

The Australian Women's Register

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Dolling, Alison Mary

(1917 - 2006)

Born 29 August, 1917, St Peters South Australia Australia

Died 25 July, 2006, Adelaide South Australia Australia

Occupation Teacher, Writer

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

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

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