

Cape York Peninsula Oral History

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Date 1960-1989

Author / Creator

Cook (Qld.). Council.

Abstract Oral history interviews regarding the history of the Cape York Peninsula.

Scope and content 179 oral history interviews regarding the history of the Cape York Peninsula by interviewer Duncan Jackson. Interviews indicate information about residents, social life and activities, local businesses, pioneers, wild life, towns in the the region and some Indigenous content. The oral history interviews are held on 35 master reel-to-reel tapes and made available on 95 derivative cassette tapes. Transcripts are available from 76 interviews.

System of arrangement Arranged into 2 series

Description 179 oral histories (95 audiocassettes; 2 boxes of reel to reel tapes; 6 volumes of transcripts)

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Guides A series and item list is available

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Series title Oral histories

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Items in this series:

Bill Russell interview (1983)

Unit ID OH6/1

Date 1983

Scope and content

Oral history with Bill Russell who was born in Cooktown and moved to Cloncurry at age 17 where he worked as a tin miner. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Russell, Bill, 1892-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 3 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (31 min. 3 sec.)

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Kathleen Savage interview (1985)

Unit ID OH6/2

Date 1985

Scope and content

Kathleen Savage was born Kathleen Nora Doolan, in 1910, the daughter of a tin miner at Grass Tree, which was about 70 kilometres south of Cooktown. There were nine children in the Doolan family. The Doolan children attended school at Rossville. They rode horses to Rossville, a distance of about 20 kilometres, accompanied by their father on a Monday. He would then take the horses home and return to collect the children on a Friday. The children stopped with their Aunt, Mrs. Walsh, who had the hotel at Rossville. Kathleen Savage began her schooling at the age of eight. Her working days began at the West Coast hotel in Cooktown. She then went to Cairns and worked at the Tropical theatre before returning to Cooktown to take up hotel work again at the commercial. Kathleen married Herb Savage and spent many years in the James Savage general store. The 100 year old building was demolished in 1985. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Savage, Kathleen Nora, 1910-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 3 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (Part 1: 31 min. 39 sec; Part 2: 12 min. 04 sec)

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Ernie Kerr interview (1984)

Unit ID OH6/3

Date 1984

Scope and content

Ernie Kerr was known as the father of tourism in Cooktown. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Kerr, James Ernest Rolf, 1904-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 3 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (31 min. 49 sec)

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Rollo Gallop (1st interview) (1989)

Unit ID OH6/4

Date 1989

Scope and content

Rollo Gollop was a former engineer with the Main Roads Department and second administrator appointed of the Cook Shire Council. This interview covers most of his period with Main Roads and the development of roads in Cooktown and the Cape York Peninsula. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Gallop, Rollo D'Arcy, 1902-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 3 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (38 min. 57 sec)

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Rex Johnston interview (1984)

Unit ID OH6/5

Date 1984

Scope and content

Rex Johnston discusses the timber industry and coastal shipping in the Bloomfield region. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Johnston, George Rex, 1916-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (35 min. 02 sec)

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Bridget Connolly interview (1984)

Unit ID OH6/6

Date 1984

Scope and content

Bridget Connolly's father was a tin miner and leased the Lode Hill tin mine. She discusses her childhood in the Bloomfield Scrub, China Camp and Cooktown. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Connolly, Bridget

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 3 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (26 min. 55 sec)

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Ann Colman interview (1983)

Unit ID OH6/7

Date 1983

Scope and content

Ann Colman discusses living through the cyclone that hit Coen on the 16-17 December 1943. Rose Ann Colman is Bow Gostelow's sister. The Gostelow family were pioneers of the

Cape York cattle industry and respected throughout the Cape York Peninsula. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Colman, Ann Rose

Jackson, Duncan

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Irene Taylor interview (1983)

Unit ID OH6/8

Date 1983

Scope and content

Irene Taylor discusses how Coen got its name; Mount Croal Cattle Station; Port Stewart and Flinders Island; Wenlock Gold Fields; flying with Tommy McDonald; the cyclone that hit Coen in 1946-1947; and Aboriginal homes in Coen. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Taylor, Irene Mary May Theresa, 1917-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 3 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (39 min. 18 sec)

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Milli Parsons interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/9

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Millie Parsons discusses her grandfather Captain Iver Osmundsen, a Norwegian, who was the first European settler in Bloomfield as well as her life in Bloomfield. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Parsons, Milli

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 1 open reel audiotape (29 min. 48 sec)

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Felicia Watkins interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/10

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Felicia Watkins was born on Darnley Island and lived in Bloomfield River. She discusses her family history and her experiences living through the cyclone in 1934. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Watkins, Felicia, 1906-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 1 open reel audiotape (9 min. 29 sec)

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John Robert Wallace interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/11

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Jack Wallace discusses growing up in Cooktown. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Wallace, John Robert, 1899-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 1 open reel audiotape (18 min. 29 sec)

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Bill Ward interview (1984)

Unit ID OH6/12

Date 1984

Scope and content

Bill Ward discusses travelling to Cooktown to tune pianos. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Ward, Bill

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 3 open reel audiotapes 2 audiocassettes (6 min. 37 sec)

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Evelyn Martin interview (1984)

Unit ID OH6/13

Date 1984

Scope and content

Evelyn Martin discusses living in Cooktown. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Martin, Evelyn, 1902-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 3 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (11 min. 02 sec)

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Ernie Stephens (1st interview) (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/14

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Ernie Stephens discusses hotels in Cooktown. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Stephens, Ernie

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Beatrice Parsons (1st interview) (1984)

Unit ID OH6/15

Date 1984

Scope and content

Beatrice Parsons discusses the Chinese in Cooktown and tin mining in Rossville. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Parsons, Beatrice, 1892-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes (35 min.)

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Duncan Jackson recording (1983)

Unit ID OH6/16

Date 1983

Scope and content

Duncan Jackson, former ABC news journalist, provides a recording of the history of the Cape York Peninsula as well as background information on this oral history collection. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 1 open reel audiotape 2 audiocassettes

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Beatrice Parsons (2nd interview) (1984)

Unit ID OH6/17

Date 1984

Scope and content

Beatrice Parsons discusses being asked to officially open the Endeavour Sunset Lodge and living in Cooktown, Rossville and China Camp. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Parsons, Beatrice, 1892-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (1 hour 03 min. 49 sec)

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Micky Finn interview (October 1984)

Unit ID OH6/18

Date October 1984

Scope and content

Oral history with Micky Finn who was the Cape York Peninsula mailman. Micky's father, Edward (Ned) Patrick Finn was the mailman on the Cooktown-Bloomfield run prior to the Second World War. Micky Finn, who was born with the same name as his father, succeeded his father on the mail run when he was 14 after his father's death. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Finn, Edward Patrick

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (21 min. 06 sec)

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Dick Dyer interview (July 1984)

Unit ID OH6/19

Date July 1984

Scope and content

Oral history with Dick Dyer who was an employee of Donald and Black, the general store in Cooktown. He started working there at the age of 14. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Dyer, Dick, 1911-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (12 min. 39 sec)

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Sir Clarence Byrne interview (1984)

Unit ID OH6/20

Date 1984

Scope and content

Oral history with Sir Clarence Byrne who was involved in the Queensland Mining Industry. He discusses his involvement in the discovery of bauxite at Weipa. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Byrne, Clarence, 1902-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 1 open reel audiotape 1 audiocassette (21 min. 16 sec)

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Stan Holland interview (October 1984)

Unit ID OH6/21

Date October 1984

Scope and content

Oral history with Stan Holland who discusses the Holland family story. Stan's father was Cyril Thomas Holland, also known as Ginger Dick. Cyril Holland worked for Frank Jardine when he was known as the cattle king of Cape York. Cyril was involved in mustering cattle and breaking in horses and joined the AIF in the First World War. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Holland, Stan

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 1 open reel audiotape 1 audiocassette (31min. 30 sec)

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Cecil Murdoch interview (1984)

Unit ID OH6/22

Date 1984

Scope and content

Oral history with Cecil James Murdoch who discusses growing tobacco outside Cooktown and working in the timber industry. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Murdoch, Cecil James, 1907-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (23 min. 14 sec)

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Laurie Hicks interview (1984)

Unit ID OH6/23

Date 1984

Scope and content

Oral history with Laurie Hicks who discusses the establishment of the Comalco Mining

Museum in Weipa. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Hicks, Laurie

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Edna Dyer interview (1984)

Unit ID OH6/24

Date 1984

Scope and content

Oral history with Edna Dyer (nee Vallis) who discusses working for the Cook Shire Council. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Dyer, Edna, 1918-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 1 open reel audiotape (7 min. 10 sec)

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Clive Foyster press release (1984)

Unit ID OH6/25

Date 1984

Scope and content

Reading of a press release written by Clive Foyster about Butcher Hill Station which is now the township of Lakeland Downs. The press release is read by Phil McGuire. Narration provided by Duncan Jackson. The transcript is in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Foyster, Clive

McGuire, Phil

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Vic Masterson interview (June 1984)

Unit ID OH6/26

Date June 1984

Scope and content

Oral history with Vic Masterson about Butcher Hill Station which is now the township of Lakeland Downs. Vic Masterson is the son of Ted Masterson who transacted the sale of Butcher Hill to Clive Foyster. The transcript is in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Masterson, Vic

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Reverend Colin Ford interview (14 August 1983)

Unit ID OH6/27

Date 14 August 1983

Scope and content

Reverend Colin Ford discusses the 25th Anniversary of the Australian Inland Mission Hospital and Hostel in Coen. Reverend Colin Ford was the first Padre to operate from Coen. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Ford, Colin

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 3 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (48 min. 08 sec)

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James Simpson Love Home 25th anniversary (1983)

Unit ID OH6/28

Date 1983

Scope and content

Official welcome by Bishop Tony Matthews-Hall to the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the James Simpson Love Home, a war memorial hospital and welfare centre in Coen. Includes a sermon by Reverend Colin Ford. A partial transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Ford, Colin

Matthews-Hall, Tony

Description

Description 3 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (35 min. 37 sec)

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Bill and Barbara Wentworth interview (1983)

Unit ID OH6/29

Date 1983

Scope and content

Oral history with Bill and Barbara Wentworth. Bill Wentworth was a Federal politician for 28 years and served as the Minister for Social Services (1968–1972) and Minister in Charge of Aboriginal Affairs (1968–1971). They discuss travelling to the tip of the Cape York Peninsula. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Wentworth, William Charles, 1907-2003

Wentworth, Barbara

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 4 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (34 min. 27 sec)

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Isobel and Gordon Raymond interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/30

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Isobel and Gordon Raymond discuss living at Kimba Station. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Raymond, Isobel

Raymond, Gordon

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Doreen McFarlane interview (1984)

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Date 1984

Scope and content

Oral history with Doreen McFarlane (nee Clark) who was born in Cooktown in 1914. She lived at Cooktown for most of her life prior to the Second World War. At the age of five, Doreen was an eyewitness to the 1919 fire which destroyed the Burns Philp store and adjoining properties. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

McFarlane, Doreen, 1914-

Jackson, Duncan

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Lady Ettie Morris interview (4 July 1983)

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Date 4 July 1983

Scope and content

Oral history with Lady Ettie Morris, wife of Sir Kenneth Morris, who was the Deputy Premier of Queensland from 1957-1962. Lady Morris, along with Sir Raphael Cilento, played a large role in the restoration of the Cooktown Convent so that it eventually became the James Cook Museum. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Morris, Ettie

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Dr Barry Goldman interview (1984)

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Date 1984

Scope and content

Oral history with Dr Barry Goldman, the Director of Lizard Island Research Station on the Great Barrier Reef. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Goldman, Barry

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Dorothy Brown interview (1983)

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Date 1983

Scope and content

Oral history with Dorothy Brown (nee Yateman) who discusses living in Rossville. Her father was Robert Yateman who migrated to Australia in 1891 and worked as a tin miner in Rossville. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Brown, Dorothy, 1911-

Jackson, Duncan

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Leffler Buhmann interview (1983)

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Scope and content

Oral history with Leffler Conrad John Buhmann who discusses his career as the Chairman of the Cook Shire. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Buhmann, Leffler Conrad John, 1913-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Ann Cameron and Walter Jack interview (1983)

Unit ID OH6/36

Date 1983

Scope and content

Oral history with Ann Cameron and Walter Jack, two Aborigines who were taken from their parents when they were very young and left in the care of the Lutheran Mission at Cape Bedford. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Cameron, Ann

Jack, Walter

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Tom Newman interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/37

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Tom Newman, a retired police sergeant who was stationed in Coen from 1960-1965 and Thursday Island from 1973-1976. He discusses his time in the police force and a shoot out between Bill Toohey and John Harris on the Cape York Peninsula in 1964. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Newman, Tom

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 4 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (1 hour 04 min. 9 sec)

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Fred Shephard interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/38

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Fred Shephard who discusses his family history, growing up in Coen and cattle droving. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Shephard, Fred, 1906-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Ernie Stephens (2nd interview) (1983)

Unit ID OH6/39

Date 1983

Scope and content

Oral history with Ernie Stephens who discusses the history of the Cooktown to Laura railway which closed in 1961. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Stephens, Ernie

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Doris Schipke interview: Part 1 (1984)

Unit ID OH6/40

Date 1984

Scope and content

First part of an oral history with Doris Schipke who discusses her father, Fred Schipke, who was responsible for the running of the trains and rail motors between Cooktown and Laura for

almost 25 years. The second part of the oral history continues at OH6/165. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Schipke, Doris, 1900-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Gertrude Shephard interview (1984)

Unit ID OH6/41

Date 1984

Scope and content

Oral history with Gertrude Shephard (nee Wallace) who discusses the history of the Wallace family. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Shephard, Gertrude

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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James Robert Waters interview (1984)

Unit ID OH6/42

Date 1984

Scope and content

Oral history with James Robert Waters who discusses living in Cooktown and working with Civil Aviation. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Waters, James Robert

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Elizabeth Catherine Waters interview (1984)

Unit ID OH6/43

Date 1984

Scope and content

Oral history with Elizabeth Catherine Waters who helped to establish the James Cook Museum. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Waters, Elizabeth Catherine

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 1 open reel audiotape 1 audiocassette (19 min. 49 sec)

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George Watkin interview (1984)

Unit ID OH6/44

Date 1984

Scope and content

Oral history with George Watkin who discusses carting goods between Helensvale to Cooktown using horse teams. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Watkin, George

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Effram Brown interview (1984)

Unit ID OH6/45

Date 1984

Scope and content

Oral history with Effram Brown, also known as Yogi Bear, who was employed as a painter of a

new ship loader at Evans Landing. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Brown, Efram

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Paxton Piel interview (1984)

Unit ID OH6/46

Date 1984

Scope and content

Oral history with Paxton Piel who worked for the Cook Shire Council in the Main Roads Department and then worked for mining company Enterprise Explorations (Comalco). The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Piel, Paxton

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Ken McDonald interview (1984)

Unit ID OH6/47

Date 1984

Scope and content

Oral history with Ken McDonald, mine manager at Weipa for Comalco. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

McDonald, Ken

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Eve Bluemink interview (1984)

Unit ID OH6/48

Date 1984

Scope and content

Oral history with Eve Bluemink, a Weipa housewife. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Bluemink, Eve

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 1 open reel audiotape 1 audiocassette (24 min. 25 sec)

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Charles Harding Wallace interview (1985)

Unit ID OH6/49

Date 1985

Scope and content

Oral history with Charles Harding Wallace. Charles Wallace was born in Herberton, the son of Charles Norman Wallace and Doreen Mary Wallace, who for years, were at Butcher Hill station, now Lakeland Downs. Charles Harding Wallace is the great grandson of James Earl who pioneered the Peninsula land settlement at Butcher Hill in 1874, at the time of the Palmer River gold rush. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Wallace, Charles Harding, 1924-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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William (Bow) Gostelow interview (1985)

Unit ID OH6/50

Date 1985

Scope and content

Oral history with William (Bow) Gostelow, who is the son of William Henry Gostelow and Rose Ann Fox. He tells the story of the Gostelow family who were pioneers of the Cape York cattle industry. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Gostelow, William, 1920-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Sister Mary Magdalen Bowe interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/51

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Sister Mary Magdalen Bowe who was stationed at the Cooktown Convent. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Bowe, Mary Magdalen

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Neville Mitchell interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/52

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Neville Mitchell who tells the story of himself and his brother Frank Mitchell, who after the Second World War, flew a Gipsy moth aircraft to Cairns and played a big part in the North's aviation history. The Mitchell brothers both started work for the Cairns Flying service. It was the first post war aerial service at Cairns. In time, it was succeeded by the North Queensland Aero Club. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Mitchell, Neville, 1917-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Eileen Chatfield interview (1984)

Unit ID OH6/53

Date 1984

Scope and content

Oral history with Eileen May Chatfield who discusses growing up in Cooktown. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Chatfield, Eileen May, 1906-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Bishop John Torpie and Claude Le Roy interview (1985)

Unit ID OH6/54

Date 1985

Scope and content

Oral history with Bishop John Torpie who played a major role in the handing over of the Cooktown Convent to the Queensland National Trust for use as a museum. It became the James Cook Museum. Also includes an interview with Claude Le Roy, who was the skipper of the Hales ferry and was involved in transporting the cast-iron spiral staircase of the Cooktown Convent to Cairns in boxes aboard the ferry. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Torpie, John

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Rene Hallam (1st interview) (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/55

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Rene Hallam who played a major role in the transformation of the Cooktown Convent into the James Cook Museum. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Hallam, Rene

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Daniel George Bolan interview (1985)

Unit ID OH6/56

Date 1985

Scope and content

Oral history with Daniel George Bolan who was born at Cooktown in 1905. He was the son of Daniel Edward Bolan and Frances May Ethel Bolan (nee Bathe). He talks about their life in Far North Queensland. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Bolan, Daniel George, 1905-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Sister Mary Bearchman Scanlon and Sister Mary Ormonde interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/57

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Sister Mary Bearchman Scanlon and Sister Mary Ormonde who were

stationed at the Cooktown Convent. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Bearchman Scanlon, Mary

Ormonde, Mary

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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George Adderton interview (June 1985)

Unit ID OH6/58

Date June 1985

Scope and content

Oral history with George Adderton who discusses his life on the Cape York Peninsula. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Adderton, George

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Claude Le Roy interview (1985)

Unit ID OH6/59

Date 1985

Scope and content

Oral history with Claude Le Roy who spent many years prospecting for gold and tin and this gave him great knowledge of the far north Queensland coastal area and its adjacent mountains. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A partial transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Le Roy, Claude

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Bruce Toohey interview (March 1985)

Unit ID OH6/60

Date March 1985

Scope and content

Oral history with Bruce Toohey who discusses managing cattle properties on the Cape York Peninsula. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Toohey, Bruce

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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George Snow interview (1984)

Unit ID OH6/61

Date 1984

Scope and content

Oral history with George Snow who discusses crocodile hunting and trochus shelling on the Cape York Peninsula. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Snow, George, 1923-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Betty Goodwin interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/62

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Betty Goodwin who discusses the Goodwin family's overland trip from Cairns to the tip of Cape York in 1963, her first impressions of Coen and running the Coen Hotel from 1964-1966. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Goodwin, Betty

Jackson, Duncan

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Oliver Jarrott interview (1983)

Unit ID OH6/63

Date 1983

Scope and content

Oral history with Oliver Jarrott who at the age of 70 went to Bamaga to find a water supply. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Jarrott, Oliver, 1891-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Sister Mary Angela Davies interview (September 1986)

Unit ID OH6/64

Date September 1986

Scope and content

Oral history with Sister Mary Angela Davies who talks about her childhood and her schooling at the Cooktown Convent. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Davies, Mary Angela, 1901-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Frank Sims interview (October 1985)

Unit ID OH6/65

Date October 1985

Scope and content

Oral history with Frank Sims who talks about being an itinerant teacher for the Primary Correspondence Schools on the Cape York Peninsula with his wife Colleen Sims. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Sims, Frank, 1941-

Jackson, Duncan

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Colleen Sims interview (October 1985)

Unit ID OH6/66

Date October 1985

Scope and content

Oral history with Colleen Sims who talks about being an itinerant teacher for the Primary Correspondence Schools on the Cape York Peninsula with her husband Frank Sims. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Sims, Colleen

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Alex Temperley interview (November 1985)

Unit ID OH6/67

Date November 1985

Scope and content

Oral history with Alex Temperley, the general manager of the Silica Sand Mining operations on Cape Flattery. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Temperley, Alex

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Kenny Jimmy interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/68

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Kenny Jimmy who was the counsellor for the Kowanyama community for 38 years. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Jimmy, Kenny

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Maude Frazer interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/69

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Maude Frazer who was a past chairman of the Kowanyama community. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Frazer, Maude

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Val O'Brien interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/70

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Val O'Brien who was the sister in charge at the hospital at Kowanyama. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

O'Brien, Val

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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John Goodin interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/71

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with John Goodin who was the community manager at Kowanyama. He discusses a sewage plant that was being developed at the time of the interview. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Goodin, John

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Robert Wallace Holroyd interview (December 1985)

Unit ID OH6/72

Date December 1985

Scope and content

Oral history with Robert Wallace Holroyd of the Edward River community. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Holroyd, Robert Wallace, 1930-
Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Mabel Pamulkan interview (1985)

Unit ID OH6/73

Date 1985

Scope and content

Oral history with Mabel Pamulkan who grew up on the Aurukun Mission. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Pamulkan, Mabel, 1907-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (19 min. 28 sec)

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Gerry Pascoe interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/74

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Gerry Pascoe who talks about life at Lockhart River and trochus shelling. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Pascoe, Gerry, 1935-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (22 min. 51 sec)

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Suzanne Hood interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/75

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Suzanne Hood who is a nurse from the Queensland Child Health Department and is associated with the Royal Australian Flying Doctors Service and flies in and out of the Cape York Peninsula. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Hood, Suzanne

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 1 open reel audiotape (9 min. 35 sec)

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Jim McDowall interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/76

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Jim McDowall who was the packhorse mailman from Laura to Coen. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

McDowall, Jim, 1919-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (35 min. 14 sec)

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Norman Traves interview (1986)

Unit ID OH6/77

Date 1986

Scope and content

Oral history with Norman Traves who was the Queensland managing director of consulting engineers, Gutteridge, Haskins & Davey in 1986. The engineering firm was asked by Enterprise Explorations to try and locate a large supply of fresh water for the treatment of bauxite at Weipa. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Traves, Norman, 1923-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (36 min. 24 sec)

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Ray Rose interview (1986)

Unit ID OH6/78

Date 1986

Scope and content

Oral history with Ray Rose, a director of consulting engineers, Gutteridge Haskins and Davey. He discusses the construction of the Rossville-Bloomfield Road. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Rose, Ray

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (17 min. 36 sec)

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Ruth Wallace interview (1986)

Unit ID OH6/79

Date 1986

Scope and content

Oral history with Ruth Wallace who talks about her upbringing. Ruth Wallace was born Ruth Warwick at Mornington Island in 1933. She was a member of the Lardle tribe. Her mother was an Aborigine from the Normanton-Burketown region who had a Philippino father and was taken away from her tribal mother when she was a little girl. Ruth's father was from the Roper River district in the Northern Territory. At the age of three, Ruth Warwick was brought to mainland Australia and was reared at the Mapoon mission on the Batavia River. The

interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Wallace, Ruth, 1933-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Lloyd Grigg interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/80

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Lloyd Grigg who talks about shooting crocodiles. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Grigg, Lloyd, 1916-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Queenie Waters interview (April 1986)

Unit ID OH6/81

Date April 1986

Scope and content

Oral history with Queenie Waters was born in Cooktown in 1916 and was adopted William Pitt's family of Bloomfield when only 2 weeks old. She talks about being raised in Bloomfield. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Waters, Queenie, 1916-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Leslie Edward Skinner interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/82

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Leslie Edward Skinner who worked for the Queensland Justice Department in a number of places including Cairns, Normanton and Thursday Island. Following his retirement in 1973, he wrote a book about the native police entitled 'Police of the Pastoral Frontier'. This interview covers the return of civilians to Thursday Island following the Second World War, his association with Bamaga as Under Secretary to the Justice Department and native police in Cape York. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Skinner, Leslie Edward, 1908-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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John Spearritt interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/83

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with John Spearritt who works for the lighthouse section of the Department of Transport. He discusses lighthouses on the Cape York Peninsula. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Spearritt, John

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Monica May Callaghan interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/84

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Monica May Callaghan who discusses living in Palmerville. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Callaghan, Monica May

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Captain William Thomas Cain interview (1986)

Unit ID OH6/85

Date 1986

Scope and content

Oral history with Captain William (Bill) Thomas Cain who was a pilot with the Torres Strait Pilot Service. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Cain, William Thomas, 1913-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (30 min. 40 sec)

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Herbert John Harris interview (July 1986)

Unit ID OH6/86

Date July 1986

Scope and content

Oral history with Herbert John Harris who was involved in contract mustering, grazing, droving and store keeping on the Cape York Peninsula. He also ran the Coen Hotel. He discusses cattle, Fred Kepple, Danny Charmaine, Alf Colman, the Coen Hotel and barramundi fishing. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Harris, Herbert John, 1931-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Ann Mason interview (1983)

Unit ID OH6/87

Date 1983

Scope and content

Oral history with Ann Mason who grew bananas at Baileys Creek at Cape Tribulation. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Mason, Ann, 1905-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Bill and Ann Mason interview (1983)

Unit ID OH6/88

Date 1983

Scope and content

Oral history with Bill Mason and his mother Ann Mason who were living at Cape Tribulation when a cyclone struck in 1934. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Mason, Ann, 1905-

Mason, Bill, 1925-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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John Albert Kaine interview (1986)

Unit ID OH6/89

Date 1986

Scope and content

Oral history with John Albert Kaine who was railway porter on the Cooktown to Laura railway. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Kaine, John Albert, 1913-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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William Athol McGuffie interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/90

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with William Athol McGuffie who discusses growing up and working in Cooktown, farming in the Endeavour Valley and working for Enterprise Exploration in Weipa. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

McGuffie, William Athol, 1913-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (38 min. 26 sec)

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Gladys Wallace Black interview (1967)

Unit ID OH6/91

Date 1967

Scope and content

Oral history with Gladys Wallace Black who was the daughter of David Black. David Black went into partnership with Bob Donald in 1920. Donald and Black were agents for the pearling vessels and for the John Burke Shipping Line. Gladys Black discusses Cooktown thriving and then declining. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Black, Gladys Wallace, 1890-1972

Jackson, Duncan

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Hugh Frederick Fisher interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/92

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Hugh Frederick Fisher who discusses working on the Wenlock Goldfield River and the local Aborigines. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Fisher, Hugh Frederick, 1916-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Rhonda Fisher interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/93

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Rhonda Fisher, a Wenlock housewife. She discusses her life on the Wenlock Goldfield. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Fisher, Rhonda, 1924-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (19 min. 12 sec)

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Percy William Parsons interview (1986)

Unit ID OH6/94

Date 1986

Scope and content

Oral history with Percy William Parsons who discusses the Maytown pack team. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Parsons, Percy William, 1918-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 2 audiocassettes (44 min. 49 sec)

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William Henry Lott Gordon interview (1986)

Unit ID OH6/95

Date 1986

Scope and content

Oral history with William Henry Lott Gordon who discusses working on various stations including Strathleven and Cape York pioneers. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Gordon, William Henry Lott, 1910-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Margaret O'Connor interview (1986)

Unit ID OH6/96

Date 1986

Scope and content

Oral history with Margaret O'Connor who discusses the new shopping complex O'Connor's

Arcade in Cooktown. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

O'Connor, Margaret

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Bert Cummings interview (1987)

Unit ID OH6/97

Date 1987

Scope and content

Oral history with Herbert William Cummings who discusses shipping cattle by boat from Cape York to Cairns, turtles and crocodiles. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Cummings, Herbert William

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Stanley Henry Boyd oral history (1967?)

Unit ID OH6/98

Date 1967?

Scope and content

Oral history with Stanley Henry Boyd who reads about the history of the Palmer River Goldfields. A transcript is available in Series 2 (included in OH6/102 transcript).

Author / Creator

Boyd, Stanley Henry, 1888-1970

Description

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Connie Gostelow interview (November 1987)

Unit ID OH6/99

Date November 1987

Scope and content

Oral history with Connie Gostelow who discusses growing up at Palmerville. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Gostelow, Connie

Jackson, Duncan

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Rene Hallam, Hans Looser and Stan Boyd interview (1967; 1987)

Unit ID OH6/100

Date 1967; 1987

Scope and content

Oral history with Rene Hallam, Hans Looser and Stan Boyd who tell the story of the Cooktown Museum. The interviews took place in 1967 and 1987. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Hallam, Rene

Looser, Hans, 1922-

Boyd, Stanley Henry, 1888-1970

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Eileen Amelia Wassell interview (August 1987)

Unit ID OH6/101

Date August 1987

Scope and content

Oral history with Eileen Amelia Wassell who discusses the Massey Brothers and their property Lalla Rook. The Massey Brothers were the first graziers to take up land on the Stewart River. Eileen also discusses operating Silver Plains Station. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Wassell, Eileen Amelia, 1909-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Billy Lakeland's story (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/102

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Doris Lakeland who discusses the life of Cape York prospector and explorer Billy Lakeland. Doris Lakeland is the widow of Billy Lakeland's son Leo. The introduction is by Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Lakeland, Doris

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Marion Herring interview (1967)

Unit ID OH6/103

Date 1967

Scope and content

Oral history with Marion Herring who discusses growing up in Cooktown. The introduction is by Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Herring, Marion, 1884-1975

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Iris Lillian Wallace interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/104

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Iris Lillian Wallace (nee Wharton) who discusses living on Merluna Station and life on the Cape York Peninsula. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Wallace, Iris Lillian, 1925-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Mary Shephard interview (November 1987)

Unit ID OH6/105

Date November 1987

Scope and content

Oral history with Mary Shephard who discusses living at Yarraden Station. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Shephard, Mary

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (12 min. 40 sec)

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Myles Gostelow interview (November 1987)

Unit ID OH6/106

Date November 1987

Scope and content

Oral history with Myles Gostelow who discusses the cattle industry in Cape York. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Gostelow, Myles, 1950-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Maurice Shephard interview (November 1987)

Unit ID OH6/107

Date November 1987

Scope and content

Oral history with Maurice Shephard who discusses the cattle industry in Cape York. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Shephard, Maurice, 1933-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (16 min. 44 sec)

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Cape York Peninsula shoot-out (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/108

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Tom Newman, Margaret Toohey and Iris Wallace who discuss the dramatic shoot-out that occurred in 1964 between two contract musterers, Bill Toohey and John Harris. This includes an abridged version of Tom Newman's recollections. The unabridged version is in OH6/180. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Newman, Tom

Toohey, Margaret, 1934-

Wallace, Iris Lillian, 1925-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Margaret Toohey interview (1989)

Unit ID OH6/109

Date 1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Margaret Toohey (nee Redman) who discusses living at Quintal Creek, working with cattle for John Kelly, crossing the Wenlock River and doing the mail run on Iron Range. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Toohey, Margaret, 1934-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (26 min.)

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Bill Toohey interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/110

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Bill Toohey who discusses working on the Cape York Peninsula. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Toohey, Bill

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 1 open reel audiotape (9 min. 21 sec)

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Ronald Charles Solomon interview (1986)

Unit ID OH6/111

Date 1986

Scope and content

Oral history with Ron Solomon who discusses droving and prospecting in Cape York. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Solomon, Ronald Charles

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (28 min. 43 sec)

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William Kennedy interview (1989)

Unit ID OH6/112

Date 1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Billy Kennedy who was the manager of a company that provided pastoral supplies to the Cape York Peninsula. He discusses constructing 67 pre-fabricated homes in Weipa. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Kennedy, William, 1919

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (18 min. 31 sec)

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Sister Denise Burns interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/113

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Sister Denise Burns who discusses her family history including her great-great grandfather John Savage who was the hotel keeper of the Carriers Arms Hotel in Cooktown from 1876 to his death in 1890. He was also the Cooktown mayor in 1887-1888. Denise Burns also discusses Sarah Savage, her great grandmother and daughter of John Savage and Sarah's husband Bill Doherty. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no

transcript.

Author / Creator

Burns, Denise

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Irene Vial interview (October 1987)

Unit ID OH6/114

Date October 1987

Scope and content

Oral history with Irene Vial who discusses her family who were pioneers of Port Douglas, her memories of Port Douglas and growing up at Mount Carbine. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Vial, Irene, 1904-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Sister Bernard Curran interview (1983)

Unit ID OH6/115

Date 1983

Scope and content

Oral history with Sister Bernard Curran who discusses living in Cooktown and the Cooktown Convent. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Curran, Bernard

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 1 audiocassette

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Alice Edith Elliot interview (1989)

Unit ID OH6/116

Date 1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Alice Edith Elliot (nee Hopkins) who discusses living on the Batavia Goldfield (Wenlock). The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Elliot, Alice Edith, 1916-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette

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Alma Hamilton Hansen interview (1989)

Unit ID OH6/117

Date 1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Alma Hamilton Hansen (nee Olsen) who discusses growing up in Cooktown. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Hansen, Alma Hamilton, 1904-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Sister Eileen Kendall interview (1989)

Unit ID OH6/118

Date 1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Sister Eileen Kendall who was a sister at the Cooktown Hospital. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Kendall, Eileen

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (20 min 57 sec.)

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Percival James Hatfield interview (1989)

Unit ID OH6/119

Date 1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Percival James Hatfield who discusses mining at Rossville. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Hatfield, Percival James, 1916-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (16 min 25 sec.)

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Elizabeth Lillian Downing interview (1989)

Unit ID OH6/120

Date 1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Elizabeth Lillian Downing (nee Hatfield) who discusses growing up at Rossville. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Downing, Elizabeth Lillian, 1913-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (8 min 16 sec.)

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Stanley Lionel Burton interview (1989)

Unit ID OH6/121

Date 1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Stanley Lionel Burton who discusses cattle trains and the Palmer River Goldfields. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Burton, Stanley Lionel, 1917-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette

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Hans Looser interview (1989)

Unit ID OH6/122

Date 1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Hans Looser who discusses immigrating to Cooktown from Germany after the Second World War. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Looser, Hans, 1922-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (31 min. 56 sec)

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Tom McDonald Monument unveiling ceremony (15 December 1960)

Unit ID OH6/123

Date 15 December 1960

Scope and content

Audio recording of the unveiling ceremony of the Tom McDonald Monument at the Cairns Airport. Tom McDonald was a pioneer of aviation in North Queensland. Includes speeches

from Arthur Meyers (President of the Chamber of Commerce), Alderman D'Arcy Chattaway and Tom McDonald. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

McDonald, Tom, 1892-1978

Meyers, Arthur

Chattaway, D'Arcy

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (24 min. 36 sec)

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Vince Vlasoff interview (1969)

Unit ID OH6/124

Date 1969

Scope and content

Audio recording of a radio segment with Vince Vlasoff, Master of the recovery vessel Tropic Seas, who recounts his discovery of the lost anchor and jettisoned cannon from Captain Cook's ship Endeavour. A successful recovery operation was mounted in 1969. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Vlasoff, Vince

Description

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Tom McDonald Air Race radio interview (1960)

Unit ID OH6/125

Date 1960

Scope and content

Radio interview with Tom McDonald regarding his aviation history and early life in far North Queensland. Tom McDonald was a pioneer of North Queensland aviation. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

McDonald, Tom, 1892-1978

Description

Description 1 open reel audiotape (8 min. 34 sec)

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Harry Purvis radio interview (15 December 1960)

Unit ID OH6/126

Date 15 December 1960

Scope and content

Radio interview with Harry Purvis regarding Tom McDonald, a pioneer of aviation in North Queensland. The interviewer is Phil McGuire, former ABC manager at Cairns. The interview took place on the unveiling of the Tom McDonald Monument at Cairns Airport. A transcript is available in Series 2 (included in OH6/123).

Author / Creator

Purvis, Harry

McGuire, Phil

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (4 min. 57 sec)

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Tom McDonald speech (November 1959)

Unit ID OH6/127

Date November 1959

Scope and content

Oral history with Tom McDonald, a pioneer of aviation in North Queensland who discusses his aviation career, Cape York air fields, Far North Queensland Air Service, air history and early problems. The speech was delivered to the Cairns Historical Society. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

McDonald, Tom, 1892-1978

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (46 min. 38 sec)

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Stanley Henry Boyd (1st interview) (1967)

Unit ID OH6/128

Date 1967

Scope and content

Oral history with Stan Boyd who discusses the Joss House inside the Cooktown Museum. A transcript is available in Series 2 (included in OH6/99).

Author / Creator

Boyd, Stanley Henry, 1888-1970

Description

Description 1 open reel audiotape (11 min. 18 sec.)

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Emily Cupitt interview (1989)

Unit ID OH6/129

Date 1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Emily Cupitt who discusses the re-opening of the Cape York post and telegraph office in 1945 with her husband Jack. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Cupitt, Emily

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 2 audiocassettes (16 min)

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Irene Taylor interview (1989)

Unit ID OH6/130

Date 1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Irene Taylor who operated a telegraph station at Coen. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2 (included in OH6/129).

Author / Creator

Taylor, Irene Mary May Theresa, 1917-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (5 min)

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Rollo Gallop (2nd interview) (1989)

Unit ID OH6/131

Date 1989

Scope and content

Rollo Gollop was a former engineer with the Main Roads Department and second administrator appointed of the Cook Shire Council. This interview covers most of his period with Main Roads and the development of roads in Cooktown and the Cape York Peninsula. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Gallop, Rollo D'Arcy, 1902-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (22 min. 20 sec)

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Henry John Fulford interview (1989)

Unit ID OH6/132

Date 1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Henry John Fulford, a retired engineer, who discusses growing up in Cooktown. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Fulford, Henry John, 1912-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Gertrude Shephard interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/133

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Gertrude Shephard who discusses being a boarder at the Cooktown Convent. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Shephard, Gertrude

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Bishop John Bathersby interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/134

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Bishop John Bathersby who discusses his first visit to Cape York. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Bathersby, John Alexius, 1936-2020

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Stanley Henry Boyd (2nd interview) (1967; 1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/135

Date 1967; 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Stanley Henry Boyd who discusses growing up in Coen and a piano that was restored. He also discusses about some of the artefacts that he collected for the Joss Museum in the Cooktown Museum. The narrator is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Boyd, Stanley Henry, 1888-1970

Jackson, Duncan

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Doris Lakeland (1st interview) (October 1987)

Unit ID OH6/136

Date October 1987

Scope and content

Oral history with Doris Lakeland who discusses Billy Webb, prospector and explorer, and his wife. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Lakeland, Doris

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Donald Joseph Sheehy interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/137

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Don Sheehy who discusses the history of the Cape York telegraph service. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Sheehy, Donald Joseph

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Walter Alexander Burnell interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/138

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Wally Burnell who discusses his electrical apprenticeship with H.R. Kennedy in 1936 on the Cape York Peninsula and installing the wiring for a signal station at the Cooktown Convent. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Burnell, Walter Alexander, 1921-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (9 min. 8 sec)

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Doris Daisy Bassani interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/139

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Doris Bassani (nee White) who discusses living at Wenlock, Coen and Laura. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Bassani, Doris Daisy, 1919-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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David Henry Hopton interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/140

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with David Henry Hopton who discusses his aviation career in the Cape York Peninsula with Australia National Airways and Ansett. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Hopton, David Henry

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Beryl Eileen Dean interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/141

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Beryl Eileen Dean (nee Smith) who discusses working on Strathburn Station. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Dean, Beryl Eileen, 1920-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Daniel James Moynahan interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/142

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Daniel James Moynahan who discusses his education at the Cooktown Convent and his father, Daniel Patrick Moynahan's vessel that travelled up the North Queensland coast transporting beche-de-mer and other goods. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Moynahan, Daniel James, 1900-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (26 min. 12 sec)

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George Donald Ahlers interview (1983-1989)

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Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with George Donald Ahlers who discusses working on the stations at Lakefield, Laura and Maitland Downs. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Ahlers, George Donald, 1925-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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William Joseph Gard interview (1983-1989)

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Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with William Joseph Gard who discusses airports on the Cape York Peninsula. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Gard, William Joseph, 1927-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (13 min. 26 sec)

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Beryl Farquhar interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/145

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Beryl Farquhar who discusses pearling and Thursday Island. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Farquhar, Beryl, 1912-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (32 min. 51 sec)

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Joyce Ahlers interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/146

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Joyce Harding Ahlers who discusses growing up at Butcher Hill. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Ahlers, Joyce Harding, 1925-
Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Theresa Heinemann (1st interview) (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/147

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Theresa Delphena Heinemann who discusses growing up at Mapoon Mission. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Heinemann, Theresa Delphena, 1930-
Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Louisa Eleanor Boyd reminiscence (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/148

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history featuring Louisa Eleanor Boyd's reminiscence of her impressions of her journey to Merluna Station in 1888 that was published in the Cooktown Independent newspaper on 26 July 1937. The abridged version is narrated by Doris Bassani. The introduction is provided by Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Boyd, Louisa Eleanor
Jackson, Duncan
Bassani, Doris Daisy, 1919-

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (6 min. 28 sec)

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Rene Hallam (2nd interview) (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/149

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Rene Hallam who discusses her involvement with the Great Barrier Reef including her participation in the 1928 scientific expedition to North West Island and her other work of preparing corals for displays in museums, exhibitions etc. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Hallam, Rene

Jackson, Duncan

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Other guides Transcript available

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Joseph Daniel McGinness interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/150

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Joe McGinness who discusses the Aboriginal communities on the Cape York Peninsular. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

McGinness, Joseph Daniel, 1914-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (42 min. 58 sec)

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David Hurse interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/151

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with David Hurse who discusses working at Lakeland Downs. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Hurse, David, 1929-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (17 min. 12 sec)

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Roderick Clarence Heinemann interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/152

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Rod Heinemann who discusses working as a grazier and drover on the Cape York Peninsular. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Heinemann, Roderick Clarence, 1908-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (19 min. 26 sec)

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Clive Basil Quartermaine interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/153

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Clive Quartermaine who discusses the cattle industry and Merluna Station. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Quartermaine, Clive Basil, 1923-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (18 min. 07 sec)

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Daphne Grace Jewell interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/154

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Daphne Grace Jewell who discusses growing up in Croydon and the Croydon gold strike. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Jewell, Daphne Grace, 1910-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (32 min. 22 sec)

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Gilbert Edward Bennion interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/155

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Gilbert Edward Bennion who discusses living in Croydon and the gold days in Croydon. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Bennion, Gilbert Edward, 1898-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (46 min. 25 sec)

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Weipa Olive Scott interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/156

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Weipa Olive Scott who discusses the Weipa Mission and her father driving from Townsville to Cape York. It was the first car to be driven across the Cape from Cooktown to Weipa. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Scott, Weipa Olive, 1922-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (41 min. 45 sec)

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Peter Marriot interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/157

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Peter Marriot who discusses Holroyd cattle, Cape York, Crocodile Station and Lakeland Downs. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Marriot, Peter, 1950-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

Description 2 open reel audiotapes 1 audiocassette (34 min. 54 sec)

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Royce Edward Lee interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/158

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Royce Edward Lee who discusses growing up and living in Cooktown. He worked for the Council as a garbage man for 20 years. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Lee, Royce Edward, 1925-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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William Joseph Baker interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/159

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with William Joseph Baker who discusses the timber industry in the Cooktown Peninsular. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Baker, William Joseph, 1923-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Alan Stewart Cane interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/160

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Alan Stewart Cane who discusses who discusses his work with the Department of Primary Industries as a caretaker on the Cape York Peninsular, the cattle industry, the Mapoon Mission, Jardine country, the Cape York Spaceport and the lifestyle and traditions of the local Aborigines. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Cane, Alan Stewart

Jackson, Duncan

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Theresa Heinemann (2nd interview) (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/161

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Theresa Heinemann who discusses Cape York Aborigines. The interviewer is

Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Heinemann, Theresa Delphena, 1930-
Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Professor Bruce Rigsby interview (1989)

Unit ID OH6/162

Date 1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Professor Bruce Rigsby, who is a Professor of Anthropology at the University of Queensland. He discusses Aboriginal language research in the Princess Charlotte Bay region and Aboriginal politics. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Rigsby, Bruce, 1937-
Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Bishop Tony Hall-Matthews interview (1989)

Unit ID OH6/163

Date 1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Bishop Tony Hall-Matthews, the Anglican Bishop of Carpentaria, who discusses the Carpentaria Aerial Mission and Aboriginal communities. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Hall-Matthews, Anthony Francis, 1940-
Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Alojz Komsic interview (1989)

Unit ID OH6/164

Date 1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Alojz (Loui) Komsic who discusses crocodile shooting and barramundi fishing on the Cape York Peninsular. He also discusses the Marina Plains and the Palmer Rive Cafe. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Komsic, Alojz, 1935-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Doris Schipke interview: Part 2 (1984)

Unit ID OH6/165

Date 1984

Scope and content

Second part of an oral history with Doris Schipke who discusses her father, Fred Schipke, and his musical life as band leader of various Cooktown bands including the Cooktown Rifle Club Band. She names the Cooktown visitors in her Cairns home on the day of the interview, and their relationships to each other. The first part of the oral history starts at OH6/40. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Schipke, Doris, 1900-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Fred Keppel's story (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/166

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Irene Taylor, Eileen Wassell and Iris Wallace who discuss the life of Cape York cattleman Fred Keppel. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Taylor, Irene Mary May Theresa, 1917-

Wassell, Eileen Amelia, 1909-

Wallace, Iris Lillian, 1925-

Jackson, Duncan

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Cecil Holdcroft interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/167

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Cecil Holdcroft, who was the mail contractor on the Herberton-Irvinebank run and was the last person to operate a coach run in the Far North. He was awarded the MBE in 1969 for services to Local Government which included 36 years in the Herberton Shire Council and 14 years as Chairman of the Cairns Electricity Board. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Holdcroft, Cecil, 1904-1985

Jackson, Duncan

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Herbert Arthur Adair interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/168

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Herbert Arthur (Bunny) Adair, the State Member for Cook from 1953-1969. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Adair, Herbert Arthur, 1905-1994

Jackson, Duncan

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James Henry Baines interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/169

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with James Henry Baines, an artist who paints murals on the walls of Cooktown hotels. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Baines, James Henry, 1944-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Lorraine Ferguson interview (July 1989)

Unit ID OH6/170

Date July 1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Lorraine Ferguson, President of the Cairns Aero Outpost Branch of the Queensland Country Women's Association. She conducts handicraft classes over the Australian Flying Doctors two-way radio service from her home at Marble Creek, Chillagoe. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Ferguson, Lorraine

Jackson, Duncan

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Catherine Innis-Will interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/171

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Catherine Innis-Will (nee Mackay), wife of Norman Alfred Innis Will who was

the curator of the Cooktown Museum during the 1970s. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Innis Will, Catherine

Jackson, Duncan

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Arthur Albert Buckler interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/172

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Arthur Albert Buckler who started working for the Post-Master General's Department in Cairns at the age of 15 as a telegram boy. He later trained as a linesman in Townsville and worked on the Cape York Peninsular. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Buckler, Arthur Albert, 1939-

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Colleen Grace Honery interview (December 1989)

Unit ID OH6/173

Date December 1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Colleen Grace Honery who, with her husband Erwin, raised cattle at Wattle Hills Station. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Honery, Colleen Grace

Jackson, Duncan

Description

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Erwin Arthur Honery interview (December 1989)

Unit ID OH6/174

Date December 1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Erwin Arthur Honery who discusses cattle and gold prospecting on the Cape York Peninsular. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Honery, Erwin Arthur

Jackson, Duncan

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Canon John Alfred Warby interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/175

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Canon John Alfred Warby who discusses the first Aboriginal Co-Operative and was the Superintendent of the Lockhart River Mission in the 1950s. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Warby, John Alfred, 1916-

Jackson, Duncan

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Keith and Jennifer Barnes interview (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/176

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Keith and Jennifer Barnes who discusses the first Jardine River ferries. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. There is no transcript.

Author / Creator

Barnes, Keith Neville, 1929-

Barnes, Jennifer

Jackson, Duncan

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Rene Hallam (3rd interview) (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/177

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Rene Hallam who discusses starting the re-enactment of Captain James Cook, the 1949 cyclone and running a resort on Hayman Island. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. The transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Hallam, Rene

Jackson, Duncan

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Doris Lakeland (2nd interview) (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/178

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Doris Lakeland who discusses living in Cooktown and drug use on Cape York. Doris Lakeland is the widow of Billy Lakeland's son Leo. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Lakeland, Doris

Jackson, Duncan

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Cape York Peninsula shoot-out (unabridged) (1983-1989)

Unit ID OH6/179

Date 1983-1989

Scope and content

Oral history with Tom Newman who discusses the dramatic shoot-out that occurred in 1964 between two contract musters, Bill Toohey and John Harris. This is the unabridged version. The interviewer is Duncan Jackson. A transcript is available in Series 2.

Author / Creator

Newman, Tom

Jackson, Duncan

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Series 2: Transcripts (1983-1989)

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Series title Transcripts

Date 1983-1989

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Jackson, Duncan

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Description 6 volumes

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Date 1983

Scope and content

First volume of the bound transcripts for the following oral histories recorded in 1983:

- Leffler Buhmann
- Ernie Kerr
- Rollo Gallop
- Irene Taylor
- Bridget Connolly
- Bill Russell
- Beatrice Parsons
- James Simpson Love Home 25th anniversary (Coen Hospital)
- Walter Jack
- Ann Cameron
- Evelyn Martin
- Bill Ward
- Colin Ford
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Volume 2 (1984)

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Date 1984

Scope and content

Second volume of the bound transcripts for the following oral histories recorded in 1984:

- Tom Newman
- Rex Johnson
- Micky Finn
- Dick Dyer
- Stan Holland
- Sir Clarence Byrne
- Laurie Hicks
- Cecil Murdoch
- Doris Schipke
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Volume 3 (1985)

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Scope and content

Third volume of the bound transcripts for the following oral histories recorded in 1985:

- Doreen McFarlane
- Doris Schipke
- Ann Colman
- William Gostelow
- Colleen Sims
- Frank Sims
- Rene Hallam
- Neville Mitchell
- Val O'Brien
- Maude Frazer
- Kenny Jimmy
- John Goodin
- Kathleen Chatfield
- Eileen Chatfield
- Kathleen Savage
- Claude Le Roy
- Rene Hallam (2nd transcript)
- Mabel Pamulkan
- Robert Holroyd
- George Snow
- Daniel Bolan
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Fourth volume of the bound transcripts for the following oral histories recorded in 1989:

- Bruce Toohey
- Gerry Pascoe
- Norman Traves
- George Adderton
- Ruth Wallace
- Ray Rose
- Clive Foyster
- Vic Masterson
- Lloyd Grigg
- Betty Goodwin
- Jim McDowall
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Date 1989

Scope and content

Fifth volume of the bound transcripts for the following oral histories recorded in 1989:

- Ann Mason
- Bill and Ann Mason
- Rhonda Fisher
- Oliver Jarrott
- Sister Mary Davies
- William McGuffie
- Hugh Fisher
- Percy Parsons
- Hugh Fisher (2nd transcript)
- William Gordon
- Margaret O'Connor
- Bert Cummings
- Eileen Wassell
- Sister Bernard Curran
- Billy Lakeland
- Doris Lakeland
- Marion Herring
- Gladys Black
- Cape York Shoot-Out (Tom Newman, Margaret Toohey, Iris Wallace)
- Mary Shephard
- Connie Gostelow
- Irene Vial
- Iris Wallace

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Volume 6 (1989)

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Date 1989

Scope and content

Sixth volume of the bound transcripts for the following oral histories recorded in 1989:

- Margaret Toohey
- Ron Solomon
- William Kennedy
- Alice Elliott
- Percival Hatfield
- Elizabeth Downing
- Alma Hansen
- Stanley Burton
- Tom McDonald Monument unveiling ceremony
- Harry Purvis
- Eileen Kendall
- Tom McDonald speech
- Sister Mary Scanlon
- Sister Mary Bowe
- Hans Looser
- Rene Hallam, Hans Looser, Stan Boyd
- Rollo Gallop
- Emily Cupitt
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