

GENEALOGY DATABASE ENTRY

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1773 - 1838

DEGREE: MA (honorary)

DATE: 1802

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self-educated; translated Laplace's *Celestial Mechanics* and Moore's *Practical Navigator*; made five sea voyages; studied mathematics, astronomy, and physics, esp. meteors, the orbits of comets, the oblateness of the earth, the dip of magnetic needles, and the motion of pendulums; surveyed the harbors of Massachusetts.

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