

The Australian Women's Register

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Taylor, Dorothy Rhodes

(1882 - 1971)

Born	1 January, 1882, Serbia
Died	31 December, 1971, Sydney? New South Wales Australia
Occupation	Academic, Geographer

Summary

Dorothy Rhodes Taylor was one of the first women employed in the Department of Geography at the University of Sydney. She co-authored *The Geographical Laboratory* (1925) with her better known brother, Thomas Griffith Taylor.

Dorothy Rhodes Taylor was born in Serbia where her British father, James Taylor, was employed as a mining engineer. She migrated to New South Wales with her family in 1892/1893. She attended Abbotsleigh College, Parramatta.

Details

Taylor began her career in geography when, in 1921-22, she held the position of map drawer attendant in the Department of Geography at Sydney University. From there she enrolled in a Bachelor of Science, studying geology and geography and graduating in 1928. Whilst an undergraduate, she worked as a demonstrator in geography at Sydney University. Also as an undergraduate, she co-authored, with her brother, Associate Professor Thomas Griffith Taylor, *The Geographical Laboratory*.

After graduation she was appointed acting lecturer in the Department of Geography at the University of Sydney in 1929. She remained a demonstrator in the department until 1931.

She enjoyed temporary stints as a temporary assistance at Fisher Library at Sydney University in 1948, 1950 and 1953.

Published resources

Book

The geographical laboratory, Taylor, Griffith and Dorothy Taylor, 1925

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

University of Sydney, Archives

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