

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE0917

## Bright, Elizabeth Holden

(1914 - 1998)

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<b>Born</b>	1 January, 1914, Camberwell Victoria Australia
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<b>Died</b>	31 December, 1998
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<b>Occupation</b>	Medical practitioner
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### Summary

Lady Elizabeth Bright, the daughter of Herbert Boyd and Annie (née Holden) Flaxman graduated from Melbourne University in medicine in 1937. She became a resident at the Queen Victoria Hospital for women and children. She moved to the Adelaide Children's Hospital in 1939, met Charles Bright and was married in 1940. During the War Bright worked as a locum and did the medical examinations for the Women's Australian National Service (WANS) recruits. She wrote "The Diary of a woman Doctor" for the *Advertiser*. She became the honorary medical officer for the Kindergarten Union of South Australia and was on the Social Welfare Committee of the Red Cross. Bright travelled extensively with her husband, Sir Charles Bright. She became patron of the South Australian branch of the Women Writer's Association from 1982 to 1991 and in 1983 published a book written by her late husband called *The confidential clerk* about Charles Flaxman and George Fife Angas.

### Published resources

#### Book

The confidential clerk : a study of Charles Flaxman in South Australia and his relationship with George Fife Angas, Bright, Charles, Sir, 1912-1983, 1983

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### State Library of South Australia

[Interview with Lady Elizabeth Bright \[sound recording\]](#) Interviewer: Yvonne Abbott

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