

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE4312

## Garvin, Lucy Arabella Stocks

(1851 - 1938)

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**Born** 28 January, 1851, England

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**Died** 20 January, 1938, Meols England

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**Occupation** Headmistress

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### Summary

Lucy Garvin was the first headmistress of Sydney Girls' High School, the first public high school for girls in Sydney, New South Wales. She held the position between 1883-1918, remaining at the helm even after her marriage to William Charles Garvin in 1891. In 1919 she moved to St Chad's Church of England Girls' School, Cremorne (later known as Redlands). She remained principal there until 1922.

Born in England, she is said to have come to Australia as governess to the children of Charles Badham, professor of classics at the University of Sydney. She returned to England in 1923.

### Published resources

#### Resource Section

Garvin, Lucy Arabella Stocks (1851-1938), Rowse, Jennifer, 2006, <http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A080643b.htm>

#### Book

Knowing Women: Origins of Women's Education in Nineteenth-century Australia, , Cambridge and Melbourne, Theobald, Marjorie R, 1996

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### National Library of Australia

[Papers of L.A.S. Garvin, 1883-1926 \[manuscript\]](#)

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