

The Tingha dataset

Source : M. Fennel and A. Grey in collaboration with the Aboriginal people of Tinga, N.S.W.: Nucoorilma. Sydney: Dept. of Adult Education, University of Sydney. 1974

Coding : Michael Houseman and Klaus Hamberger for the Kinsources project

Ethnographic context

The dataset provides the genealogy of the Munro family, which forms part of the Nucoorilma aboriginal people of the town Tingha in the Northern Tablelands, New South Wales.

The Nucoorilma practice matrilineal residence. Marriages have been supposed to be organized by a four-section system (Radcliffe-Brown) or a system valorizing the generational level, which is, however, belied by the frequency of oblique marriages (as indicated in the source itself). Moiety systems also have been reported, but no moiety affiliation is indicated in the source, and correct marriages include marriages within the patronym. Native informants claim that correct marriages are with relatives (through consanguine or affinal ties), no matter of which degree; while marriages outside the group are considered as incorrect.

Data sources and coding

Data are presented in the form of an extended genealogical chart including the cognatic descendants of John Munro, who first adopted the name of the station owner. The chart contains only names, as well as indication of the correct or incorrect character of marriages, and occasional information on the context or consequences of (mainly incorrect) marriages. Gender is not explicitly indicated but derived from first names.

A selected extraction of the genealogy (about 10%) has first been coded by Michael Houseman for the Linkages project, the rest has been completed by Klaus Hamberger for the Kinsources project.

Coding Overview

Field	Type	Comment	Source Coding
INDIVIDUALS			
ID	Numeric	Individuals are not numbered in the original dataset. Numbers 1-91 correspond to M. Houseman's first coding. The rest of the numbers has been systematically assigned according to genealogical positions (starting at the top)	-
Name	Text	The English first and family name.	Indicated on the chart
Gender	Char	Derived from first names	-
ORD	Numeric	The birth order	Position in the genealogical chart (from left to right or top to bottom)
CODER	Text	Comments of the coder	
NOTE	Text	Occasional notes on marriage, life course or section affiliation	Information given in parentheses
ORIG_PLACE	Text	The origin place of the person, including race and occasionally nationality for Whites	Information given in parentheses
SURN	Text	The person's surname	