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**Finding aid**

**PORT-AUGUSTA\_01**

**Sound recordings collected by  
The Australian Institute for Aboriginal and  
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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

**Date:** 1987

**Extent:** 2 audiocassettes (approximately 60 min.) : analogue, mono + listing

### Production history

These recordings were collected in 1987 as part of the 'After 200 Years' project conducted by AIATSIS. Interviewees include: Molly McKenzie (née Molly Lennon) and Mickey Sammels (Mickey Samuels). The collection was deposited at AIATSIS on 14 September 1990.

## RELATED MATERIAL

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## ITEM LIST

<b>Archive number</b>	<b>Field recording number</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">035968</a>	Field Tape 34, Side A	Interview with Mickey Sammels (Mickey Samuels) in Port Augusta, South Australia.
<a href="#">035969</a>	Field Tape 34, Side B	Oral history interview with Molly McKenzie (née Molly Lennon) in Port Augusta, South Australia.
035970	Field Tape 35	Field Tape 35 is a duplicate of Field Tape 34, Side A (035968) and so has not been included as a separate item description in this finding aid.

## ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

### 035968 / Field Tape 34, Side A

Performer/speaker(s):	Mickey Sammels (Mickey Samuels)
Subject keywords:	Councils - Regional Councils; Occupations - Council and committee members
Language/people:	English
Places:	Port Augusta (West SA SI53-04)
Recording quality:	Poor-Fair

<b>Timing point</b>	<b><u>Mickey Samuels (MS)</u></b> talks about his work on the councils with <b><u>Bruce Shaw(?) (BS)</u></b> and <b><u>Jen Gibson (JG)</u></b> . Recorded in Davenport, Port Augusta - South Australia in 1987.
00:00:00	Archive Announcement
00:00:11	MS discusses numerous topics including: transport, houses, council services, construction workers, and apprenticeships. Reference to the Aboriginal Housing Board in Adelaide (SA). It's believed that MS works with the local council.
00:03:55	MS speaks about facilities for children in the area. (Loud background noise at this point - children yelling and running around).
00:05:39	MS and BS talk about funding and councils ability to engage with the community. Reference to the Aboriginal Land Trust and Aboriginal Affairs.
00:08:13	MS talks about his work on the councils - 'this' council (unspecified) and the Aboriginal Land Trust and Aboriginal Affairs. MS, JB, and BS discuss the town council and community consultation.
00:11:41	BS asks whether there is anyone else that should be interviewed - someone who remembers life in the community 'twenty, thirty, or forty years ago'. MS suggests that they speak to Mister Mac and Rick Stewart (approximate spellings).
00:14:29	MS speaks about funding bodies and advisors. Reference to Bobo (approximate spelling).
00:16:12	[Change in sound quality] General conversation.
00:16:24	End of Side A of FT 34. Side B continued on the next archive recording. End of 035968.

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**035969 / Field Tape 34, Side B**

Performer/speaker(s):	Molly McKenzie (née Molly Lennon)
Subject keywords:	Child welfare - Child / parent separation - Stolen generations; Settlement and contacts - Colonisation
Language/people:	English
Places:	Port Augusta (West SA SI53-04); Oodnadatta (SA Central Australia SG53-15); Blinman (NE SA Flinders Ranges SH54-13); Davenport (West SA SI53-04)
Recording quality:	Fair

<b>Timing point</b>	<b><u>Molly McKenzie (née Lennon) (MM)</u></b> talks about her childhood and the stolen generation with interviewer <b><u>Jen Gibson (JG)</u></b> . Recorded in Davenport, Port Augusta - South Australia in 1987.
00:00:00	Archive Announcement
00:00:10	MM mentions that she was born in Iringa Station (SA), near Oodnadatta. She recalls the police taking away children of mixed heritage from their families and notes that she was taken away in 1926. Mention of Bloods Creek (SA) and Abminga (SA).
00:03:48	MM speaks of her Luritja [Aluridja] (C7.1) heritage and mentions that her mother was from Papunya and the Uluru area. MM discusses related languages, including Antakirinya (C5), and Matuntara/Kukatja (C7).
00:04:46	MM speaks of being taken away to Hamilton, near Bloods Creek and of being taken to the home in Oodnadatta. She states that her maiden name is Molly Lennon, and speaks of her Indigenous stepfather [but does not mention his name].
00:08:00	MM recalls being reunited with one of her sisters, forty years later. She mentions Colebrook Home (the children's home she was taken to) and Quorn (SA). MM recalls working at a homestead with Reg Williams. She speaks of working at Blinman, and of meeting her husband, an Adnyamathanha man [but does not mention his name]. MM discusses the social reactions to their marriage.
00:10:49	MM talks about different the language groups in Davenport, specifically the Parnkalla (L6) people and notes that they spoke the same language as her Adnyamathanha husband. . She talks about her children and daughter-in-law Maud [does not mention her surname].
00:11:59	Discussion about the bicentennial project 'After 200 Years'. MM provides her views of colonisation and recalls the impact of being taken away from her family. She also speaks of her Christian beliefs and how they intersect with non-Indigenous Australia's history of treatment towards Indigenous people.
00:14:54	MM speaks of Indigenous life and social values prior to non-Indigenous arrival and since. MM discusses the effects of alcohol on Indigenous communities.
00:16:33	Pause.
00:17:07	Recording cuts back into conversation with MM. She recalls passing through a sacred place near Oodnadatta. MM discusses the impact of the loss of Indigenous cultures upon the younger generations. She briefly discusses her understanding of Indigenous social structures prior to colonisation.
00:19:55	End of Side B of FT 34 and end of 035969.

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