Preservation of evidence Interview with Elizabeth Dowton and Greg McIntyre

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GM: Do you remember when you were told you were born, what your birthday is?

ED: Yeah, the 7/11/1945.

GM: And, and who was your father?

ED: I don't know his name is well I only know his father is Kunyan Birra [Kunyanybina], tha's all.

GM: And is that his black fella name?

ED: Yeah.

GM: And which country did your father come from?

ED: Here.

GM: Do you know where he was born?

ED: He born in Hamersley...

GM: Do you know your father's black fella name?

ED: That's his name. Tooky [Chooky].

GM: Do you know the name Mindan Burra?

ED: Mindi Burray, because he got like that (shows which finger is missing), his finger, got cut off by a machine, by mucking around in a shearing shed...

GM: And do you know who his mother was?

ED: Budana.

GM: Ok and Budana which country was she from?

ED: Who? Budana? This her country too.

GM: And what language did she talk?

ED: Bunyjima.

GM: And this country, who does this country belong to?

ED: Well Tommy Tucker all that family now Buda and Coonyan are all in one mob one big family.

GM: Have you heard the name Bob Wirrimurra Tucker?

ED: Yeah, Wirrilymurra well we all Wirrlymurra.

Gm: Whya re you all Wirrlymurra?

ED: Well that's where we started from Wirrlymurra...

GM: Did you know George Cutcross?

ED: Yeah that's my pop too.

GM: And did they have any children?

ED: Yeah Uncle Rigawana, Lorna's Dad and Uncle Cookie.

GM: Ok, and do you remember Gunyabinda [Kunyanybina].

ED: Gunyunbidda [Kunyanybina], that's my pop.

GM: Who was his wife they?

ED: That's her now, Budana.

GM: Ok, and did they have any children as well? That Bunyunbidda [Kunyanybina].did he have any kids?

ED: That's him now Dad and uncle Cookie, and Aunty here we trying to find her grave now?

GM: Ok, and where is ths place we are at now?

ED: This is Cowra Station, our camp.

GM: Alright and who's grave are we looking for here?3

ED: My Aunty, Aunty Whitehead.