

## ELEANOR STIRLING: INTERVIEW 30.8.2010 TIMED SUMMARY

TIME	TOPIC	KEY WORDS
00.00.01	Early life	Arbour Nursing home, Queanbeyan, Molonglo Settlement, Ireland, Belfast, Old Canberra Hospital, Fergus McDowell, Mary Jane McConnell landscape gardening, Donahadie, County Down, Irish culture, dialect, Duntroon.
00.09.10	Molonglo Settlement 1928-32.	Molonglo Settlement, Mr Daley, store, house, facilities. Dairy Flat Rd, railway station, Fyshwick, Molonglo Mall, Pialligo, Molonglo River, German Prisoners of War, First World War, Irish community, Canberra Repertory, Wentworth Avenue, Barton 'woolsheds', Acton, services, 2CA broadcasting station, Kingston, Chinese market gardener.
00.19.00	Duntroon 1932-37,	Duntroon, cows, Royal Military College, Portsea, school, Duntroon House, gardens, parade ground, Mount Pleasant, maze, Leslie Moreshead Drive, General Bridges

		grave, tennis courts. Kingston, Wentworth Avenue, the Causeway, Department of the Interior, entertainment concerts, picnics, Cotter, dance hall, poverty, cake van, J.B. Young's, Kingston shops, Civic Theatre, 'For the Term of His Natural Life', Tradesmen's Settlement, Vasey Crescent.
<b>00.31.36</b>	Kingston 1937.	Kingston, the Big Gun, Air Force, Pialligo, medical services, Dr Findlay, Giles St. Dr Hart, Dr Blackall, Braddon, Old Hospital Acton, Liversidge St.
<b>00.36.15</b>	Capitol Theatre Manuka, Telopea Park School, Kingston Baptist Church, Manuka Pool.	Capitol Theatre Manuka. Telopea Park school, Kingston Baptist Church, Dr Arthur Wardock, Currie Cres, Manuka Pool, Telopea Park, sports afternoons, Mr Brophy, swimming club, Madame Curie, physical punishment, Mr Watson, Miss Dorling.
<b>00.46.50</b>	Canberra High School.	Canberra High School, Arts Centre, Llewellyn Hall, Lennonx Crossing, Scott's Crossing,

		Commonwealth Avenue, floods, government departments, Acton Cottages, Acton Racecourse, Highland gatherings, sporting events, Second World War, American troops, Fyshwick, medical team, new hospital, army, Air Force, hockey competitions, Heather McDonald, A.V. Jennings, Bert, Heather, Telopea Park.
<b>00.55.16</b>	<b>END PART 1</b>	

## **PART 2**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>KEY WORDS</b>
<b>00.00.01</b>	Kingston.	Kingston, shops, Barracats, Isobel, Kennedy St, Giles St, J.B. Young's, Friendly Society Hall, Nanna Freeman, Salvation Army's Ladies Home League, picnics, concerts, dances
<b>00.05.00</b>	Kingston Baptist Church.	Kingston Baptist Church, Sunday School, Youth Group, Dr Wardock, Rev Hector Harrison, St Andrews, Canberra Hospital, Fred McMaster, Morling Lodge, Carey Gardens, Red Hill .

<b>00.10.36</b>	National Library	National Library.
<b>00.13.51</b>	War years in Canberra.	Second World War, Hann St, Canberra Hospital, meeting Tom, David Stirling, New Guinea,
<b>00.17.30</b>	Marriage 1947, accommodation.	Marriage, Fyshwick industrial area, Jimmy Maken, Acton Cottages, the Causway, Barralier St. Griffith, Narrabundah prefabs, Frome St Griffith, Mamie.
<b>00.23.24</b>	Griffith, year in Sydney, return to Canberra to University house in O'Connor.	Barralier St, Rydalmere University House, O'Connor, Scrivner St. Hamlyn Crescent, Turner school, Ray Blakely, social class divisions, Causeway, National University, Turner Baptist Church, choir, Kingston Baptist Church.
<b>00.29.17</b>	Narrabundah 1958.	Narrabundah, Hamlyn Cres., Griffith School, work, Gilbert's Book Shop Kingston, John L Davies, pharmacy, Central Store , Australian National University, Felicity McGee, Rocky Knob, auction system.
<b>00.34.55</b>	Central Stores, Australian National University.	Central Stores, Australian National University, University housing, Maintenance Crew.

<b>00.36.48</b>	Menzies Library, ANU 1966.	Menzies Library, Supervisor, Mr Graneek, Librarian.
<b>00.40.19</b>	Law Library, ANU 1969.	Law Library, students, Bill Stefaniak, Garry Humphreys, Ron and Jan Clapham, Bill and Liz Allen, St Thomas Moore, Tarcutta, Gallens Crowley and Chamberlain, retiring, Keith Bradley, training in librarianship, Chifley Library, School of General Studies.
<b>00. 51.14</b>	Views on changes in Canberra in her lifetime.	Canberra's changes.
<b>00.54.07</b>	<b>END OF PART 2</b> <b>END OF INTERVIEW</b>	

## **ELEANOR STIRLING: BRIEF BIOGRAPHY**

Eleanor Stirling was born in Queanbeyan, NSW on 13 January 1928, one of the four children of Irish-born Fergus McDowell, a landscape gardener, and Mary Jane McConnell. Until she was four she lived in the Molonglo Settlement in Canberra and on its closure the family moved to Duntroon, where they lived from 1932-37 and Eleanor commenced school. From 1937-47, when she married Tom Stirling, she lived with her family in Kingston, attending Telopea Park School and then Canberra High, and worshiped at Canberra Baptist Church. After her marriage the couple lived in Fyshwick, the Acton cottages, at her parents' home in the Causeway, and the Narrabundah 'prefabs', while Tom built a house at Barrallier St Griffith. After living for a year in Sydney they returned to Canberra in the early 1950s and were given a University-owned house in O'Connor, where they lived for three years while Tom built a house in Hamlyn Crescent Narrabundah which they moved into in 1958. In 1960 Eleanor began to work full time, first in several Kingston businesses, and then in the General Stores at the Australian National University. In the mid-1960s she successfully applied for a position at the Menzies Library on the ANU campus, then in 1969 she became librarian at the ANU Law Library, where she worked for the next 18 years. Following her retirement in 1987 she worked for seven years in the library of the law firm Gallens Crowley and Chamberlain. Tom and Eleanor moved to their present home in Campbell in 1995.