



ARAFURA RESEARCH ARCHIVE

16-009 BETH GRAHAM COLLECTION

ITEM LIST

BOX 1 – LETTERS

NB. Sub-folders 1-13 contain original, hand-written letters and a typed first draft of those letters.

Folder 1

Milingimbi 1962 - Yirrkala 1963

Sub-folder	Description	Date range	Format	Comments
1	Letters 1/63 – 5/63 (Darwin - Milingimbi)	1 Dec 1962 – 1 Jan 1963	Paper	The typed first draft of these letters includes an introduction to the letters, as well as

				information about Myrtle Homes ('the collector of the letters') and Beth and Leigh Graham.
2	Letters 6/63 – 15/63 (Yirrkala)	21 Jan 1963 – 31 March 1963	Paper	
3	Letters 15A/63 – 27/63 (Yirrkala)	1 April 1963 – 30 June 1963	Paper	
4	Letters 28/63 – 34/63 (Yirrkala)	1 July 1963 – 30 Sept 1963	Paper	
5	Letters 35a/63 – 47/63 (Yirrkala)	1 Oct 1963 – 30 Dec 1963	Paper	

Folder 2**Yirrkala 1964**

Sub-folder	Description	Date range	Format	Comments
6	Letters 1/64 – 14/64 (Yirrkala)	1 Jan 1964 – 30 March 1964	Paper	
7	Letters 15/64 – 25/64 (Yirrkala)	1 April 1964 – 30 June 1964	Paper	
8	Letters 26/64 – 39/64 (Yirrkala)	1 July 1964 – 30 Sept 1964	Paper	
9	Letters 40/64 – 54/64 (Yirrkala)	1 Oct 1964 – 30 Dec 1964	Paper	

Folder 3				
Yirrkala 1965				
Sub-folder	Description	Date range	Format	Comments
10	Letters 1/65 – 10/65 (Yirrkala)	1 Jan 1965 – 30 March 1965	Paper	
11	Letters 11/65 – 27/65 (Yirrkala)	5 April 1965 – 12 Aug 1965	Paper	
Folder 4				
Croker Island Aug 1965 – Jan 1966				
Sub-folder	Description	Date range	Format	Comments
12	Letters C1 – C7 (Croker Island)	15 Aug 1965 – 20 Sept 1965	Paper	
13	Letters C8 – C20 (Croker Island)	4 Oct 1965 – Dec 1965	Paper	The typed first draft includes additional text titled 'Leaving Arnhem Land'.

BOX 2: "Other materials related to this time"			
Folder 5			
Description	Date	Format	Comment
Four black and white photos taken in Yirrkala: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Graham family's home • The church (exterior) • The church (interior) • Old store and workshop 	n.d.	Photos	
Croker Island News (newsletter)	Nov 1965	Paper	
Transcript of a tape made by Dough Tuffin in conversation with [Rev.] Gowan Armstrong Re: the discovery of bauxite at Yirrkala, the excision of land from the Arnhem Aboriginal Land reserve for mining, and the creation of the Yirrkala bark petitions	2001	Paper	Note attached to the transcript reads 'I contacted Gowan Armstrong and he was happy for this interview to be archived. Both men feature in the letters'.

Leigh's diary	Dec 1962 – April 1963	Paper	Typescript
Two black and white photos of 'Canoe making, learned from Macassans'	n.d.	Photos	
Folder 6 Information related to the Work Party [May 1964]			
Description	Date	Format	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yirrkala Work Party May 1964 (brochure) – has Leigh Graham's name on the front cover and handwritten notes on the last page • Newspaper article from The Standard, 3 Sept 1963, 'Working party planned for Yirrkala Mission'. Incl. pictures of Mr Archie Graham, Rev. Gordon Symons and Mr and Mrs Leigh Graham • 'Blueprint for the future' ["written by EN Homes (Beth's Dad) after the Work Party"] • 'Aboriginal education at Yirrkala' by EN Homes 	1963-1964	Paper	Brochure is fragile

Folder 7			
Report from the Select Committee [1963]			
Description	Date	Format	Comment
Report from the Select Committee on Grievances of Yirrkala Aborigines, Arnhem Land Reserve, together with Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee	1963	Paper	Some foxing, first three pages torn
Folder 8			
Papers Presented to Synod on Indigenous Leadership and Christian Marriage	1965	Paper	
'Developing Indigenous Leadership in the Church' by Rev. MI Spengler			
'The Development of Indigenous Leadership Within the Church' by Beulah M Lowe			
'Developing Indigenous Leadership in the Church' by Rev. G Armstrong			
'Christian Marriage and Family Life' by Beulah M Lowe			
'Marriage and Polygamy' by Rev. Gowan Armstrong			

'Christian Marriage Among Aborigines' by Heather Hinch			
Folder 8 also contains: 'Community Life and Development' (author unknown)	n.d.		
Other items			
Item 1: Colour slides from Yirrkala, 1964-1978		Slides	The slides and their labels include images and names of people who may have since passed away.
Item 2: 'NT Letters Final' Typed versions of the letters, including introductory material and 'Leaving Arnhem Land'		CD ReWritable	

<p>Item 3: ‘Arafura Archives – Beth Graham’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Images taken from colour slides, 1964-1978 (originals are at Item 1) • Photos of canoe making (originals in Folder 5) • Report from the Select Committee, 1963 (original in Folder 7) • Papers Presented to Synod, 1965 (original in Folder 8) • Community Life and Development (original in Folder 8) 		DVD	NB. The slides include images of people who may have since passed away.
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