

# Leacy family motion pictures and trophies

**Accession number** 32927

**Date** 1950-1965.

**Author / Creator**

**Leacy, Kenneth George, creator.**

**Abstract** Collection of 33, 8mm home movies relating to the Leacy family in the Atherton district of North Queensland and two trophies.

**Scope and content** The home movies relate to the Leacy family in the Atherton district of North Queensland. Most of the films were taken by Kenneth George Leacy with occasional assistance from his wife Edna. Much of the footage documents life and work on the Leacy family's tobacco farm, as well as family holidays, recreation and trips to the city.

**System of arrangement** Arranged into 3 series

**Description** 33 x 8mm films ; 2 trophies ; 5 ribbons

**Additional format** Digital copy available for the contemporary video compilation of the 8mm home movie footage.

**Guides** A series and item list is available

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**Notes** The films in this collection are currently being assessed for digitisation and are not yet available.

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**Series 1: The Leacy Family compiled home movie footage (between 1958 and 1964?)**

**Series number 1****Series title** The Leacy Family compiled home movie footage**Date** between 1958 and 1964?**Scope and content**

A compilation of home movie footage taken between the late 1950s and the mid 1960s of life at the Leacy farm in the Atherton district of North Queensland. The footage is silent however Ken Leacy, who is behind the camera for most of the footage, has narrated over the compiled home movies. The Leacy family ran a tobacco farm and a cane farm and much of the footage depicts the work of farming tobacco. This includes, planting, irrigating, harvesting, stringing and selling the tobacco. For planting they used a modified tractor for hand-planting seedlings which Ken Leacy describes as a new technique at the time. The footage also includes family holidays to Barron Falls and to the beach at Coffs Harbour. There is significant amount of footage of Ken Leacy's oldest daughters Jenny and Vicky enjoying their Christmases and Christmas presents. There is also footage of the family fishing and swimming in their local weir which Ken Leacy describes as being created in the course of building a pump station in the Burdekin River - most likely Burdekin Falls Dam. The footage also includes the very strong winds of a storm lashing the farm, building houses and sheds and having fun around the farm more generally.

## Description

**Description** 1 digital film**Additional format** Digital copy available

View the items

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(1 digital)

## Series 2: Film Reels

**Series number 2****Series title** Film Reels**Scope and content**

33 film reels containing home movie footage of a tobacco farming in and around Atherton

District.

## Description

**Description** 33 film reels (colour, silent)  
standard 8mm

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

Items in this series:

### Film 2 - Cyclone damage (1959 January?)

**Unit ID** 32927/2

**Date** 1959 January?

#### Scope and content

Information taken from film box: Cyclone damage

## Description

**Description** 1 film reel (Colour, Silent)  
8mm. standard reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

### Film 3 - Cricket and Athletics (1959 March)

**Unit ID** 32927/3

**Date** 1959 March

#### Scope and content

Information taken from film box: Cricket - Athletics

## Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

## Film 4 - Ayr to Kingaroy April 1959 (1959 April)

**Unit ID** 32927/4

**Date** 1959 April

### Scope and content

Information taken from film box: Ayr to Kingaroy April 1959

### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

## Film 5 - Fred's wedding (1959 May)

**Unit ID** 32927/5

**Date** 1959 May

### Scope and content

Information taken from film box: Fred's wedding, G'ma Radunz Granpopa Dalbeg, Darts

### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

## Film 6 (1959 May)

**Unit ID** 32927/6

**Date** 1959 May

### Scope and content

Information taken from film box: Views Kingaroy; Threshing peanuts; Views of Brisbane; Horses

### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

### Film 7 (1959 May)

**Unit ID** 32927/7

**Date** 1959 May

#### **Scope and content**

Information taken from film box: Beach, Lone Pine; Sommerset Dam; Cutting peanuts

#### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

### Film 8 (1959 May)

**Unit ID** 32927/8

**Date** 1959 May

#### **Scope and content**

Information taken from film box: Jenny spinning hoop; planting seed beds; burning off; wifey playing golf

#### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

### Film 9 (1959 June)

**Unit ID** 32927/9

**Date** 1959 June

## Scope and content

Information taken from film box: spinning hoop; Jenny's birthday; clearing

### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

## Film 10 (1959 September)

**Unit ID** 32927/10

**Date** 1959 September

### Scope and content

Information taken from film box: Seedbed covers; Pulling plants; Planting

### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

## Film 11 (1959 December)

**Unit ID** 32927/11

**Date** 1959 December

### Scope and content

Information taken from film box: Christmas tree; swimming; tobacco spraying

### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

## Film 12 (1960 February)

**Unit ID** 32927/12

**Date** 1960 February

**Scope and content**

Information taken from film box: Picking tobacco; Graders; Jenny at school; spinning hoops; Mark Allan

Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

**Film 13 (1960 June)**

**Unit ID** 32927/13

**Date** 1960 June

**Scope and content**

Information taken from film box: Ern Fishing; Kids Fishing; Baby Sandra - 6 weeks.

Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

**Film 14 (1960 June)**

**Unit ID** 32927/14

**Date** 1960 June

**Scope and content**

Information taken from film box: Gayle [...] & tobacco sale.

Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)

8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

### Film 15 (1960 July)

**Unit ID** 32927/15

**Date** 1960 July

#### **Scope and content**

Information taken from film box: Reef fishing; Baby Sandra 2 1/2 months; making tennis court

#### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

### Film 16 (1960 August)

**Unit ID** 32927/16

**Date** 1960 August

#### **Scope and content**

Information taken from film box: Up River with Anna and Joe; Sandra 3 1/2 months; Spear Fishing; Vicki's Birthday.

#### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

### Film 17 (1960 November)

**Unit ID** 32927/17

**Date** 1960 November

#### **Scope and content**

Information taken from film box: Sandra 6 months; fishing; catching shark; Mark Allan

#### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

### Film 18 (1960 December?)

**Unit ID** 32927/18

**Date** 1960 December?

#### Scope and content

Information taken from film box: Procession; Boys Stringing

#### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

### Film 19 (1961 March)

**Unit ID** 32927/19

**Date** 1961 March

#### Scope and content

Information taken from film box: Horses; Gayle: Nana; crop of peanuts.

#### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

### Film 20 (1961 March)

**Unit ID** 32927/20

**Date** 1961 March

**Scope and content**

Information taken from film box: Mark kissing Sandra; KG in weir water; first day at Mutchilba.

Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

**Film 21 (1961 April)**

**Unit ID** 32927/21

**Date** 1961 April

**Scope and content**

Information transcribed directly from note in film box:

Contents: (I am not sure if the ones of Cary are in this order but you will know who's who)

Cary Stuart Radunz (age 9 weeks) on the day he was christened - 19 March, 1961.

Cary with Fred & Hazel

Cary with Percy & Freida Dunford his godparents Cary with Ruth. Ruth Taken in the park at Kingaroy - Mum with Cary (She didn't know this was being taken and kept wanting me to stop)

The wallabys in the park. (The bit at the beginning is where I bumped the trigger on the wire of the enclosure) Judy, Ann and Ruth on the swings. Judy, Ann and Ruth at Bett's Place. Ruth, Ern and Smokey, the cat at Aunty Joyces place at Easter time. Ern, Ruth, Aunty Joyce and the cat again (these last two were taken on a rainy day and I missed with the light in the last one)

Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

**Film 22 (1961 May)**

**Unit ID** 32927/22

**Date** 1961 May

#### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

#### Film 23 (1961 June)

**Unit ID** 32927/23

**Date** 1961 June

#### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

#### Film 24 (1961 July)

**Unit ID** 32927/24

**Date** 1961 July

#### Scope and content

Information taken from film box: Starting at Mutchilba; Sandra 9 months and 12 months

#### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

#### Film 25 (1961 September)

**Unit ID** 32927/25

**Date** 1961 September

### **Scope and content**

Information taken from film box: Starting on block no.2; dozing; building; Sandra 14 months; Rodney's Wedding

#### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

### **Film 26 (1961 October)**

**Unit ID** 32927/26

**Date** 1961 October

### **Scope and content**

Information taken from film box: buildings; spray line; rainbow; tobacco

#### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

### **Film 27 (1961 December)**

**Unit ID** 32927/27

**Date** 1961 December

### **Scope and content**

Information taken from film box: seed bed planter; Jenny & Vicki at Kingaroy swimming pool

#### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

## Film 28 (1962 May)

**Unit ID** 32927/28

**Date** 1962 May

### Scope and content

Information taken from film box: Judy, Anne, Bett, Pippy; Coffs Harbour.

### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

## Film 29 (1962 May)

**Unit ID** 32927/29

**Date** 1962 May

### Scope and content

Information taken from film box: Kids at Coffs Harbour; Cary.

### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

## Film 30 (1963 December )

**Unit ID** 32927/30

**Date** 1963 December

### Scope and content

Information taken from film box: Brett baby and 6 months; Jenny enrolled Brownies.

### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)

8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

### Film 31 (1964 June)

**Unit ID** 32927/31

**Date** 1964 June

#### **Scope and content**

Information taken from film box: All at Baron Falls; Jenny, Vicki, Sandra & Brett

#### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)

8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

### Film 32 (1964 September)

**Unit ID** 32927/32

**Date** 1964 September

#### **Scope and content**

Information taken from film box: Brett at Mutchilba

#### Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)

8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

### Film 33 (No date)

**Unit ID** 32927/33

**Date** No date

#### **Scope and content**

Includes views of tobacco plants.

## Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

## Film 34 (1958 December )

**Unit ID** 32927/34

**Date** 1958 December

### Scope and content

Information taken from film box: Christmas tree. (Previously item number 1)

## Description

**Description** 1 film reel ( colour, silent)  
8mm. reversal positive acetate film (50 ft)

**Locate** OMFILM0CSS

## Series 3: Ribbons and Trophies

**Series number** 3

**Series title** Ribbons and Trophies

## Description

**Description** 0 film

Items in this series:

## Ribbons (1963)

**Unit ID** 32927/35

**Date** 1963

**Scope and content**

Five felt ribbons won at the Royal Melbourne show 1963. The ribbons are over a metre long and there are three red and two white.

Description

**Description** 5 ribbons

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 23108 O/S

**Trophies**

**Unit ID** 32927/36

**Scope and content**

The two silver plated cups are inscribed Rothman's of Pall Mall (Australia Limited) Annual Tobacco Trophy Mareeba District Championship Leaf, and were awarded to Ken Leacy in 1962 and 1963. 1962's cup has a wooden base and is 18 cm high. The 1963 trophies has a plastic (or mallamine?) base and is 19 cm high.

Description

**Description** 2 Trophies

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 23108 O/S