

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE4320

## Taylor, Dorothy Rhodes

(1882 - 1971)

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**Born** 1 January, 1882, Serbia

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**Died** 31 December, 1971, Sydney? New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Academic, Geographer

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### 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

[Personal archives of TAYLOR Dorothy Rhodes \[1882-19??\]](#)

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