

GENEALOGY DATABASE ENTRY

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Remsen, Ira

1846 - 1927

DEGREE: PhD

DATE: 1870

PLACE: Göttingen

TEACHER/RESEARCH ADVISOR: Fittig

discovered rules governing oxidation of aromatic sidechains and protective effect of ortho-substituents; synthesized saccharin; first attempt (in the reaction of CO with O₃) to prove the existence of a reactive intermediate by a trapping experiment; champion of idea that many elements have multiple valencies; founder of first journal of chemistry in the US (*Am. Chem. J.*); investigated structure of POCl₃ and stoichiometry of metal double salts; wrote several influential organic chemistry textbooks.

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