

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person
Entry ID: IMP0299

Graham, Margaret

(1860 - 1942)

Born	18600215, Carlisle Cumberland England
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Died	19420704
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Occupation	Matron, Nurse
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Summary

Margaret Graham began work at the Royal Adelaide Hospital in 1891, becoming a charge nurse in 1894, holding this position until her dismissal in 1895 for alleged insubordination (see the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, vol. 9). Graham was eventually reinstated in 1896 after a Royal Commission into the management of the hospital. Graham was a foundation member of the South Australian Branch of the Royal British Nurses' Association and its 'elected lady counsel' from 1900-1920. In 1914 she became the first lady superintendent of the Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS), and was one of the first three nurses to leave Australia on active service for the AANS, Australian Imperial Force. For her role as matron with the AANS, Graham was awarded the Royal Red Cross (1 January 1917).

Published resources

Resource Section

Graham, Margaret (1889-1966), Graham-Taylor, Sue, 2006,
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A140344b.htm>

Graham, Margaret (1860-1942), Lincoln, Merrilyn, 2006,
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A090070b.htm>

Edited Book

S.A.'s greats: the men and women of the North Terrace plaques, Healey, John, 2001

Book

Eleven thousand nurses : a history of nursing education at Royal Adelaide Hospital 1889-1993, Durdin, Joan, 1999

A history of the Royal Adelaide Hospital, Hughes, J. Estcourt, 1967

Site Exhibition

Faith, Hope and Charity Australian Women and Imperial Honours: 1901-1989, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2003,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html>

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

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[\[Biographical cuttings on Margaret Graham, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

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