

GENEALOGY DATABASE ENTRY

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Sedgwick, Adam

1785 - 1873

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studied the geology of the British Isles and Europe; founded the system for the classification of Cambrian rocks; with Murchison worked out the order of the carboniferous and underlying Devonian strata; investigated the phenomena of metamorphism and concretion, and was the first to distinguish clearly between stratification, jointing, and slaty cleavage as mechanisms to juxtapose different kinds of rock.

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