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## Interview with Irene Jeffreys [sound recording]

### Interviewer: Helen Chryssides

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#### Details

2 hours??Irene Florence Jeffreys was born in London, England. She migrated to Australia in 1922 with her parents. Determined from the age of 12 to be an accountant, Irene attended Adelaide Technical Highschool and after beginning work at 16, studied for the Federal Institute of Accountants diploma at night at the School of Mines. In 1942 she was the first South Australian woman to qualify by examination for the Institute of Chartered Accountants. Irene's accountancy practice and personal interests included much involvement in the Church of England, particularly the Church Missionary Society and the General Synod, where again she pioneered the involvement of South Australian women. Irene supported the movement for the ordination of women and is herself licensed as a lay preacher. Irene speaks in less detail about her many years of involvement in the National Council of Women. She concludes by describing receiving her OBE at Buckingham Palace in 1978.

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