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Linguist visits Cloncurry

Enjoying a breath of civilisation in Cloncurry this week are Dr. K. Hale of Indiana University, U.S.A., Mrs. Hale and tiny Whit. Hale.

A linguist doing research on the languages of the Australian aborigines, Dr. Hale is on a two-year scholarship from the United States Government.

He and his family have been on Mornington Island in the Gulf of Carpentaria for the past three months.

Previous to that they spent some months in the Alice Springs region studying the language of the great Aranda tribe.

Originally from Arizona in the USA both Dr. and Mrs. Hale are

no strangers to either heat or dust. Mrs. Hale told the Mount Isa Mail that the problems of living in the Gulf were no different from those encountered in the hot, arid places of the USA.

Dr. Hale and his family will spend a short time in Dajarra, before returning to the Australian National University at Canberra.

When they return to the United States, Australia will be the poorer for their leaving.