

The Kaingang dataset

Source : Jules Henry (1941), *Jungle People*. A Kaingang tribe of the highlands of Brazil. Richmond, VA: J.J. Augustin

Coding : Douglas R. White, completed and corrected by Klaus Hamberger and Isabelle Daillant for the Kinsources project, July 2015

Ethnographic and data collection context

The dataset is based on Jules Henry's report on the Kaingang (Aweikoma) of the Duque de Caxias reservation in the municipality of Dalbergia, state of Santa Catarina, Brazil. At the time of fieldwork (1932-34) they numbered 106 people. The Kaingang have been traditionally hunter-gatherers practicing uxorilocal residence and cognatic kinship, but had begun to till the soil and to live in Brazilian-type houses by the time of Henry's visit. Polygyny was still practiced but polyandry had been given up.

Dataset history

The dataset is based on the extensive name index of Henry's book. All persons mentioned in the index (alive, dead or fictive) are part of the dataset. Relations of kinship and marriage, as well as (in one case each) fosterage and murder, have been coded from information given in the book and indicated in the index.

Except two small diagrams on pp. 52 and 53, Henry's book does not contain any comprehensive genealogical representation. The network has been coded from information drawn from the plain text by Douglas R. White for the Linkages project. White's original dataset has been completed and corrected by Klaus Hamberger and Isabelle Daillant for the Kinsources project. In particular, several personalities identified by White as one and the same person have been coded as separate persons in conformity with the original index. White's notes and suggestions have been kept in the "CODER" field.

The dataset is meant to be used together with Jules Henry's book (to which index and pages refer). It should be considered as a tool for navigation in a dense ethnographic account, rather than as a basis for statistical analysis.

Dataset overview

INDIVIDUALS			
Field	Type	Comment	Source
ID	Numeric	Original numbering of Douglas White (1-133), completed by Klaus Hamberger (133-165)	-
NAME	Text	Name	Given in the index
GENDER	Char	Gender (H for men, F for women)	Occasionally indicated in the index, otherwise in the main text
AGE	Text or Numeric	Age in years or indication of age ("young", "old")	Part of the index commentary
ALIVE	Boolean	Yes / No according to life status during the author's visit. The field is left empty for fictive persons.	Dead persons indicated by (d) in the index.
CODER	Text	Comments of the original coder D.R. White. Comments of the Kinsources coders are added in brackets.	-
DEAT_DATE	Numeric	Death year	Part of the index commentary
INDEX	Text	The location of the index entry in the book. Homonymous entries are distinguished by lower case letters.	Page of the index. Missing for information that has been directly drawn from the main text.
CHARACTER	Text	Particular types of persons ("Mythical character", "Feud personality" etc.)	Part of the index commentary
NOTE	Text	Notes on the age, character, kinship relations and actions of the person	The full index commentary
PAGES	Text	Pages of the book referring to the person	Pages given in the index

FOSTERAGE Relation			
Field	Type	Comment	Source Coding
FOSTERPARENT	Numeric	Id of the foster parent	Information from index and main text
FOSTERCHILD	Numeric	Id of the foster child	Information from index and main text

MURDER Relation			
Field	Type	Comment	Source Coding
MURDERER	Numeric	Id of the murderer	Information from index and main text
VICTIM	Numeric	Id of the victim	Information from index and main text