

The Australian Women's Register

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35 minutes??Doris Chambers talks about her parents. Her mother Myrtle was born in 1888 in a tent on Acacia station. She went to school at Gawler. She married Con White who was the overseer on Wilcannia station. The lived at Noonameera which was an isolated cattle station and stores arrived via camel teams every six months. Doris grew up on the station and became a good horse rider and had many pets. The moved to Winnaminta which was owned by the Morden Pastoral Company and covered a million and a quarter acres. Doris boarded at Woodlands school for three years from 1927. She married Jim Chambers in 1943 whose family dated back to 1836 when James Chambers jumped ship from the Coromandel. Her mother Myrtle wrote several books about the outback and her friends included Dame Mary Gilmore and Miles Franklin. Doris and Jim stayed on at Wannaminta for 25 years, Jim having won the property in a ballot of land leases. Doris was responsible for publishing and sorting all the unpublished writings of her mother.

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