Entry type: Person
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Balbuk, Fanny

(1840 - 1907)

Born	18400101, Heirisson Island, Swan River Western Australia Australia
Died	19070320, Perth Western Australia Australia
Occupation	Aboriginal rights activist

Summary

Fanny Balbuk was a prominent Noongar woman and an informant on Noongar culture and history to anthropologist Daisy Bates. She is renowned for protesting at Government House about the occupation of her traditional land around Perth.

The information which Fanny Balbuk passed on to Daisy Bates played an important role in the native title claim of 19 September 2006, whereby Justice Wilcox of the Federal Court of Australia found that Noongar people held native title rights over parts of the Perth area.

Archival resources

National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection
Papers of Daisy Bates, 1833-1990 [manuscript]

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