

The Australian Women's Register

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Pattie Leighton interviewed by Ros Bowden in the Women of the land oral history project [sound recording]

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Details

2 sound cassettes (ca. 120 min.)??Patricia "Pattie" Leighton, a farmer, speaks of growing up in Sydney, moving to Tasmania, her marriage, their first farm near Hobart, their decision to move to Western Australia, her trip across with the children, early days on the farm, living in the shed, early development of the land, tough financial times, re-entering the workforce as a preschool teacher, returning to the farm, shearing, further development of the farm (incl. their living quarters), the importance of the children working on the farm, their independent upbringing, the Wellstead community, the local Historical and Heritage Committee, reforestation and land conservation, the continuing challenges of rural life, and the Rural Women of the Year Award.

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