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Moulds, Constance

(1897 - 1972)

Born	18970214, Rylstone New South Wales Australia
Died	19720927, Blackheath New South Wales
Occupation	Trotting trainer

Summary

From Rylstone, New South Wales, Constance Moulds moved with her parents to Rouse Hill in 1908. There, eleven years later, she married George Francis Moulds. She gave birth to a son, Lawrence, in 1923.

At Riverstone, her home, Constance began to train trotters full time. She and George bought their own trotter, ‘Tiny Loche’, who won her first three starts and became a valuable breeding mare. In 1924, Constance became the only woman to be granted a trainer-driver licence by the New South Wales Trotting Club. She came second in a race meeting that year; but a fortnight later, having weighed in for her next race, was told that she could not compete as ‘men might be inhibited by chivalry from protesting against interference by women drivers’ (Greg Brown, *ADB*).

In 1932, George Moulds was killed while driving ‘Charming Ribbons’. Constance continued training, often forced to enter her horses in competition under the name of her son, Lawrie Moulds, who was by then a premier reinsman.

Constance Moulds was buried at Rouse Hill in 1972.

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