

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Fry, Edith

(1858 - 1940)

<b>Born</b>	18580101, England
<b>Died</b>	19401231, Sydney New South Wales Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Feminist

### Summary

Edith Ada Fry was born in England in 1858, the eighth child of James Kight and Amelia Fry and the youngest sister of Arthur Fry. When the family came to Sydney in the early 1870s they lived at “Sunnyholt”, Blacktown; after her father’s death in 1896 Edith moved with her mother and sister Katie to “Headingley” in Coogee and later to the North Shore. Edith was prominent in the early days of the women’s movement in New South Wales; in the early 1890s she joined the Womanhood Suffrage League of New South Wales, was a member of its council and later honorary treasurer. It was during this time that she met Rose Scott, who became a close friend. A founding member in 1896 of the National Council of Women of New South Wales, she held various offices and was later appointed Honorary Life Vice-President. She was one of the Council’s delegates at the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Women held in Rome in 1913. She was also a founding member of the Women’s Club in 1901, served on the Executive in its formative years and was made an Honorary Life Member. Edith Fry died in Sydney in 1940.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### Mitchell and Dixson Libraries Manuscripts Collection

[Box 09: Fry family - papers of Edith Fry, 1881 - 1940](#)

### Author Details

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