

**O'BRIEN, May Lorna, BEM.**

May Lorna O'Brien (nee Miller) was born in 1938 to a Wongi mother and white father. She was educated at Mt Margaret Mission and Perth Girls School. She became a teacher and was first appointed to the Mt Margaret Mission School. May was awarded the British Empire Medal in 1977 for services to education. She has written many children's books and served on many committees on Aboriginal issues. May was heavily involved in the campaign to provide all Aborigines with birth certificates.

PRIVATE ARCHIVES MANUSCRIPT NOTE (MN 2649; ACC 7211A)

| SUMMARY OF CLASSES    |  |
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| FILES<br>PUBLICATIONS | SCRAPBOOKS   |
| Acc. No.              | DESCRIPTION  |
|                       | FILES  |
| 7211A/1               | May O'Brien's family history file containing copies of archival records:<br>Background information on Mount Margaret;<br>Records of Tony and Dinah Lane (Dinah was the mother of May O'Brien and Tony her step-father).<br>Records of Ralph and Ruby, Karonie area.<br>Records of Lorna (May) and her sister Thelma..<br>Records of Don Sinclair.<br>Anti-slavery concerns. (Anti-Slavery and Aborigines protection Society, London). In two sections. |
| 7211A/2               | Birth certificate struggle: I don't want to be a 10/6 citizen. File of newspaper clippings and copies of correspondence on May's campaign for citizenship recognition.   |
| 7211A/3               | Collection of newspaper reports and letters of support regarding May's appearance on Melbourne television's "Meet the press" in March 1959. The originals of many of these items are in the scrapbook, 7211A/6.  |
| 7211A/4               | Collection of newspaper reports and letters regarding Barry John McKenzie, a part-Aboriginal boy abducted to Germany from Australia in 1964 and returned to his mother in Perth in 1970. May Miller was involved in moves to have official action to recover the boy. Includes information on Ricci Vincente, who had travelled with the same women to Germany but returned to Perth. Ricci was later shot by police.                                  |
| 7211A/5               | Weebo fight, 1969. File of newspaper cuttings.   |
|                       | PUBLICATIONS   |
| 7211A/7               | "Aborigines of the West" UWA Press 1980. ML O'Brien marked on front and inside cover.  |
|                       | SCRAPBOOKS   |
| 7211A/6               | 1959. Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, letters and telegrams regarding May's appearance on "Meet the press" television programme. Copies of many of these items are in 7211A/3.   |

Holdings = 17 cm

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