

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Drysdale, Anne

(1792 - 1853)

<b>Born</b>	17920826, Scotland
<b>Died</b>	18530511, Drysdale Victoria Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Pastoralist

### Summary

Anne Drysdale was a farmer in her own right in Scotland when she migrated to Australia for health reasons. She arrived in Melbourne on the *Indus* in 1840, and travelled down to Geelong, where she met her future partner Caroline Newcomb at the residence of Dr Alexander Thomson. In October 1840, the two women took up a 10,000 acre lease on the Barwon, known as '*Boronggoop*', later extending it to Leep Leep. Their sheep run was a success, and in 1843 they obtained the *Coryule* run at Indented Head, purchasing the freehold in 1848, and subsequently disposing of *Boronggoop*. Anne Drysdale died at Coryule in 1853, aged 60. The township of Drysdale in Victoria is named for her

### Published resources

#### Resource Section

Drysdale, Anne (1792-1853), Martin, Jean I. and Brown, P.L., 2006,  
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A010314b.htm>

#### Book

The Lady Squatters: Miss Ann Drysdale and Miss Caroline Elizabeth Newcomb 'Boronggoop' and 'Coryule', Richardson, John, 1986

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### Geelong Heritage Centre

[Victorian Pioneers Cutting Book vol.1](#)

#### State Library of Victoria

[Diaries of Anne Drysdale 1839-1854. \[manuscript\].](#)

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