



Gumahah Station home movies

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Abstract Home movies showing the Gardiner family and their sheep and cattle station Gumahah in the far south west region of Queensland eg. children horse riding and playing, Guy Fawkes day, ca. 1960s drought, scenes depicting wool bales and trucks loaded with sheep off to the sales; holidays with the Mooning family at the Gold Coast eg. Mains Beach, Paradise Waters amusement park; holidays in Sydney; Pony Club, rodeos and shows in Cunnamulla including the 1960 Cunnamulla show visited by Sir Henry Abel Smith; Bowra Station swimming pool, Cunnamulla; holidays in Bathurst - Mount Panorama car races ca. 1950s-1960s; Esmeralda cattle station, Far North Queensland (visited by Jack Gardiner); rowing regattas at the Gold Coast and Sydney; and a Cobb and Co re-enactment.

System of arrangement Arranged into 1 series.

Description 22 film reels (130 min.) :

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Administrative / Biographical history Thomas Alfred Gardiner bought Mooning Station in 1927 and had 5 children Len, Bill, Jack, Mary and Ron Gardiner. He then purchased neighbouring properties for his sons - Bodalla Station for Bill Gardiner, Garrawin Station for Len Gardiner and Gumahah Station for Jack Gardiner. Gumahah is a 26,000 hectare sheep and cattle property about 80 kilometres south west of Cunnamulla. John Thomas Gardiner ("Jack" Gardiner) married Margaret Bromhead and lived on Gumahah Station with their 5 children Peter, Rosemary, Michael (Mike), Ruth and Richard (Rick). During many of these years Bert Penrose was the gardener and Harry Crouch the overseer. Barbara Parkinson was the governess for some of these years. Challendon Station was owned by Jack and Margaret Gardiner bought ca. late 1960s - early 1970s. The Gumahah children were educated via correspondence before attending boarding school in Sydney at various ages. Peter attended All Hallows primary school in Bathurst where his maternal grandparents, William and Ada Bromhead, lived. Jack's brother Ron married Helen Bromhead (Margaret's sister) and lived on Mooning Station with their seven children, many of them seen in this footage. Bill Gardiner married Tot and lived on Bodalla Station, with their son Ross. Len Gardiner married Marie Phillot and lived on Garrawin Station, with their 3 children. Mary Gardiner married Jack Lucas and lived at Cliffdale Station with their 5 children. Gumahah and

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Series 1: Home movies (1950-1969)

Series number 1

Series title Home movies

Date 1950-1969

Scope and content

Home movies showing the Gardiner family and their cattle station Gumahah in the far south west region of Queensland. Footage includes station life, neighbouring properties, local events, family holidays and interstate trips.

Author / Creator

Jack Gardiner

Gardiner family

Description

Description 22 film reels (16mm colour film, silent)

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Items in this series:

Film 1 (1958-1960)

Unit ID 31677/1

Date 1958-1960

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: Bert Penrose assisting a young Mike Gardiner ride the pony 'Twinkle' at Gumahah Station; children riding horses at the Cunnamulla Show; Mike Gardiner with his mother's, Margaret Gardiner's, home grown rose; birthday party at Gumahah Station with cousins; Gumahah Station children playing e.g swinging; Guy Fawkes day (November) including footage of a scarecrow dressed as Guy Fawkes; flowering cactus, a once a year phenomena; garden and new homestead at Mooning Station, Eulo, owned by Ron and "Char" Helen Gardiner; bike race at Eulo Sports Day featuring Peter Gardiner; and children playing on the bore drain at Gumahah with the pony 'Twinkle'.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (120 ft), silent)
5 min. 11 sec.

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Film 2 (1950s)

Unit ID 31677/2

Date 1950s

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: Gold Coast holiday ca. 1950's with the Gumahah and Mooning families, includes footage at Paradise Waters amusement park, at Gold Coast Main beach, with Topsy the famous counting pony at Tallebudgera (with Peter Gardiner), water skiing on the Nerang River, the holiday home (called Dameny-by-the-Sea, owned by the Speed family), Southport School rowing (river unknown), swimming in the Nerang River, time at the beach; Bowra Station, Cunnamulla, and the new swimming pool; Cunnamulla Rodeo, Jack Gardiner was the commentator/announcer; Lake Kungie duck shooting (Lake Kungie is a fresh water lake on the edge of Challendon Station); and views of the sunset over the shearing shed, Gumahah Station.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (170 ft), silent)
6 min. 35 sec.

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Film 3 (1955-1965)

Unit ID 31677/3

Date 1955-1965

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: Cunnamulla Show including footage of boys horse riding; flower garden at Gumahah Station; aerial views from a plane, possibly over North Queensland; Mike Gardiner ca. late 1950's; Taronga Zoo, Sydney; scenic views of Bathurst; children playing on tricycles, swings and riding horses at Gumahah Station, Margaret Gardiner trying to get on the horse 'Bo Peep!'; views of Sydney harbour; Taronga zoo, Sydney; Peter Gardiner and his sister Rosemary Gardiner playing in the sand at the Gold Coast; Peter Gardiner off to boarding school, All Hallows, Bathurst, aged 7; Gold Coast scenery, sand dunes, sand crabs; Christmas Day, Gumahah Station, with the cousins, ca. late 1950s; a bushfire, place unknown; Gumahah Station slippery dip with Margaret Gardiner and her children; Gumahah Station mother duck

and ducklings; Christmas ca. late 1950s; Ruth Gardiner crawling, children playing in a swimming tub; carting Wool at shearing time, Cunnamulla, in the winter; children playing in a swimming tub; Gold Coast holiday, possibly a boating/fishing trip; sheep off to the sales; Gold coast holidays including footage of the ocean and children on a merry go round; Ruth in her birthday suit, ca. 1957; christening of Stephen Gardiner with his mother Helen Gardiner; and Gold Coast holidays with family at the beach.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (450 ft), silent)
17 min. 16 sec.

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Film 4 (1957-1965)

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Date 1957-1965

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: Gumahah Station drought, possibly 1960's; Jack Gardiner pushing scrub down (mulga) with the front loader, for sheep and cattle food during the drought; Margaret Gardiner with a dead wedge tailed eagle and her children ca. late 1950s; Jack Gardiner with son Rick Gardiner pushing scrub down in the Caterpillar, for sheep and cattle food during the drought; feeding rams sheep nuts during the drought; and Jack Gardiner cutting scrub with an axe.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (80 ft), silent)
2 min. 57 sec.

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Film 5 (1956-1959)

Unit ID 31677/5

Date 1956-1959

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: the Cunnamulla Rodeo.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (50 ft), silent)
2 min. 4 sec.

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Film 6 (1950-1969)

Unit ID 31677/6

Date 1950-1969

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: rowing, at either Gold Coast or Sydney; dust storm approaching over the Gumahah Station's shearer's quarters; and Ruth Gardiner and her brother Rick Gardiner in the swimming pool built by their father Jack Gardiner with an unknown young girl ca. mid 1960s.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (50 ft), silent)
2 min. 10 sec.

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Film 7 (1963-1967)

Unit ID 31677/7

Date 1963-1967

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: Jack Gardiner and Arthur building the swimming pool in the backyard at Gumahah Station. Includes footage of Jack Gardiner driving the Ferguson tractor.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (50 ft), silent)
2 min. 12 sec.

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Film 8 (1950-1969)

Unit ID 31677/8

Date 1950-1969

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: Gardiner cousins playing at Gumahah Station, ca. late 1950s; and Esmeralda cattle Station, North Queensland.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (50 ft), silent)

2 min. 11 sec.

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Film 9 (1960-1969)

Unit ID 31677/9

Date 1960-1969

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: polocrosse (possibly at Cunnamulla); and car races, Bathurst, Mt Panorama, ca. 1960's.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (50 ft), silent)

2 min. 11 sec.

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Film 10 (1963-1967)

Unit ID 31677/10

Date 1963-1967

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: Paroo Pony Club (Cunnamulla), ca. mid 1960's; Brian Parkinson landing on the Gumahah Station airstrip, with Barb Parkinson (nee Crick), the governess; and opening of the new Catholic Church at Eulo.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (50 ft), silent)
2 min. 8 sec.

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Film 11 (1957-1967)

Unit ID 31677/11

Date 1957-1967

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: children riding the “bucking drum” in the cattle yards, Gumahah Station, ca. early 1960’s; baby Richard Gardiner, born 1960; the Paroo Pony Club; and All Hallows School, Bathurst.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (50 ft), silent)
2 min. 6 sec.

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Film 12 (1960-1969)

Unit ID 31677/12

Date 1960-1969

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: rowing as part of the GPS Head of the River Regatta on the Nepean River, Sydney, 1969, Peter Gardiner was rowing for his school, Saint Ignatius' College Riverview; and wool bales leaving Gumahah Station for Brisbane.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (50 ft), silent)

2 min. 10 sec.

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Film 13 (1960-1969)

Unit ID 31677/13

Date 1960-1969

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: Ruth Gardiner's confirmation day, possibly at Eulo, age. ca. 7-8; dam built by Jack Gardiner, Bore Paddock, Gumahah, overflowing after a lot of rain, featuring Harry Crouch the overseer being a dare devil; and the Cunnamulla Show with Barb Parkinson on 'Whistler' the horse.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (50 ft), silent)

2 min. 9 sec.

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Film 14 (1957-1959)

Unit ID 31677/14

Date 1957-1959

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: dingo and traps – a bounty was paid for each scalp; parade down the streets of Cunnamulla; birthday cakes for the Gardiner children Peter, Michael and Ruth, late 1950's, possibly made by Beena (an employee); and the Gardiner children Peter, Rosemary, Michael and Ruth in the flower garden at Gumahah Station, late 1950's.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (50 ft), silent)
2 min. 6 sec.

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Film 15 (1950-1969)

Unit ID 31677/15

Date 1950-1969

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: Paroo Pony Club - Barb Parkinson (governess), Michael Gardiner on the horse 'Michelangelo', Ruth on the horse 'Piccolo' and Rosemary on the horse 'Pablito', ca. 1960's; Cobb & Co. re-enactment, coming from the Charleville Rd, and met by Paroo Pony Club members; dust on the verandahs at Gumahah Station following a dust storm; Jack Gardiner leading Rick on the horse 'Bo-Peep' with Mike on the horse 'Michelangelo'; and a dust storm at Gumahah Station.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (50 ft), silent)
2 min. 11 sec.

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Film 16 (1960-1963)

Unit ID 31677/16

Date 1960-1963

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: learning to swim at the Gold Coast (Brough's swimming school); Rosemary and Ruth on the horse 'Twinkle', later with baby Rick - also seen climbing the pile of sheep manure (used for fertilizing the vegetable and flower gardens); and Ruth Gardiner and brother Richard (Rick) on the tricycle ca. 1962.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (50 ft), silent)
1 min. 56 sec.

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Film 17 (1959-1961)

Unit ID 31677/17

Date 1959-1961

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: Cunnamulla Show, visited by Sir Henry Abel Smith (Governor of Queensland) and his wife Lady May Abel Smith ca. 1960.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (50 ft), silent)
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Film 18 (1960-1969)

Unit ID 31677/18

Date 1960-1969

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: Esmeralda Cattle Station (a gulf property near Croydon); polocrosse, possibly Cunnamulla; and car races, Bathurst, Mt Panorama, 1960's.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (50 ft), silent)
2 min. 12 sec.

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Film 19 (1957-1967)

Unit ID 31677/19

Date 1957-1967

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: All Hallows School, Bathurst, Peter Gardiner at boarding

school, boys playing cricket at school; Ruth Gardiner in her cowboy outfit, early 1960s; 'Dandy' the horse (rider unknown), 'Pablito' the horse with Rosemary Gardiner, Ruth Gardiner and Barb Parkinson (governess); baby Rick, born June 1960; Cunnamulla Show with Barb Parkinson, Peter on 'Pablito' the horse, and Uncle Ed (Ed Sherwin).

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (50 ft), silent)
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Film 20 (1960-1969)

Unit ID 31677/20

Date 1960-1969

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: water skiing at the Gold Coast, Nerang River, and Main Beach scenes, Surfers Paradise; parrots in the cedar trees at Gumahah Station (possibly the Buln Buln bird, also called the Port Lincoln ringneck); Rosemary Gardiner and cousin Alison Gardiner arriving home for the start of their school holidays from boarding school in Sydney.

The pilot, unknown, would have collected them from the Bourke airport and flown them to the Gumahah airstrip in his light aircraft); and views of Lake Kungie, seen from the Challendon Station side.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (50 ft), silent)
2 min. 10 sec.

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Film 21 (1950-1969)

Unit ID 31677/21

Date 1950-1969

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: car races, Bathurst, Mt. Panorama; and the Blue Mountains, Three Sisters.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (50 ft), silent)
2 min. 12 sec.

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Film 22 (1950-1969)

Unit ID 31677/22

Date 1950-1969

Scope and content

Home movie footage showing: aerial shots of station buildings, Queensland, unknown location; dam building, unknown location; and a dust storm, Gumahah Station.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16mm colour film (25 ft), silent)
1 min. 10 sec.

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