

**Daisy Bates Papers**

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**Series 5: 'Notes not for legends or included in Aborigines: Odd notes only'**

**V, 14, 1-14 various paper scraps, transcribed J. Walkley**

Bibbulmun 'family tree' 1 p.– important but I can't read my pencilled notes.

Boolardee pedigree 2 p. – names, some illegible

A little miniature grave was made on the spot where the dead woman lay and a piece of her dress was placed at the head in order to let her son know that she was dead. Her head was placed in the direction from whence she came (westward). The sand taken out was placed in a north and south direction, the grave was made east and west, a few logs are placed in the heap to keep the half circle intact, bushes are placed on top of the half circle to form a kind of ngoora. The grave is deepened and widened at bottom, a sort of drive being made northward and westward. For several yards round the grave the ground was cleared and swept and made as clean as possible and the (about 4 feet 6) bushes were placed in the bottom of the grave and the grave digger lay in the grave to see if it were the right length. Ngubbaru and Koorita made the grave.

Marginal note Booreeangoo name of dead woman.