subject keywords:	Occupations - Agricultural and horticultural workers, Employment - Seasonal and casual, Economic sectors – Viticulture, Land rights – Ownership, Economic sectors - Agriculture and horticulture – Sugar, Race relations - Racism – Stereotyping, Employment – Unemployment
Language/people:	Unidentified
Places:	Robinvale (NW Vic S154-12) Bundaberg (SE Qld SG56-02)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ROBINVALE_01-027007	00:00:00	Michael Hill undertakes oral history and narrative elicitation about seasonal work.	1986	Robinvale, Vic
	00:21:82	End of FT 44 and end of ROBINVALE_01-027007.		

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ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

027008/FT 45

Performer/speaker(s):	Bruce Baxter
Subject keywords:	Land rights – Ownership, Education - Schools – Community relations, Weapons – Boomerangs, Sites – Mortuary sites and cemeteries
Language/people:	Unidentified
Places:	Robinvale (NW Vic S154-12)
Recording quality:	Fair to good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ROBINVALE_01-027008	00:00:00	Bruce Baxter talks to a group of school children about Indigenous culture and rights and undertakes narrative recording.	1986	Robinvale
	00:25:38	End of FT 45 and end of ROBINVALE_01-027008.		

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ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

027009 + 027010/FT 46

Performer/speaker(s):	Alex Baxter, Jean Sampson, Charlie Pearce and Walter Pearce
Subject keywords:	Occupations – Agricultural and horticultural workers, Employment – Seasonal and casual, Economic sectors – Viticulture, Land rights – Ownership, Employment – Unemployment, Employment - Conditions – Wages, Economics – Taxation, Settlement and contacts – Ethnic groups, immigration and multiculturalism, Social welfare – Grants and finance
Language/people:	Unidentified
Places:	Robinvale (NW Vic S154-12)
Recording quality:	Fair to good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ROBINVALE_01-027009	00:00:00	Alex Baxter and Jean Sampson undertake oral history and narrative recording about seasonal agricultural work.	1986	Robinvale
	00:31:08	End of ROBINVALE_01-027009.		
ROBINVALE_01-027010	00:00:00	Charlie and Walter Pearce undertake oral history and narrative elicitation about making wooden items such as boomerangs.	1986	Robinvale
	00:07:35	End of FT 46 and of ROBINVALE_01-027009.		

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ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

027011 + 027012/FT 47

Performer/speaker(s):	Myrtle Clayton and Edward 'Tex' Urkhart
Personal subject(s):	Jean, Billy, Charles, Mrs Sampson, Lily Kirby, Bob and Jock Egans
Subject keywords:	Occupations – Agricultural and horticultural workers, Employment – Seasonal and casual, Economic sectors – Viticulture, Settlement and contacts – Resettlement and removals, Mining industry – Opal, Settlement and contacts – Ethnic groups, immigration and multiculturalism, Law enforcement – Police, Law enforcement – Custody – Deaths in custody
Language/people:	Unidentified
Places:	Robinvale (NW Vic S154-12)
Recording quality:	Fair to good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ROBINVALE-01-027011	00:00:00	Myrtle Clayton undertakes narrative and oral history recording.	1986	Robinvale
	00:21:06	End of ROBINVALE-01-027011		
ROBINVALE_01-027012	00:00:00	Edward 'Tex' Urkhart undertakes narrative and oral history recording.	1986	Robinvale
	00:17:21	End of FT 47 and end of ROBINVALE_01-027012.		

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ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

027013 + 027014/FT 48

Performer/speaker(s):	Jean Sampson
Personal subject(s):	Lindsay, Doug Clayton, Iris Clayton
Subject keywords:	Occupations – Agricultural and horticultural workers, Employment – Seasonal and casual, Economic sectors – Viticulture, Law enforcement – Police, Race relations – Racism
Language/people:	Unidentified
Places:	Robinvale (NW Vic S154-12)
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ROBINVALE_01-027013	00:00:00	Jean Sampson undertakes oral history and narrative recording about agricultural employment.	1986	Robinvale
	00:31:37	End of ROBINVALE_01-027013.		
ROBINVALE_01-027014	00:00:00	Jean Sampson undertakes oral history and narrative recording about what it is like living in Robinvale now.	1986	Robinvale
	00:12:10	End of FT 48 and end of ROBINVALE_01-027014.		

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ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

027015/FT 49

Performer/speaker(s):	Darcy Pettit
Personal subject(s):	Tom Pierce
Subject keywords:	Occupations – Agricultural and horticultural workers, Employment - Seasonal and casual, Occupations – Pastoral industry workers – Shearers, Community organisations – Housing, Community organisations – Education, Community organisations – Health and Family Planning
Language/people:	Unidentified
Places:	Robinvale (NW Vic S154-12)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ROBINVALE_01-027015	00:00:00	Darcy Pettit undertakes oral history and narrative recording about the Robinvale Co-operative.	1986	Robinvale
	00:09:27	End of FT 49 and end of ROBINVALE_01-027015.		

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