

Elaine Sinnamon Collection ca. 1969

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Author / Creator

Sinnamon, Elaine, 1941-2018.

Abstract Collection of Torres Strait artifacts, slides and postcards acquired during Elaine Sinnamon's time in the Torres Strait. Includes 5 hand-carved wooden faces acquired on Daru; 2 fishing spears; 2 turtle shells; 1 handmade juju shaker made from juju seed pods; 1 hand-carved wooden drum with snake skin acquired on Boigu; 177 coloured slides which depict various Islands in the Torres Strait as well as Bamaga and the Cape York Peninsula. The slides mostly contain images of views and buildings, and some are of the "Coming of the Light" festival. One postcard of a traditional dance being performed on Thursday Island, a postcard showing Hospital Point, Thursday Island and a postcard showing a village scene, Boigu Island.

System of arrangement Arranged into 3 series.

Description 3 linear metres

Additional format Digital copies available for selected items

Administrative / Biographical history Elaine Constance Sinnamon (nee Street) was born in England in 1941. She immigrated to Australia in 1967 as one of the "Ten Pound Poms". Elaine was a registered nurse at the time she immigrated. She resided in Sydney before taking up a position at the Thursday Island Hospital in 1969. While living on Thursday Island, Elaine met her future husband, Michael Sinnamon, an employee at the local branch of the Queensland National Bank. She lived and worked on Thursday Island from 1969 until December 1970, when she returned to England to visit her family prior to her marriage.

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Series 1: Slides (1969-1971)

Series number 1

Series title Slides

Date 1969-1971

Scope and content

Coloured slides of the Torres Strait as well as Bamaga and the Cape York Peninsula.

Author / Creator

Sinnamon, Elaine, (1941-2018)

Description

Description 177 color slides

Additional format Digital copies available

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Items in this series:

Slides (1969?)



Unit ID 30394/1

Date 1969?

Scope and content

Coloured slides which depict various Islands in the Torres Strait as well as Bamaga and the Cape York Peninsula. The slides mostly contain images of views and buildings, and some are of the "Coming of the Light" festival.

Description

Description 177 color slides

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Series 2: Postcard (1940-1980)

Series number 2

Series title Postcard

Date 1940-1980

Scope and content

Thursday Island postcard.

Description

Description 1 picture postcard

Additional format Digital copy available

Locate OMBOX Box 12764

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access.

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Items in this series:

Postcard (1940-1980)

Unit ID 30394/2

Date 1940-1980

Scope and content

Postcard of a traditional dance being performed on Thursday Island.

Description

Description 1 postcard

Additional format Digital copy available

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(2 digital)

Series 3: Artifacts (1960-1970)

Series number 3

Series title Artifacts

Date 1960-1970

Scope and content

Collection of Torres Strait artifacts.

Description

Description 11 artifacts

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Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access.

Items in this series:

Drum (1960-1970)

Unit ID 30394/3

Date 1960-1970

Scope and content

Hand-carved wooden drum with snake skin acquired on Boigu.

Description

Description 1 cultural artifact

Locate OMOSBOX Box 20216 O/S

Fishing spears (1960-1970)

Unit ID 30394/4

Date 1960-1970

Scope and content

Two fishing spears used in the Torres Straits.

Description

Description 2 fishing spears

Locate OMOSBOX Box 20217 O/S

Masks (1960-1970)

Unit ID 30394/5

Date 1960-1970

Scope and content

Five hand-carved wooden faces acquired on Daru.

Description

Description 5 cultural artifacts

Locate OMOSBOX Box 20218 O/S

Juju shaker (1960-1970)

Unit ID 30394/6

Date 1960-1970

Scope and content

Handmade juju shaker made from juju seed pods.

Description

Description 1 cultural artifact

Locate OMOSBOX Box 20218 O/S

Small turtle shell (1960-1970)

Unit ID 30394/7

Date 1960-1970

Scope and content

Small turtle shell acquired in the Torres Straits.

Description

Description 1 cultural artifact

Locate OMOSBOX Box 20219 O/S

Large turtle shell (1960-1970)

Unit ID 30394/8

Date 1960-1970

Scope and content

Large turtle shell acquired in the Torres Straits.

Description

Description 1 cultural artifact

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