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CLASS DIVISIONS, MARRIAGE LAWS

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The following divisions obtain amongst the Hall's Creek district natives and probably extend northward towards Wyndham and westward towards the Fitzroy. Their southern and eastern approximate boundaries were unobtainable. The manner in which these divisions can enter the 4 class divisions of the Western Kimberleys is also shown.

The Hall's Creek subdivisions are apparently 8, but in reality they are only 4, and their marriages are strictly in accordance with those of the Western Kimberley divisions.

Boorong	{ Jowalyee male Ngowajil female	Jaggara male Ngaggara female	} Banaka
Kaimera	{ Joongara male Nganjelee female	Jangara male Ngangala female	} Paljeri

There are further subdivisional names given to classes of the children which, however, adhere to the marriage divisions of the 4 coastal classes.

The marriage laws of the Hall's Creek natives are as under :-

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Offspring</u>	
Jowalyee (Boorong)	Ngaggara (Banaka)	Joongara boys Nganjelee girls	(Kaimera)
Jaggara (Banaka)	Ngowajil or (Boorong) Ngowajarree	Jooroo boys Nyoweroo girls	(Paljeri)
Joongara (Kaimera)	Ngangala (Paljeri)	Jowalyee boys Ngowajil girls	(Boorong)
Jangala (Paljeri)	Nganjelee (Kaimera)	Jambeean or Tchambeean boys Ngambeean girls	(Banaka)

The offspring again marry as under, still keeping in accord with the Western Kimberley division.

Jangarree (Boorong)	Ngambeean (Banaka)	Jowan boys Nyowana girls	(Kaimera)
Jambeean (Banaka)	Nongarree (Boorong)	Jangala boys Ngangala girls	(Paljeri)
Jowan (Kaimera)	Nyoweroo (Paljeri)	Jangarree boys Nongarree girls	(Boorong)
Jooroo (Paljeri)	Nyowana (Kaimera)	Jaggara boys Ngaggara girls	(Banaka)

The Jooroo (Paljeri) man had a Jaggara father (Banaka).
The Jowan (Kaimera) man had a Jangarree father (Boorong).
The Jambeean (Banaka) man had a Jangala father (Paljeri).
The Jangarree (Boorong) man had a Jowan (Jowalyee) father (Kaimera).

The Nyowana (Kaimera) girl had a Ngambeean mother (Banaka).
The Ngangala (Paljeri) girl had a Ngowajil mother (Boorong).
The Nongarree (Boorong) girl had a Nyoweroo mother (Paljeri).
The Ngaggara (Banaka) girl had a Nganjelee mother (Kaimera).