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SKIRA_I03

**Sound recordings collected by
Irynej Skira, 1990**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1990

Extent: 2 sound cassettes (ca. 90 min. each) : analogue, mono.

Production history

These recordings were collected in July 1990 by naturalist Irynej Skira during fieldwork at Whitemark, Flinders Island, Tasmania. The purpose of the field trip was to collect material on the history of the mutton bird industry in Bass Strait. Interviewees are Derek Smith and Fay Newell. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS on 14 January 1991.

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

ITEM LIST

Archive number	Field recording number	Description
018506 018507	<u>90/1</u>	Oral history concerning the mutton bird industry on the Furneaux Islands with Derek Smith
018508 020100	<u>90/ 2</u>	Oral history concerning the mutton bird industry on the Furneaux Islands with Fay Newell

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

018506 + 018507/90/1

Performer/speaker(s):	Derek Smith
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Hunting – Birds – Mutton Bird, Education – Language – Literacy, Employment, Demography – Population dynamics, Defence – World War II, Environment – Conservation, Daily life
Language/people:	English, Palawa / Tasmanian people (Tas)
Places:	Flinders Island (Tas Bass Strait SK55-02), Cape Barren Island (Tas Bass Strait SK55-02), Tasmania (Tas), Furneaux Islands (Tas Bass Strait SK55-02)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
SKIRA_I03-018506	00:00:00	Derek Smith speaks of arriving on Flinders Island and leasing a bakery	25 July 1990	Whitemark, Tas.
	00:14:05	Derek Smith speaks of the mutton bird season and of the various jobs he did on Flinders Island.		
	00:31:28	Derek Smith speaks of Whitemark, literacy and the movement of people from Cape Barren Island.		
	00:47:02	End of SKIRA_I03- 018506.		
SKIRA_I03-018507	00:00:00	Derek Smith speaks of population decline, working as a baker and World War II defence on Flinders Island.		
	00:14:35	Derek Smith speaks of his work as a conservationist and tells anecdotes about the Furneaux Islands.		
	00:41:56	End of 90/1 and end of SKIRA_I03- 018507.		

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Performer/speaker(s):	Fay Newell
Personal subject(s):	Tom Langley, Harry Vimpany, Frank Jackson, Darcy Maynard, Jiddle Lowry, Ernest Mansell, Louis Mansell, Sam Thomas, Patsy Adam-Smith
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Hunting – Birds – Mutton Bird, Employment,
Language/people:	English, Palawa / Tasmanian people (Tas)
Places:	Babel Island (Tas Bass Strait SK55-02), Mount Chappell Island (Tas Bass Strait SK55-02), Great Dog Island (Tas Bass Strait SK55-02), Trefoil Island (Tas Bass Strait SK55-01), Cape Barren Island (Tas Bass Strait SK55-02), Flinders Island (Tas Bass Strait SK55-02)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
SKIRA_I03-018508	00:00:00	Fay Newell speaks of her early life and mutton birding at various locations in the Bass Strait.	28 July 1990	Whitemark, Tas.
	00:16:38	Fay Newell describes living conditions on the mutton birding camps.		
	00:21:59	Fay Newell describes life on Cape Barren Island.		
	00:31:09	Fay Newell speaks of the mutton bird industry and changes it has faced.		
	00:46:45	End of SKIRA_I03- 018508.		
SKIRA_I03-020100	00:00:00	Fay Newell speaks of mutton birding, her family and acquaintances.		
	00:07:34	End of SKIRA_I03- 020100.		

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