

Cosens, Doris Morley 1894 - 1945

Doris Morley Cosens [also known as Dora Cosens, and as Doris M. Cosens] was born Doris Morley Fletcher in Marylebone, London, England on 27 April 1894 and studied at the University of Cambridge School of Architecture, where she was probably taught by George Checkley (1893-1960). In 1916 she married Charles Richard (Dick) Garrod Cosens (1893-1956), an engineer who had studied at King's College, Cambridge and who at that time of the marriage was serving as a soldier in the Royal Engineers,, and was later a lecturer at Cambridge University.

Information about Doris Cosen's career as an architect is sketchy. She is known to have designed a detached Modernist house at 9 Wilberforce Road, Cambridge in 1937 and in c.1944 she designed an extension to Willow House in Conduit Head Road, Cambridge, a house designed by Checkley in 1932-33.

In the 1939 National Register she gave as her occupation Registered Architect in Private Practice and Art Critic, however, she is not listed in the Kalendar of the Royal Institute of British Architects for 1939-40.

She was a frequent writer of exhibition and book reviews for the Architects' Journal which on 16 March 1939 (pp. 448-449) included a report on the house she designed at 9 Wilberforce Road.

Here address was given as 47 Pevensey Road, Hastings, Sussex 1901; 54 Lexham Gardens, Kensington, London 1911; 16 Thornton Hill, Wimbledon in 1916; and 13 Millington Road, Cambridge in 1924 and 1945. She died on 5 October 1945. Her death was registered in Cambridge. The Western Times 12 October 1945 p. 4 reported that she died suddenly.

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Works

9 Wilberforce Road, Cambridge (1937); extension to Willow House, Conduit Head Road, Cambridge (c.1944).

Bibliography

Powers, Alan. Modern. The Modern Movement in Britain. London: Merrell, 2005 pp. 94-95

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- RIBApix https://www.ribapix.com/thurso-house-now-willow-house-conduit-head-road-cambridge-the-garden-elevation_riba46820
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