
Register of the Kenneth E. Read Papers MSS 434

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: The papers of anthropologist and professor Kenneth E. Read contain typescript articles and essays based on his field work in Papua New Guinea in the 1940s - 1950s, as well as 1981-1982. Also included are three papers written by patrol officers, during training, at the Australian School of Pacific Administration as part of classes taught by Read.

Creator: Read, Kenneth E

Biography

Kenneth E. Read was born in Sydney, Australia, in 1917. He obtained his undergraduate degree at the University of Sydney in 1939. After serving in the Royal Australian Army during World War II, during which he spent time in New Guinea, Read returned to the University of Sydney where he obtained his MA in Anthropology.

After completing his PhD in Anthropology at the University of London, Read returned to Australia. From 1950-1952 Read worked as a Research Fellow at the Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University. During this time, he began research among the Gahuku-Gama people of Goroka District of the Eastern Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea.

Read went on to become Senior Lecturer in Anthropology at the Australian School of Pacific Administration in Sydney (1953-56). He then moved to Seattle, Washington to teach in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Washington. Throughout his career, Read wrote and published a number of scholarly papers based on his field work in Papua New Guinea. He also published the books *The High Valley* (1965) and *Return to the High Valley* (1986), based on his time with the Gahuku.

Read passed away in Seattle on November 13, 1995.

Acquisition Note

Not Available

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Scope and Contents of Collection

The papers of anthropologist and professor Kenneth E. Read contain original typescripts of work by Read and others. The collection has been arranged in two series: 1) WRITINGS BY READ and 2) WRITINGS BY OTHERS.

SERIES 1: WRITINGS BY READ

The series WRITINGS BY READ includes typescript articles, essays, and surveys written by Read. Many of these papers are based on field work compiled while living among the Gahuku-Gama people of Goroka District of the Eastern Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea. One folder of miscellaneous materials includes two agricultural surveys - one detailing yam gardens in Tofmora, the other describing work performed in banana plantations. Works in this series are undated and have been arranged alphabetically by title.

SERIES 2: WRITINGS BY OTHERS

The series WRITINGS BY OTHERS contains typescript papers written by patrol officers in training at the Australian School of Pacific Administration (ASOPA) for classes taught by Read. The folders are arranged alphabetically by author.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Read, Kenneth E. -- Archives

Eastern Highlands Province (Papua New Guinea) -- Social life and customs -- Archives

Ethnology -- Papua New Guinea -- Eastern Highlands Province -- Archives

Gahuku (Papua New Guinean people) -- Social life and customs -- Archives

WRITINGS BY READ

Box 1, Folder 1 **Developmental Prospects in the Central Highlands of New Guinea [1951]**
Box 1, Folder 2 **Full Circle: Impressions on Returning to the Guhuku-Gama, Eastern Highlands
Province, Papua New Guinea [1980s]**

Box 1, Folder 3 **Leadership and Consensus in a New Guinea Society [1959]**
Box 1, Folder 4 **Notes on Field Work in the Goroka Valley undated**
Box 1, Folder 5 **Political System of the Gahuku-Gama undated**
Box 1, Folder 6 **The Political System of the Ngarawapum [1950]**
Box 1, Folder 7 **Property and Capital in Production undated**
Box 1, Folder 8 **Some Aspects of Political Organization in the Markham Valley - Address to the
Anthropological Association of New South Wales undated**

Box 1, Folder 9 **Miscellaneous surveys & papers undated**

WRITINGS BY OTHERS

Box 1, Folder 10 **Aisbett, R. - The Social Structure of the Tanga undated**
Box 1, Folder 11 **Carey, Arthur - An Area study of Goroka Sub-District, Eastern Highlands District of
New Guinea, with Special Reference to Economic Development undated**
Box 1, Folder 12 **Smith, E.V. - Social Structure of Peri/Poinchal Village in the Manus District undated**