# Miscellaneous Australian notes of Kenneth L. Hale

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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Provenance

AIATSIS Library received Ken Hale’s miscellaneous Australian notes in September 2001 and his Australian research trip correspondence in September 2002. These papers supplement other Ken Hale material on Australia’s Indigenous languages already held in the Library and the Print, Audio and Pictorial sections of the Institute.

Ken Hale’s ‘Miscellaneous Australian notes’ were deposited in the Library in three large cartons marked (1) Australian language notes, (2) Warlpiri (and Warumungu) language notes, and (3) General language material.

In September 2002 correspondence of the Australian research trip was deposited in the Library by Sara Hale and incorporated into the collection as Series 8.

In 2008 Sara Hale sent two maps to David Nash who deposited them in the Library in October 2008. They have been incorporated into the collection as Addition 2008 – Maps.

Description of collection

Throughout this finding aid, Hale’s own annotation in the heading, such as language name and place names have been used as headings for each item within the collection. In general, square brackets denote modern orthography and information derived from internal evidence. To increase access to Hale’s Australian notes, the Library has added language codes from the AIATSIS thesaurus.
Arrangement of collection

The series titles used in this finding aid reflect the contents of the three cartons deposited in the Library. In general, the papers were not dated but most were probably written from 1959 and throughout the 1960s. The Warlpiri and Warumungu language material is dated from 1966.

The Australian research trip correspondence, 1958-60, was incorporated into the collection in September 2002 as Series 8.

The two maps received in October 2008 were incorporated into the collection in November 2008 as Addition 2008 – Maps.

Related material

For a complete listing of the Ken Hale material held by the Institute see Muran, the AIATSIS catalogue. See also the Appendix, for a list of other Kenneth Hale Manuscript Collections held by the Library.

For a complete listing of all Ken Hale’s work relating to Australia see Bibliography of Ken Hale and Australian languages, by David Nash.

Archivist's note

Series 9, a listing of other Kenneth Hale manuscript held in the Library was converted to the Appendix when the 2008 addition of two maps was added to the collection.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Kenneth Locke Hale was born on 15 August 1934 in Evanston, Illinois. When he was six his family moved to a ranch near Canelo in southern Arizona. He was a student at the University of Arizona from 1952. After obtaining his PhD from the University of Indiana, Bloomington in 1959, his thesis being 'A Papago grammar', he spent 1959-61 in Australia.

Hale taught at the University of Illinois, Urbana in 1961-63 and at the University of Arizona, Tucson in 1963-66. He made another extended trip to Australia in 1966-67.


Reference:


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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series 1  Language material – General

This series includes original, carbon or photocopied field elicitations and lexical lists, c.1959-61. Arrangement is alphabetical by Indigenous Australian language or geographical location based on Ken Hale’s original file headings.

Access is open with the exception of a letter within Series 1 Item 1 that is available to people authorised by the Principal. The Institute’s permission is required for quotation and copying in part or whole [Access Code – A3b B1].

Item
1-2  Aljawara [Alyawarr/Alyawarre (C14)]. Colin Yallop. Includes ‘Aljawara: a description of language spoken at Lake Nash, NT’, by C.L. Yallop. Photocopy typescript manuscript, 187pp.; with copy letter of Ken Hale to the Editor of Publications, Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, 11 January 1974 containing his comments on the manuscript, 12pp 1 letter in Item 1 is closed, requiring the Principal's permission for access


4  Djandai [Goinbal (E19)]. Papers found together and labelled ‘Djandai’ relating to the Aboriginal languages of southeast Queensland and northern New South Wales. Includes alphabetically arranged vocabulary in the language of the ‘Roma District Aboriginals’ with ‘Addenda’ listing words supplied to by Peter Pring. Typescript carbon, foolscap, 1+17pp; photocopy first two pages Djandai: a short treatise on the language of the Goenpul one of the Aboriginal tribes inhabiting Stradbroke Island off the Queensland coast, by Lewis W. Chystal; and photocopy first page of ‘A. Vocabulary of the Goombanjee Tribe, Richmond River, N.S.W. Obtained from “aborignes” at Yamba N.S.W. in February 1947’

5  Djinang [Djinang/Dyinang (N94.1)]. Photocopies of handwritten notes including ‘Yantjinang voc. found elsewhere in Aust.’, 1pp.; [Vocabulary and sentence elicitation in three parts], 47+45+13pp

6  [Kaantju/Kaantju (Y.44)]-Umpila (Y45). Includes original handwritten, quarto notes titled 'Kantju', 16pp.; and 'Ken's copy. Umpila', by G.N. O'Grady, 11pp

7  [Gugu Yimithirr/Kuku Yimidhirr (Y82)]. Includes original handwritten, quarto, notes on the Kuku Yimityirr [various spellings] language, Cooktown, Queensland, 19+30+45+17pp. Informants were Michael Webb and Charley Wallis (Nipper), Pinta Ingku


9  [Linngithigh (Y26)]. Includes photocopies of handwritten notes titled 'Message in Linngitig', 6pp.; 'Message from Sam Kerindun (Aurukun)', 17pp.; 'William Ducie…', 1pp.; 'Warlpiri', 3pp.; and Linngithigh rules, 4pp

Condition fragile. See also Series 1 Item 17

11 [Djabugay/Tyapukai/Djabuganjji (Y106)]. Includes handwritten notes headed ‘Tjapukay relatives from Barry’s material’, 1pp; ‘Tjapukay Text’. Mimeograph master, 13pp; and ‘Tjapukai’. Typescript, annotated, 11pp


13 Waringari (A63) cf Nyininy. Handwritten carbon, foolscap notes, 13pp. Informant was Clarry from Gordon Downs

14 Wik Munkan [Wik Mungkan (Y57)]. Property of KLH [GNOG crossed out]. Apricot folder containing topically arranged ‘Ken Hale. Wik Munkan Vocabulary’. Original handwritten, quarto, double-spaced, 58pp

15 Wirangu [C1]. Palatang [Barlardung/Baladon W10]. Nanta [Nhanda/Nhanta (W14)] (G.N. O’Grady’s copy). Folder containing handwritten lexical lists. Includes ‘Wirangu’ and ‘Palatang’. Blue foolscap, 28+6pp. ‘Nanta, Jack Counsellor, 70 years’ [141pp.] was not copied and left with G.N. O’Grady. [Also held by Library at MS 3538]


17 Yarrabah Settlement (Cairns). Includes original handwritten, quarto and octavo notes titled ‘Wik-[Ngatharr]’ (Y51), ‘Wik-mumin’ [Gugu Muminh (Y43)], ‘Kuku Mulurutji’ [Gugu Mularidji (Y97)], ‘Kuku Tyunkay’ [Gugu Tungay/Gugu Djulngai (Y89)], ‘Tayor’ [Thaayorre/Kuuk Thaayorre (Y67)], 14+13+12+10+14+2pp. See also Series 1 Items 10 and 14

18 [Yidindji/Yidiny (Y117)]. Includes original handwritten, quarto notes titled ‘Yitintji (Tape I)’, 19pp; ‘Yitintji. Tape II’, 33pp; draft notes on grammar, 9pp.; and letter of Henrietta Marrie (Fourmile) to Ken Hale and his reply, 1986

Series 2 Barkly Tablelands language material

This series includes an original folder, handwritten notes and correspondence concerning a number of Indigenous Australian languages spoken in the Barkly Tablelands of the Northern Territory and Queensland, documented and recorded by Ken Hale, c.1960s. Item numbering reflects the original arrangement of the files.

Item


3 [Kurdanji/Gudanji/Ngandji (C26)]. Duncan. Anthony’s Lagoon. Original handwritten (+ carbon) foolscap notes, 63pp. [See also Series 2 Item 9]

4 Jingili [Djingili/Jingili (C22)] part. Carbon copy of handwritten, quarto notes, pp.14-46

5 Wakaya [C14]. Original handwritten foolscap notes (+ carbon), 9pp

6 Warluwarra (G10)]. Includes photocopy ‘Warluwarra: Notes by Ken Hale from Fred
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Karwa [Garrawa/Garawa/Karrwa (N155)]. Includes carbon copy of handwritten, foolscap notes commencing ‘Karwa. garawa. Dick, Kuyal. arwa’ [71pp.] and ‘Karwa: Monroe…Billy Joe…’; 1959-60, 6+9pp. See also MS 1667 in Library. Also includes photocopies of Ken Hale’s ‘Karwa’ vocabulary cards [18pp.] that were transferred from the Ken Hale’s general language material to this file by the Library. [See also vocabulary cards, Series 7 Item 1]

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### Series 3 Lardil language material [G38]

#### Item

1-2  
Lardil ling. material. Original handwritten manuscripts that include ‘A. Lardil Grammatical Forms’, 1960, 32pp.; ‘B. Lardil-Damin 2.1’ and ‘Lardil-Damin 2.2’. Transcript of tapes, 82pp.; ‘C. Lardil sentences from 2.2’, 45pp.; and three vocabulary cards

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Ladil notes. Includes handwritten, octavo notes, 70pp.; and notes on two small, yellow sheets, 2pp

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### Series 4 Pitjantjatjara language material [C6]

This series includes a vocabulary, a grammar, lessons, notes and newsletters that were produced as part of a collaborative effort, by Rev. Jim Downing, Ken Hale, Gordan Ingkatji and others to develop a language course in Pitjantjatjara, spoken in Central Australia. See also Pitjantjatjara intensive course at LF P521.041/1 in Library.

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1 Correct name supplied by Karen Thumm, April 2017. Karen is the daughter of Henk Siliakus, who worked in the language laboratory. Karen remembered, "being visited by Gordan Ingkatji, a Pitjantjatjara man from Ernabella, when Dad was preparing reel to reel tapes for the Pitjantjatjara summer holiday language course. Gordan had a wooden leg, ostensibly 'from an accident while observing a fight'. He brought my father presents of rocks, as my father enjoyed making 'gemstones' into jewellery." Karen also referred to the section on teaching of Aboriginal languages and Aboriginal song in Rob Amery's chapter, 'The history of Aboriginal languages and linguistics at the University of Adelaide', in A History of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Adelaide 1876-2012, edited by Nick Harvey et al., 2012.
notes by Ken Hale. As found

3 Introduction to the Pitjantjatjara language. Typescript and handwritten foolscap teaching notes, 16pp.; handwritten, foolscap teaching notes with sketches, 75pp.; and handwritten letter from the field to Jim [Downing] from Allison [Elliott], n.d

4-7 Dr Hale. Pitjantjatjara lessons. Stuff. Includes sixteen typescript, foolscap lessons on the Pitjantjatjara language [four copies]; Tjaru, no.1 [containing stories by a ‘multigrade’ class at Yuendumu] and Pitjantjatjara Tjukurpa, (3) 1967; and miscellaneous medical information sheets. Also includes ‘Pitjantjatjara (Spoken immediately south of Walbiri)’. Typescript carbon, 19pp.; and Iwara Wankarunkuntja, published by the Scripture Gift Mission, London, 1965 [also held by Library at L P521.0219/1]

Series 5 Wakirti/warlpiri language material [C15]

This series contains material mostly dated from 1966. The headings for Items 3 and 7 are based on original folders that have remained at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Archives.

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Item

1 ‘Wailbry Grammar’. Includes photocopies of sections on flora and fauna and new words from large handwritten manuscript, 10pp. Photocopied Massachusetts Institute of Technology, June 2001. Also includes original handwritten, octavo, notes commencing ‘? In Wailbry (at Yuend)’, 23pp. These notes originally located with Series 6 Item 9


3 Warlpiri (notes from informants – not nec. on tape) I. Photocopies handwritten notes titled ‘Tim Tjapangari (Yurntumu)’, 22pp; ‘Warlpiri: I’ [from Jack Walker, 1960] annotated by JHS [Jane Simpson], 3pp. See also Series 2 Item 9


8 2.28. Tape 28. ngaanykijini. Photocopy in modern orthography, 100pp

9 [Murrarlinji] (Collected 1966, Yuendumu; K.Hale; Consultant: Dinni Tjapaltjari Anderson). Typescript, quarto story and song verse in Murrarlinji with handwritten English translation, 3pp. Hale notes ‘this verse…[is] only for men [to hear]. Closed access – Principal's permission
Series 6      Warumungu language material [C18]

Item

1 Warnmanpa Jack Walker. Photocopy handwritten language notes, 3pp; and 'Warramunga. from Jack Walker 1960', 4pp.; and 'Warramunga'. Original pencil handwritten lexical list. Green foolscap [+ photocopy], 4pp. See also Series 2 Item 9

Warramunga [Warumungu]. Includes original folder with papers that include thirty-one file cards listing verbs by conjunction; 'Warrumungu notes. Data collected by Ken Hale in 1959 from: Mr. Sandy Nandy' + paradigm sheets and notes. Original handwritten, quarto, 31+12pp. (Item 2); ‘Warrumungu < Tennant Crk. Sandy Nandy’. Handwritten carbon, foolscap, 1959, 102pp. (Item 3); ‘Warrumungu’. Handwritten carbon, foolscap, 86pp. (Item 4); ‘Warrumunga, Vocabulary items and word transformations, not on tape: < Sandy Nandy from T. Cr.’. Handwritten carbon, foolscap, 59pp. (Item 5); 'Tape II end. Warrumunga < George'. Handwritten carbon, foolscap, 72pp. (Item 6); ‘Warrumunga < George. Tape III’ with ‘Textlet XII’. Handwritten carbon, foolscap and quarto, 39+17pp. (Item 7); and ‘Warrumunga. Tape # IV [III crossed out]. Handwritten carbon, foolscap, 58pp. (Item 8).

2-8 Warrumungu [Warumungu]. Folder containing original handwritten, foolscap notes titled ‘Warrumunga < George. Textual material on Tape 4’, n.d., 70pp. [blue carbon located at Massachusetts Institute of Technology Archives]

Series 7      Miscellaneous material

This series includes correspondence and a list, prepared by the Library, of printed language material found amongst Ken Hale's miscellaneous notes.

The printed material has been incorporated into the general Library holdings and can be accessed through Mura®, the AIATSIS catalogue. Material includes a teaching manual, ‘work books’ and pamphlets mainly in and/or on the Pintupi language, published in the 1970s. [Ken Hale and Geoffrey N. O'Grady possibly referred to this material for their study of bilingual education in the Northern Territory during 1974].

Item

1-3 Correspondence, 1963-66. Includes letters of La Mont (Monty) West to Ken Hale, 4 February 1963 and 20 April 1964, concerning the Karrwa [N155] language and other Indigenous Australian languages of Queensland; field report and papers titled ‘Part III. Phonological and lexical comparison’, ‘Sign language’ and ‘Spoken language’, by La Mont West and vocab cards (Items 1-2); letter of A. Capell to Ken Hale concerning T.G.H. Strehlow’s response to an appendix by Ken Hale in Some linguistic types in Australia and, copy of Ken Hale’s response to Strehlow, May 1963; Aboriginal languages: the present state of knowledge, by S.A. Wurm, 1961; and letters of Nicolas Peterson and Ken Hale referring to the ‘Ngama cave myth’, October 1966 (Item 3)

4 Printed material. List of printed language material that was found amongst Ken Hale’s ‘Miscellaneous Australian notes’. List prepared by the Library, 2001
Series 8  Australian research trip, 1959-60

These papers were deposited in the Library by Mrs Sara Whitaker Hale in September 2002.

This series comprises correspondence dated 1958-60 relating to the Australian research trip undertaken by Ken Hale, accompanied by Sara (Sally) Whitaker Hale and their young son. Ken Hale had received a post-doctoral fellowship from the National Science Foundation of United States to study Australian Aboriginal languages.

The papers refer to arrangements concerning Hale’s field trips to the Northern Territory, Western Australia and Queensland. Included are letters from Pharaoh Laulau (Lhawulhawu) [in Yanyuwa], S.A. Wurm, A. Capell, Bruce Biggs, A.P. Elkin, Ronald M. Berndt and James B. Watson.

Open access.

Item
1-2  Correspondence, 1958-60

ADDITION 2008 - MAPS

In 2008 Sara Hale sent two maps to David Nash who deposited them in the Library in October 2008.

Item
1  'Language map of Australia', hand drawn by K. Hale. [Held in Manuscript Plan Cabinet]
2  Aboriginal languages of Australia (a preliminary classification), by Geoffrey N. O'Grady, Stephen A. Wurm [and] Kenneth L. Hale, drawn by Robert M. Watt, Victoria, B.C., Department of Linguistics, University of Victoria, 1966. Map shows family, group, subgroup, language and dialect boundaries. [Held in Manuscript Plan Cabinet. Also held by Library at MS 28, M 236 and MS 4577]
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APPENDIX

Other Ken Hale manuscript collections held by AIATSIS Library

The following is a listing of the call numbers of Hale manuscripts deposited with Library prior to 2001.

For full bibliographical details search for individual MS numbers on the Mura, the AIATSIS catalogue.

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