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[Aurukun and Cape York papers 1968-1990]

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12 boxes (20cm), 5 boxes (10cm), 2 card catalogues.

Field notes, notebooks, diaries, correspondence, press clippings, photographs, papers, draft papers, notes, genealogies.

Dr John von Sturmer's fieldwork at Aurukun and Edward River areas in Queensland formed the basis of research for his doctoral thesis: *The Wik region: economy, territoriality and totemism in western Cape York Peninsula, North Queensland*. 1978. (MS 1512) He continued his work with a study of the Aurukun Outstation movement in 1977 and with mapping projects at Merapah and Coen in 1989. This collection fills in many of the gaps in MS 2539 and the collections should be consulted concurrently. A smaller collection of von Sturmer's Aurukun papers are at MS 2363. For material relating to the Aurukun dances see also the McCarthy papers (MS 3513).

Slides, photographs and tapes are held in the Pictorial and Sound archives.

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ITEMS

- 1 PhD Thesis drafts.

BOX 2 Notes and revisions for Thesis

- 2 Distribution of languages.
- 3 Personal identity and status.
- 4 Chapter 12.
- 5 Chapter 6. social organisation notes from McConnell.
- 6 Section 4. Kinship system and interpersonal behaviour.
- 7 Chapter 11.
- 8 Chapter 10. Naming.
- 9 Naming. Dogs and horses.
- 10 Life crises and status.
- 11 Totemism.
- 12 Beliefs and practices: procreation, conception and birth.
- 13 Cape York moieties.
- 14 Wik/Aurukun moieties.
- 15 Kuku-Nganyara moieties.
- 16 Chapter 11.
- 17 Munka.
- 18 Wanam ceremony.
- 19 Pu.Lwaya general.
- 20 Kuku-Nganyara: Kunalum ceremony.
- 21 Pi:dhal
- 22 Tha:djam.
- 23 Ceremonial notes.
- 24 Bodily 'mutilations.'

- 25 Notes if thesis ever revised.
- 26 Fieldwork methodology.

BOX 3 Aurukun by year.

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- 27 1968-1969. Field notes, tape transcripts, correspondence.
- 28 1970. Field notes, tape transcripts, correspondence and lecture notes.
- 29 1971. Field notes, tape transcripts, correspondence.
- 30 1972. Aurukun daily report to 13.11.1972.
- 31 1972. Aurukun daily report 13.11.1972-16.12.1972.
- 32 1972. Correspondence, press clippings.
- 33 1973. Field notes.
- 34 1973. Correspondence, Lockhart Festival, Press clippings.
- 35 1974. Correspondence, press clippings.
- 36 1975. Correspondence.
- 37 1975. Miscellaneous notes, press clippings, photographs of Aboriginal-police confrontation [in Brisbane?]
- 38 1976. Correspondence.
- 39 1976. Miscellaneous notes, press clippings.
- 40 1977. Correspondence.
- 41 1977. Press clippings.
- 42 1978. Correspondence.
- 43 1978. Miscellaneous notes, press clippings.

BOX 4 Aurukun by year.

- 44-46 1978. Press clippings.
- 47 1979. Correspondence.
- 48 1979. Press clippings.
- 49 1979. Miscellaneous notes. Includes Interim report on Aurukun by Diane von Sturmer. 22p.
- 50 1980. Correspondence.
- 51 Undated correspondence, miscellaneous field notes on Aurukun.

BOX 5 Myths.

- 52-106 Numbered myths.
- 107 Spear story, Edward River.
- 108 Stories, Archer River.
- 109 Story analysis data sheets. Nos. 12-30.
- 110 Story analysis data sheets. Nos. 31-51.
- 111 Miscellaneous notes on myths.
- 112 Dance notes.

BOX 6 Cape York Environment.**MS 3514**

- 113 Plant and animal food lists.
- 114 Food restrictions.
- 115-117 Birds: 276 species listed numerically. Includes distribution and language terms for species.
- 118 Birds: Listed by European common name. Based on Thomson (1935) and Slater.
- 119 Field notes on bird species.
- 120 (a) Aurukun birds. Notes by Beruldsen
(b) Anne [Mitchell?] diary entries on birds 1972
(c) Edward River birds.
- 121 Fauna and flora lists from Thomson (1935) [includes some notes but no language terms]
- 122 Birds: Miscellaneous field notes and general language term for birds.
- 123 Flora lists. Includes language terms and field notes.
- 124 Fish: Includes language terms and field notes.
- 125 Insects and shells: Includes language terms and field notes.
- 126 Climate, seasons and cosmology: Includes language terms and field notes.
- 127 Metrological data.
- 128 Mapping notes.
- 129 Miscellaneous notes on environment and economy.
- 130 Correspondence between Rev. W.F. MacKenzie and government botanists 1954-1957. Re: Plant specimens from Aurukun.
- 131 Papers by L.J. Webb on rainforest ecology.
- 132 Cape York Peninsula Seminar series 1976. notes and papers.
- 133 Press clippings on flora and fauna.

BOX 7 Language lexicon and vocabulary lists.

- 134 A
- 135 B
- 136 E
- 137 I
- 138 Ka-
- 139 Ke-
- 140 L
- 141 M
- 142 N
- 143 O
- 144 P
- 145 T
- 146 U
- 147 W
- 148 Y
- 149 Unassigned lexicon.
- 150 Unassigned lexical terms from McConnell.
- 151 Vocabulary for introduced items.

- 152 Suffixes.
- 153 Phonological notes and language lesson notes.
- 154 Avoidance languages.
- 155 Material culture vocabulary.
- 156 Wik-Munkan vocabulary and text.
- 157 Wik-Ngatan vocabulary.
- 158 Uwanh
- 159 Ceremonial vocabulary.
- 160 Kanju word list.
- 161 Lecture notes on Kugu-Ngantjara and Wik-Iyanh speakers.
- 162 Miscellaneous language material.

BOX 8 Kinship and Biographical information.

- 163 (a) Linguistic and kin terms.
- (b) Thomson: Wik Mongkan kinship.
- (c) Field notes on Aurukun names and naming.
- 164 Australian kin and classification tables:
 - Munin
 - Uwan
 - Lamalama
 - Barimangudima
 - Taypan
 - Rarmul
 - Umbindhamu
 - Umbulgamu
 - Yinwum
 - Ngkot
 - Mbiywom
 - Linngiti
 - Atampaya
 - Urahdhi
 - Utangikwatiya
 - Lotiga
 - Itinadyana
 - Aritinngiti
 - Alingit
 - Tepiti
 - Angkamuti
 - Yadhayenu
 - Yaraytana
 - Kuta
 - Wudhadhi

- 165 Australian kin and classification tables:
 Ngamiti
 Yaraytana
 Wodhadhi
 Angutimri
 Ndrangit
 Tjungundji
 Wik Alkan
 Wik Ngatara
 Umpila
 Yitjinga
 Kantyu
 Yir Yoront
 Yir Mel
 Ngentjin
 Taior
 Wik Munkan
 Wik Nantjra
- 166 Kinship notes
- 167-168 Kinship terms: field notes.
- 169 Domain: Kin terms Kuku-Nganyara.
- 170 Marriage: Kuku-Nganyara.
- 171 Marriage: Archer River.
- 172 Peret/Talla household. Notes on social interaction.
- 173 Aurukun genealogies.
- 174 Sister Alison Cameron's family book on Aurukun. [Given to von Sturmer by Anne Mitchell 9.11.1972.] 2 copies.
- 175 Genealogies
- 176 Correspondence 1964-1965. From Queensland Director of Native Affairs. Re: Residents at Aurukun Mission.
- 177-203 Biographical information on Aurukun residents.
- 177 Peret Arkwookerum
- 178 Jackie Arkwookerum
- 179 Simeon Arkwookerum
- 180 Mark Arkwookerum
- 181 Christine Bell
- 182 Stephen Karyuka
- 183 Hogan Kemthan
- 184 Mary-Ann Kerindun
- 185 Norman Kerindun
- 186 Maggie Koo-aga
- 187 Wilfie Koonutta
- 188 Jonathon Korkaktain
- 189 Jasper Kowerarpta
- 190 Vera Landis
- 191 Maurice Ngallapoorgum
- 192 Beryl Peinkinna

- 193 Albert Peinkinna
- 194 Patrick Pootchemunka
- 195 Timothy Tybingoompa
- 196 Matthew Gordon Wanchum
- 197 Gregory Wanchum
- 198 Horace Wikmunea
- 199 Alan Walmbly
- 200 Jubilee Walmbly
- 201 Ray Walmbly
- 202 Rex Walmbly
- 203 Brenda Yunkaporta
- 204 Miscellaneous biographical information.

BOX 9 Aurukun Mission papers.

- 205 Aurukun Station Diary 1970
- 206 Correspondence 1973. Re: Land movements and incorporation of communities
- 207 *The aim, goals and method of Aboriginal mission: a preliminary paper.*
Includes discussion of paper.
- 208 (a) Wik ngee yow [Aurukun weekly newsletters] 1973.
(b) Lords Prayer in Thayorre
(c) Bible translation and hymns.
- 209 Information Kits 1-11. Produced by the Uniting Church's Commission for World Mission documenting events leading up to and following the State Government's proposed takeover of the Aurukun and Mornington Island Aboriginal Communities in March 1978.
- 210 Correspondence 1969-1971. Re: Kendall River pastoral lease.
- 211 (a) Correspondence 1975-1976. Re: Mapping of country north and south of Archer River.
(b) Fred Kerindun's address to the AIAS Biennial Conference May 1976.
- 212 (a) Reports on Peret's outstation movement 1977
(b) Letter from Peret Arkwookerum to Hon. G. Bryant 23 July 1973.
- 213 (a) Correspondence 1971-1972, and reports. Re: Application for mining lease by Tipperary Consortium.
(b) Petitions for land rights.
- 214 Correspondence 1975-1976. Re: Aurukun Mining Bill.
- 215 Press clippings 1975-1976. Re: Aurukun mining.
- 216 Queensland Parliamentary debate on Aurukun Associates Agreement Bill.
- 217 Report on Aurukun and Edward River Reserve boundaries.
- 218 AIAS white paper on Aurukun.
- 219 Feasibility report on agricultural development at Aurukun 1972.
- 220 Miscellaneous undated notes on Aurukun Mission.
- 221 1974-1975 Health Programme Aurukun.

BOX 10**Aurukun Outstation Movement.****MS 3514**

222-223 Commonwealth Dept. of Aboriginal Affairs. Registry file Q80/380
Re: Aurukun Outstation 1980-1985.

BOX 11**Field notebooks.**

- 224 Four black spiral pocket notebooks covering period 26.9.1969-1.3.1970
- 225 Two Croxley notebooks: (a) Edward River small notebook 2. 24.9.1969-
(b) Dogs names
- 226 Collin junior notebook. Aurukun notebook 5.
- 227 Green notebook. 1976. Lingiti vocabulary pp1-22, Mudbura Custody case
pp23-37, Western Cape York pp 38-121.
- 228 Green notebook. Aurukun Jan-Feb 1976.
- 229 Pen Carbon Book. Aurukun Encyclopedia entries. [Place names, mapping
1976]
- 230 Tudor exercise book. [Aurukun?] residents listed by year of birth. 1895-1976.
- 231 Five Amoco notebooks. [1969 in N McGarvie's hand?]

BOX 12**Field notebooks.**

- 232 Six Spirax notebooks and one Woolstar pocket notebook.
Nov-Dec. 1968-Nov.1969. [in N McGarvie's hand?]
- 233 Three Croxley notebooks, one Dux notebook, one bunch of pages from
notebook. [all in N McGarvie's hand?]
- 234 Stenographers notebook. Notebook 1 (Large) Edward River. 11.9.1969-
30.9.1969.
- 235 Stenographers notebook. Mickie Edwards 1. 18.9.1969-30.9.1969.
- 236 Stenographers notebook. Mickie Edwards 2. 1.10.1969-
- 237 Stenographers notebook. Wik Way mob.
- 238 Stenographers notebook. Edward River.
- 239 Stenographers notebook. Photographs. Edward River 1969.

BOX 13**Mapping and Clans.**

- 240 Mapping
- 241 Place names.
- 242 Archer River mapping.
- 243 Archer River.
- 244 Archer River: Auwa general
- 245 Archer River: Auwa analysis.
- 246 Archer River: Auwa specific.
- 247 Clan 1. Watson River (Archer River)
- 248 Clan 2. Bonefish.
- 249 Clan 3. Kong Kong-Archer River.
- 250 Clan 4. Mai Umpia-Water lily root.
- 251 Clan 5. Mai Maitji-Bush nut.
- 252 Aurukun Edward River mapping.

- 253 Edward River.
- 254 Edward River-Mickie Edwards.
- 255 Love River to Kendall River.
- 256 Zone K. Kendall River.
- 257 Clans: Kendall River.
- 258 North of Kendall River (Totems, language, country)
- 259 Zone KS mapping.
- 260 KN mapping.
- 261 K5
- 262 K6 [KS1]
- 263 K7 [KS2]
- 264 K8
- 265 K9 [KN4]
- 266 1978 Kendall River P.S. [Peter Sutton?] list.
- 267 Zone B (Breakfast Creek)
- 268 Zone T.
- 269 T2 [H1]

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- 270 Zone H (Holyroyd)
- 271 H1
- 272 H2
- 273 H5
- 274 H6
- 275 H7
- 276 H8
- 277 H9
- 278 Zone X (Christmas Creek)
- 279 X5
- 280 Yuk Upun/Wik Meenh
- 281 Y [Appendix Kirke River]
- [282-290 Item numbers not used]
- 291 Kugu-Nganychara: a summary of territories, languages, kam waya naming and awu. [Includes a map with mapping zones marked]
- 292 Kugu-Nganyara place names.
- 293 Kugu-Nganyara territory.
- 294 Kugu-Nganyara personal identity.
- 295 Kugu-Nganyara nicknames.
- 296 Kugu-Nganyara territoriality.
- 297 Kugu-Nganyara mythology.
- 298 Kugu-Nganyara birth.
- 299 Kugu-Nganyara death.
- 300 Kugu-Nganyara spirits and devils.
- 301 Death: notes from McConnell.
- 302 Wunga.
- 303 Ma-akam [Death]

- 304 Kugu-Nganyara sorcery.
- 305 Aurukun: House openings.
- 306 Naming. Clan information from McConnell.
- 307 Aurukun: Social interaction.
- 308 Cape York cosmogony
- 309 Land and neo-traditionalist movements at Aurukun.
- 310 General correspondence.

BOX 15 Merapah Mapping Project and Coen Heritage Sites Survey 1989.

- 311 Field notes on Coen by John von Sturmer and sites survey report.
- 312 (a) *Report on consultations in Coen Sept. 1989 including genealogical information.* by Diane Smith.
- (b) *Report on Aboriginal sites around Coen* by Bruce Rigsby. May 1989.
- (c) Interview with Rosie Ahlers, Coen 1985.
- 313 *Summary of the land use and infrastructure on the Cape York Peninsula.* Auslig 1989.
- 314 Notes on Merapah station.
- 315 Moomba Aboriginal Corporation.
- 316 Correspondence 1990 Re: McIlwraith ranges area.
- 317 Maps
- 318 Aerial photographs Merapah.
- 319 Aerial photographs Coen.
- 320 Draft and proof copies of *Merapah Mapping Project*. Dec 1989 and *Merapah Station: a situation report*. Oct. 1989.
- 321 Wik religion
- 322 Use of shells in ornaments in Cape York.
- 323 Teeth among the Kugu-Nganyara.
- 324 Kugu-Nganyara: crocodiles.
- 325 Aurukun texts.
- 326 (a) *The place of the community in the education process: 2 Aboriginal settlements in Cape York.*
- (b) Notes on Aurukun employment and education.
- 327 Thayorre kinship and language.
- 328 R.L. Sharp. *Tribes and totemism in North East Australia*. Annotated by John von Sturmer.
- 329 R.L. Sharp. *The Social anthropology of a totemic system in North Queensland*. 1937.
- 330 McConnell. *Wik Munkan kinship and marriage*. Annotated by Diane Smith.
- 331 W.E. Roth. An account of the Koko-Minni Aboriginals. 1899. [Photocopy of handwritten report.]
- 332 Gillanders. *Area study of Aurukun 1965*.
- 333 Hale's language notes from Weipa. (AIATSIS MS 882)
- 334 Scheffler. Kin classes as cultural categories.
- 335 Physiological paternity: notes from literature.

BOX 16**Mornington Island.****MS 3514**

- 336 Green notebook. Mornington Island Book 1. 15.6.1973-23.6.1973.
- 337 Green notebook. Mornington Island Book 2. 23.6.1973-29.6.1973.
- 338 Green notebook. Mornington Island Book 3. Filming notes.
- 339 Field notes. Mornington Island. Includes genealogies and moieties.

BOX 17 Aurukun Dance and miscellaneous Cape York material.

- 340 (a) Textual material and dance order. Aurukun film 1962.
(b) *Dances of Aurukun. Notes on the film.* F.D. McCarthy 1967.
- 341 Typescript notes on dance. [Possibly Edward River?] no date. Signed by John von Sturmer.
- 342 Correspondence with F.D. McCarthy 1977-1978. Re: Aurukun dance.
- 343 *Aurukun dance steps: a manuscript.* by F.D. McCarthy.
- 344 Report on South Pacific Festival of Arts, Fiji. 1972. [Reports on activities of Aurukun dancers at the festival]
- 345 (a) Correspondence 1983. Re: Entry on Cape York dance in *International Encyclopedia of Dance*.
(b) Draft versions of entry in *International Encyclopedia of Dance*.
- 346 (a) Undated draft paper on Cape York dance: 'Why do field bosses not paint up?'
(b) Anthropological ethics.
(c) Photograph [of Aurukun dance?] No details.
- 347 Laban's system of writing dance.
- 348 (a) Correspondence with Drid Williams. Re: Australian Association for Dance Education.
(b) Draft paper by Drid Williams: 'Homo nullius: the status of Aboriginal dancing in northern Queensland.'
- 349 (a) Correspondence 1986-1987. Re: Chapter in *Australian Aboriginal Songs* monograph.
(b) Correspondence 1986-1987. Re: *Aboriginal singing and notions of power*.
(c) Draft versions of *Aboriginal singing and notions of power* and notes.
- 350 Wanam revisited project. 1988.
- 351 Correspondence 1988-1989. Re: Cape York Project
- 352 Alan Dale. Case study on Aurukun. (Part of his thesis 'Rural land use development and policy in Aboriginal lands in eastern Australia: a cross cultural planning perspective.)
- 353 Alan Dale. Case study on Woorabinda.
- 354 Language tape transcriptions [Aurukun school children, possibly transcribed by Ann Mitchell]
- 355 Notes for paper on Cape York Expedition 1975-1976.
- 356 Commonwealth Dept. of Aboriginal Affairs. Report on Aurukun 1978.
- 357 Paper by John von Sturmer. 'How Aborigines view land' and correspondence with Rev. J.R. Sweet 1971 relating to the paper.

BOX 18

Place names and fauna vocabulary.

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2 drawer card catalogue:

Drawer 1: Place name information followed by literature citations.

Drawer 2: Vocabulary for fauna: amphibians, birds, reptiles, mammals, insects, awu.

BOX 19

Biographical information.

One card catalogue drawer containing systems cards with biographical information.