

GENEALOGY DATABASE ENTRY

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Johnston, James Finlay Weir

1796 - 1855

DEGREE: none

DATE: 1833

PLACE: Uppsala

TEACHER/RESEARCH ADVISOR: Berzelius

studied the relation of chemistry to agriculture; discovered paracyanogen; investigated the constitution of resins; prepared gold iodides and basic mercuric cyanides; discovered first case of isodimorphic crystals.

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