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History

The daughter of architect Robert Viney (see S278 and S261), Margaret Honor Viney studied architecture in the 1940s. She gained a cadetship at what was then the School of Mines, working in the government Engineering Department during the daytime and studying four nights a week. This image shows some of her student work in the subject of Antique Drawing.

During the second world war when she was eighteen she put her studies on hold to join the Air Force in Melbourne, where she drew escape maps for pilots who crashed. On her return to Adelaide she continued her architectural studies, but later gave up, working instead as a draughtswoman for architects.

In the 1950s she worked for the SA Housing Trust, working on Housing Units by Orlit S.A. Ltd. at Kilburn. She also worked for a time as a draughtswoman for the South Australian Brewing Company in their Adelaide office. Having been married in 1949, Margaret and husband John Wollaston had children, including twins, which when combined with John working away often and Margaret caring for her mother, limited the work she could do.

Later Margaret went back to study ceramics through night classes at Art School and became a ceramicist exhibiting both nationally and internationally.

Sources: Oral History with Margaret Wollaston on 9 April 2007 by Helen Miller OH 728/42 State Library of South Australia.

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S290/1/1-9	Housing Units, Orlit S.A. Ltd. Grand Junction Road, Kilburn, South Australia, for S.A. Housing Trust. Drawn by Margaret Wollaston. c.1950s Plans drawers.
S290/2	Student drawings by Margaret Wollaston