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Caw, Harriet Marjorie

(1893 - 1993)

Born	18930421, Knightsbridge South Australia Australia
Died	19931231
Occupation	Community worker

Summary

Marjorie Caw was the fourth child of Edith Agnes Hubbe, née Cook, 1859-1942, a South Australian educator. Her father was killed in the Boer War and her mother opened a school at Knightsbridge. Caw trained as a kindergarten teacher and taught at Halifax Street and Bowden. She travelled to Europe with her mother and Miss George of the Advanced School for Girls. They returned home when World War I broke out. On their return Caw set up a kindergarten in their drawing room (at Knightsbridge) following the Montessori methods she had observed on her travels. At the same time she studied economics at the University of Adelaide under Professor Heaton.

She married Alfred Caw and they moved to Western Australia to farm at Kojonup. Her son William was born one year later and then her daughter Virginia. They returned to Adelaide by ship each year to visit her family. On one of these visits in 1929 she joined the Lyceum Club. During the depression she formed a branch of the Country Women's Association (CWA) in Kojonup and over the years the branch helped many country people. She taught her children via correspondence school and sent her son to St Peter's in Adelaide to board. She and her daughter went to Denmark for a world conference of the CWA.

In 1922 they sold the property to her brother and returned to Adelaide where she became involved in the Lyceum Club. The Club helped her celebrate her 90th birthday in 1983.

Published resources

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Interview with Harriet Marjorie Caw [sound recording] Interviewer: Yvonne Abbott

Interview with Harriet Marjorie Caw and Bill Caw [sound recording] Interviewer: Mary Hutchison

Interview with Harriet Marjorie Caw [sound recording] Interviewer: Beth M. Robertson

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