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Mackenzie, Helen Pearl

(1913 - 2009)

Born	19131006, Fusanchin Korea
Died	20090918, Kew Victoria Australia
Occupation	Medical practitioner, Missionary

Summary

Helen MacKenzie, a child of Presbyterian missionaries, completed her medical degree at the University of Melbourne in 1938 with the intention of going to Korea to work as a missionary in 1941. With the interruption of World War II she instead remained at the Queen Victoria Hospital, Melbourne, from 1940-1944, where she went to 'learn something of women's problems' as she described her time there in a biography of her father entitled *MacKenzie, man of mission*. She later worked as superintendent of the Australian Presbyterian Mission Hospital in Pusan Korea from 1952-1975, where her sister Catherine was matron, and was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire in 1962 in recognition of her devoted services to medicine.

Published resources

Book
Mackenzie, man of mission: a biography of James Noble Mackenzie, Mackenzie, Helen Pearl, 1995

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