

Civilian Nurse. Hilda Grace Williams

Born: Box Hill, Victoria 1893.

Died Woodman Point Quarantine Station 4th January 1919. (Aged 26)



Volunteered to nurse returned army personnel at Woodman Point. Quarantine Station, south of Fremantle, who were returning at the end WW1, and suffering from the "Spanish flu". Hilda's father, William Williams was a builder. He was also a Lay Preacher in the Baptist Church at Claremont, Subiaco and Cottesloe. The family moved from Victoria to Western Australia at the turn of the century, and her father built the Claremont Baptist church on Stirling Highway and many houses in the Claremont, Nedlands area, in the years 1900 to mid 1930s, one was 2A Tyrell St, Nedlands where they lived the last years of their lives, also owning the one next door and two houses opposite. He built a large two storey house with eight bedrooms to house his large family in early 1900s at 16 Agett Rd, Claremont, and Hilda lived there up to the time she volunteered. The house was designed by her only brother, Arthur. They were a very well known and respected family in the life of Claremont people early last century.



Royal Hospital for Women



PADDINGTON, SYDNEY

Ninety-three Beds in Obstetric Wards

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Hilda Grace Williams

whose signature appears in the margin, has attended the maternity practice of this Hospital from *26th June 1917* to *26th December 1917*.

During this period she has been present at *Fifty eight (58)*

cases of labour, and *Twenty three (23)* of these cases have been personally conducted by her. She has attended in the Institution a course of LECTURES ON MIDWIFERY, and having passed her examination successfully, has satisfied her examiners that she is competent to discharge satisfactorily the duties of an Obstetric Nurse.

N.B.—This Certificate does not authorise her to use instruments or to perform any Obstetric Operation.

(Signature) *Hilda Grace Williams*

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President of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales.

C. E. D. Gray

J. W. Anderson

John Harris

A. Z. Fitzpatrick

Examiners

Date of Certificate

Decr. 26th 1917

Walter Roseby Secretary.

M. Carl

Matron.



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**Williams, Hilda Grace [26 yrs] d 4 Jan 1919 pneumonic influenza bd 5 Jan 1919 WPQS:
Presb. Civilian nurse from Claremont, WA, accorded a full military burial.79 [FRE20F/19]
The grave is covered with a concrete ledger with the initials 'AAGS' cast into the perpendicular end.
A simple wooden cross marks her grave. John Mattaboni, DSR camp warden at Woodman Point, placed the
cross in 1982. The wooden cross that was placed on her grave in 1982, was restored in 2015.**

RIP/Nurse H Williams.



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