

The Australian Women's Register

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Rosemary Simms interviewed by Rob Willis in the Voices of the bush, the drought experience oral history project [sound recording]

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Details

1 sound file (ca. 69 min.)??Folkloric recording. Rosemary Simms born 1941 at Mystic Park, Victoria, talks about her parents; the development of irrigation scheme; growing oranges and table grapes; imports ruining industry; early family memories; her strong church involvement; Christmas with English tradition; her early life on the orchard; her school days; her high school at Kerang; teacher's college at Bendigo; teaching at Cohuna High School; marrying Stuart in 1965; leaving teaching; dairy farming at Lake Charm; changes over the last 42 years; becoming a contract harvester; drought conditions; working wives; role of women in the farming community; women's contribution to farm economics; farming income and costs; consequences of the threat of no irrigation water; local women's organizations; community health; local services; family life in the local area; Federal Government proposal; Murray-Darling proposal; lack of knowledge by politicians.

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