

Dorothy Needham Timeline

- 1896 22 Sept. Born London, Dorothy Mary Moyle
Educated Claremont College, Stockport, and St. Hilary's, Alderley Edge
- 1915 Entered Girton College
- 1919 Graduated
- 1920 Started research in biochemistry at Cambridge
- 1923 MA
- 1924 13 Sept. Married Joseph Needham
- 1925-1928 Beit Memorial Research Fellowship
- 1926 Phd approved; awarded 1930; ceremony 1947
- 1928-1940 Research and teaching in Cambridge, no University post.
- 1940-1943 Worked on effects of chemical weapons
- 1944 Travelled out to join Joseph Needham in China, Chungking.
Departed UK 7th Feb, arrived 16th Feb.
Contracted TB, recovered 1945
- 1944-45 Associate Director of the Sino-British Science Co-operation Office
at the British Embassy in Chungking. Returned to UK December 1945, arriving
27th Dec.
- 1945 Made Doctor of Science
- 1948 Elected Fellow of the Royal Society
- 1963 retired from research work
- 1965 Made a Foundation Fellow of Lucy Cavendish College
- 1967 Began work on *Machina Carnis* (about muscle contraction)
- 1971 Published *Machina Carnis*, CUP
- 1976 Made Honorary Fellow, Girton College
- 1979 Made Honorary Fellow, Gonville and Caius College
- 1987 22 December, died, aged 91, at 42 Grange Road. Funeral at Gonville and Caius
College

1991 Postumous publication of a *Source Book on the History of Biochemistry, 1740-1940* with Mikulas Teich

Made visits to China on 3 occasions: 1944-45, 1964 and 1972. Wrote extensive travel diaries while there, which are kept in the archives of Girton College, Cambridge.