

The Australian Women's Register

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Wilson, Shirley Cameron

(1918 - 2003)

Born 27 February, 1918, Kadina South Australia Australia

Died 11 April, 2003, Adelaide South Australia Australia

Occupation Art historian, Nurse, Servicewoman

Summary

Shirley Cameron Wilson was the youngest child of Dr Charles Ernest Wilson who was a GP in Kadina and Nellie the daughter of William Strawbridge, the Surveyor General of South Australia after Goyder. Wilson attended Walford House School when the family returned to Adelaide. They moved to "Woodfield" in Fisher St Fullarton. Wilson trained as a nurse at Royal Adelaide Hospital, won the Gold Medal, and then did a year of midwifery training in Melbourne. During World War II she enlisted as an army nurse and before she was called up worked in the Women's Land Army. She went to New Guinea with the 2nd 8th General Hospital and stayed 13 months. After the war she studied at Melbourne University. She came back to nurse her mother, father and aunt until they died. During this time she developed an interest in art and completed her research for the book *The Bridge over the Ocean* which she wrote with Keith Borrow. She and her sister Honor moved to adjoining units in Hazelwood Park in 1973 and Wilson worked on her book about South Australian Women artists. She was the leader of the Antiques and Collecting Circle at the Lyceum Club for nine years.

Published resources

Book

The bridge over the ocean : Thomas Wilson (1787-1863), art collector and mayor of Adelaide, Wilson, S. C. (Shirley Cameron), 1918- and Borrow, K. T. (Keith Travers), 1973

Newspaper Article

Blazing a trail from a pioneer family, Price, Annabel, 2003

Resource Section

WILSON, SHIRLEY CAMERON, Department of Veterans' Affairs, 2002,
<http://www.wv2roll.gov.au/script/veteran.asp?ServiceID=A&VeteranID=689874>

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

State Library of South Australia

[Interview with Shirley Cameron Wilson \[sound recording\]](#) Interviewer: Yvonne Abbott

[Shirley Cameron Wilson: Summary Record](#)

National Library of Australia

[\[Biographical cuttings on Cameron Wilson, SA women artist researcher, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

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