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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Scope and content note

This collection of papers consists mainly of field notebooks, correspondence and language cards. It consists entirely of photocopies of the original documents held at MS 2188.

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Provenance

The original papers were located by an anthropologist, Mr. Mark Francillon, and are held in MS 2188. They were copied under an Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies grant for deposit in AIATSIS Library in 1985. These copies are held in this collection.

Material separated from collection

Maps have been separately indexed and are located in the Manuscript Map cabinet.

Related material

For a complete listing of works by and about Gerhardt Laves held by the Library and for other related material consult Mura®, the AIATSIS catalogue.

Dr. L. G. Cromwell prepared a detailed catalogue of the papers in 1986. It can be found at <http://www.anu.edu.au/linguistics/nash/aust/laves/catalogue.html> and a copy is held as Appendix 1 to the MS 2188 finding aid for the original set of papers in the printed finding aids held in the Stanner Room of the AIATSIS Library. This finding aid is based on Cromwell's catalogue.

Barry Alpher's New South Wales and Queensland language index to Laves catalogue can be found at <http://www.anu.edu.au/linguistics/nash/aust/laves/alpher.html> and a copy is held as Appendix 2 to the MS 2188 finding aid for the original set of papers in the printed finding aids held in the Stanner Room of the AIATSIS Library.

Photocopies of a further nine letters, from and to Gerhardt Laves, held at University of Chicago, was added to this collection in August 2001. These are described in this finding aid as Series 10.

Further information about this collection, about Laves, about Laves work and publications and about the use of Laves work by others, can be found at <http://www.anu.edu.au/linguistics/nash/aust/laves/>

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Gerhardt Laves was born in 1906 and died in 1993. He carried out linguistic and anthropological field work in Australia between 1929 and 1931 under the auspices of the Australian National Research Council. He was supervised by Professor A.R. Radcliffe-Brown of the University of Sydney.

Although principally interested in comparative linguistics, Laves drew much of his material from explanations of social and religious organisations, often through stories.

His field work areas were the North Coast of New South Wales, Albany, Broome and Cape Leveque in Western Australia, Victoria and Daly Rivers, Arnhem Land and Cape York.

He did not continue anthropological research after his return to America in 1931.

An obituary of Laves, by David Nash, can be found at <http://www.anu.edu.au/linguistics/nash/aust/laves/obituary.html> and additional biographical information at <http://www.anu.edu.au/linguistics/nash/aust/laves/biog.html>.

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NUMBERING SYSTEM

Items correspond to sections and subsections of the original manuscript held at MS 2188 where possible.

Items 3-6 are language cards and are held in Series 9.

The collection was re-housed in 2003 to ensure better conservation of the collection. While item numbers were not amended, this required a change in the boxes in which items are housed. The [Box List](#) notes the original box numbers as well as the current ones.

At the same time series numbers were applied to the geographical section headings used in an earlier finding aid.

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SPELLING

The table below lists the standard spelling used by AIATSIS for languages and people named in this finding aid, together with the spelling used by Laves.

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Anaiwan / Nganyaywana	Anewan
Arrernte / Aranda	Aranda
Bardi	Barda
Birpai / Biripi people	Birpai
Bundjalung / Banjalang	Bandyalang
Daingatti / Dunghutti / Thungutti	Dangati
Diyari / Dieri people	Dieri
Djawi / Djawi	Djawa
Euahlayi / Yuwaalaraay / Yuwaaliyaay	Yularai, Yularai, Yuwalo
Gadang / Kattang / Worimi	Gatang
Gamilaraay / Gamilaroi / Kamilaroi	Kamilarai (Narrim)
Goreng	Kurin Kurinj
Gubbi Gubbi / Kabi Kabi / Gabi Gabi	Gabi Gabi Kabi
Gumbaynggir / Gumbainggirr	Kumbaingeri
Karajarri	Karadjeri Karadyeri
Malak Malak language	Malak Mulluk Mulluk
Madngele / Madngala / Matngele	Emdil
Nangor	Nangu
Narrinjeri / Ngarrindjeri	Narrinyeri
Ngambaa	Ngambar
Ngangiwumirri / Ngangumiri	Ngangumeri
Ngiyambaa / Ngemba	Ngiambar
Weilwan / Wailwan	Weilwan
Yawuru people	Yauor
Yaegl / Yaygir	Yiegra

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series 1 *Preliminary notes and plans*

This series includes notes on the manuscript version of *The social organization of Australian tribes*, by A.R. Radcliffe-Brown and a coding scheme for linguistic field notes.

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	[Preliminary page i]	Laves page numbering, 27 April 1988. Handwritten.
	[Preliminary page ii]	AIAS page numbering, 27 April 1988. Handwritten

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Series 2 *New South Wales*

The first section of this series relates to the North Coast of New South Wales. It includes linguistic notes and stories, notes and stories, mourning customs and sacred sites (Chandlers Creek to Little Nymboida).

Languages included are Kumbaingeri (Nymboida-Grafton, Bellingen-Bowraville), Yukumbil (Clarence River), Dangati (Bellingen-Bowraville, Bellbrook, Armidale), Gatang (Purfleet Mission, Taree), Karbung (Bellbrook, Armidale), Anewan and Ngambar (Bellingen-Bowraville), Kamilarai (Kempsey, Moree, Inverell) and Gawal (Richmond).

The second section covers the New South Wales-Queensland border. It includes linguistic survey notes and topographic stories.

Languages included are Yularai, Kamilarai (Narrim) and Weilwan/Ngiambar.

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	p. 1-10	Miscellaneous notes
	p. 11-26	'Notes on language from W.E. Roth, <i>Ethnological studies among the N.W. Central Queensland Aborigines</i> '
	p. 27-53	A.R. Radcliffe-Brown, 'The social organisation of Australian tribes' (MS.) [See also p. 58-75 and 80-90]
	p. 54-57	'Notes on NSW plans'; Coding (English/Native, Native/English) of linguistic slips; 'Letter to Penhallariack' on linguistic slips coding

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	p. 58-75	A.R. Radcliffe-Brown, 'The social organisation of Australian tribes' (MS). [See also p. 27-53 and 80-90]
	p. 76-79	'Questions to Elkin'
	p. 80-90	A.R. Radcliffe-Brown, 'The social organisation of Australian tribes' (MS.) [See also p. 27-53 and 58-75]
	p. 91	Notes on rail fare to Grafton
	p. 92-100	'Notes on phonetic transcription and translation proposals' in <i>Proceedings</i> of the Copenhagen Conference April 1925, Oxford, Clarendon Press 1926
	p. 101-105	Miscellaneous notes
	p. 106-110	Vocabulary entries [Yukumbil?]
	p. 111	Notes in German (ref. 'Macdonald'), impressions on walking home in the evening air with Schmidt [presumably German] of the local Medical Association
1.2		Linguistic field notes , notes on Informants, and the Story of Madain (Northern New South Wales, c. September 1929)
	p. 112-210	'Preliminary linguistic notes transferred to slips at Maclean'
	p. 211-288	'Story of Madain and two wives whom Birugan was interfering with', copied and partly annotated
	p. 289-293	German notes
	p. 294	Note
1.3		Principal Informant (Philip Shannon) and First Kumbaingeri Stories, Maryborough region, September 1929
	p. 295-310	Vocabulary lists and miscellaneous notes
	p. 311-314	Fire origin story
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1.5		Kumbaingeri Stories , Mt. Gidno[?], October 1929
	p. 606-701	'Continuation of story about night-owl and his two unfaithful women'
	p. 702-710	'Story of two goanna', two brothers who keep to themselves ('debbil them two feller'), English
	p. 711-715	Very short tale of old woman Frizzed Lizard of Mt Gidno[?] who spit fire until she turned to stone, English [See Item 1.6, p. 835-858 for text]
	p. 716-765	Story of blind boy and his two sisters
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1.6		Orara and Kumbaingeri Stories, Yiegra linguistic notes , Orara, October, 1939
	p. 767	Sketch map
	p. 768-833	Story of the two goanna brothers (debbils) who never mixed with others
	p. 834	Resume
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	p. 877-896	Comparative vocabulary lists. Yiegra and Kumbaingeri to English, principally animals, plant names and kinship words
	p. 897-899	Brief tale of two old men who hit water and porpoise drive fish in
	p. 900-916	'Story of Swearing Couples and the Girl who was taken advantage of (continuation)'. [English abstract, p. 859, text p. 860-876, 920-938]
	p. 917-918	'Story of how greyface (kangaroo) got tail' [See also p. 1009-1019]

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1.7		Kumbaingeri and Yukumbil Stories, Nymboida, Grafton, Clarence River, December 1929
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	p. 1046-1048	'Corroboree song from Richmond', sung at night (with music)
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Series 3 *Western Australia*

The first section of this series covers the Broome area. It includes stories, Bagadjimbiri, Djibi and Mirin cycles, constellations, funeral and haunting and the Karadjeri language.

The second section covers Cape Leveque, Lombadina and Sunday Island. It includes language survey notes, texts, correspondence, a tribal map, bullroarers and the Barda, Djawa and Ngijina languages.

The third section covers Albany, Esperence and Mt Barker. It includes texts, social organization and genealogies and the Kurin language.

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There are also notes on Karadjeri social organization, mythology, kinship and cultural history, Karadjeri stories collected by R. Piddington, 'Preliminary survey of the social organization of the Karadyeri tribe' by R. Piddington, Karadjeri linguistic analysis, Emdil word cards and linguistic notes.

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There are nine handwritten and/or typescript letters and photocopies of two portrait photographs of Laves from the period.

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