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Brookes, Helen May

(1917 - 2008)

Born	19171103, Melbourne Victoria Australia
Died	20080101, Adelaide South Australia Australia
Occupation	Entomologist

Summary

Helen Brookes was born in Melbourne and moved several times before settling in Adelaide in 1929. She started her working career at the Waite Institute with Dr Davidson. Later Brookes became a technical assistant and eventually senior lecturer as a systematic entomologist. Following her retirement, in 1982, she presented her insect collection to the Australian National Insect Collection in Canberra. Brookes was a member of the Lyceum and Minerva Clubs. In 1999, Year of the Older Person, Brookes was invited to a symposium in Canberra as an outstanding older woman scientist.

Published resources

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

State Library of South Australia

[Interview with Helen Brookes \[sound recording\]](#) Interviewer: Lois Mander-Jones

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