

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person

**Entry ID:** AWE0828

## Dolling, Alison Mary

(1917 - 2006)

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<b>Born</b>	29 August, 1917, St Peters South Australia Australia
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<b>Died</b>	25 July, 2006, Adelaide South Australia Australia
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<b>Occupation</b>	Teacher, Writer
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### Summary

The daughter of Edward and Amy (née Thiselton) Dolling, Alison Dolling was born in St Peters and grew up in Tranmere, South Australia. She was educated at Ellerslie College, Tranmere, and Methodist Ladies College, Wayville, before studying at the universities of Adelaide, Washington, Seattle, Berkeley and King's College, London. Returning to Australia she taught in both South Australia and New South Wales, including ex-servicemen after World War II. Dolling joined the *Chronicle* newspaper as the editor of the Women's Pages and was unemployed after the *Chronicle* closed down. Her publications include *Chronicle cameos* and a district history of Marion. She completed research on John Harvey and the Spoehr family, as well as being involved with family history and German ancestry. She also worked on the book *South Australian Women Artists* by Shirley Cameron Wilson. Dolling's special interests included Australian history, especially early architecture, literature and art.

## Events

### **1962 - 1971**

Editor of *Opinion*, the journal of the SA English Teachers Association

### **1977 - 1979**

Editor of *Bulletin*, the National Council of Women of Australia quarterly

### **1941 - 1965**

Secondary school teacher

### **1950 - 1950**

Tutor of migrants and Asian students

### **1958 - 1962**

Part-time lecturer in Australian literature and history of education at the Kindergarten Training College, Adelaide

### **1977 - 1977**

Member of the Australian Society of Authors

### **1976 - 1976**

Member of Women in Media

### **1974 - 1974**

Member of the Historical Society of South Australia

### **1960 - 1960**

Member of the Australian Federation of University Women

### **1965 - 1965**

Member of the Lyceum Club (Adelaide)

### **1976 - 1976**

Awarded an Australia Council grant from the Literature Board

## Published resources

### Edited Book

Who's Who of Australian Women, Lofthouse, Andrea, 1982

From shadow into light : South Australian women artists since colonisation / Shirley Cameron Wilson, Dolling, Alison, 1988

Greek women in South Australian society 1923-1993 / [compiled by] Georgia Xenophou, Dolling, Alison, 1994

### Book

Chronicle cameos, Dolling, Alison, 1977

H.O. Hannaford looks back, Dolling, Alison, 1974

The hand to the plough : die Familie Dolling in Australien : a social history, Dolling, Alison, c2000

The history of Marion on the Sturt : the story of a changing landscape and its people, Dolling, Alison, 1981

Memoirs of land and sea, Orland, W. T. (William T.), [1975]

Recollections of Sydney Holmes Hamilton, 1898-1987, Hamilton, Sydney H. (Sydney Holmes), 1992

### Conference Proceedings

Papers : 1980 Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry, April 4-7, Dolling, Alison (edited by) and Bull, Beverley (compiled by), c1980

### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Resource Section

Dolling, Dorothy Eleanor Ethel Victoria Georgina Barber (1897 - 1967), Dolling, Alison M., 2006,  
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A140019b.htm>

## Archival resources

### State Library of South Australia

[Interview with Alison Dolling \[sound recording\]](#) Interviewer: Yvonne Abbott

### Author Details

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