

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Buchanan, Florence Griffiths

(1861 - 1913)

<b>Nationality</b>	Australian
<b>Born</b>	16 September, 1861, Canterbury Kent England
<b>Died</b>	30 December, 1913, Brisbane Queensland Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	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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