

The Australian Women's Register

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Buchanan, Florence Griffiths

(1861 - 1913)

Nationality	Australian
Born	16 September, 1861, Canterbury Kent England
Died	30 December, 1913, Brisbane Queensland Australia
Occupation	Missionary, Teacher

Summary

Florence Buchanan spent much of her life working in Anglican missions on Thursday and Moa Islands, north of Australia, despite a number of health problems. In 1887 she migrated to Australia, landing in Bundaberg, Queensland with her two brothers. She later assumed responsibility for the fundamentalist non-denominational South Seas Evangelical Mission, also known as the Queensland Kanaka Mission. During the 1890s she worked on Thursday Island and was ordained there as a deaconess in 1908. In the same year she went to Moa Island to conduct the Anglican mission and teach school. In 1911 she resigned from her position, due to ill-health, but continued to teach until her return to Brisbane in 1913.

Published resources

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Resource Section

Buchanan, Florence Griffiths (1861-1913), Saunders, Kay, 2006,
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A070472b.htm>

Book

Florence Buchanan: the little deaconess of the South Seas, Jones, E. (Edith), 1921

Archival resources

John Oxley Library, Manuscripts and Business Records Collection

[7945 Florence Griffiths Buchanan and Nigel Buchanan Correspondence 1861-1913](#)

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