GENEALOGY DATABASE ENTRY

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Wiegleb, Johann Christian

1732 - 1800

DEGREE: Apothecary DATE: 1765 ca. PLACE: Langensalza

TEACHER/RESEARCH ADVISOR: Baldinger

phlogistonist; apothecary; founded the first chemical-pharmaceutical institute in Germany; investigated fermentation, alkaline salts in plants, and the combustion of chalk; disputed possibility of the transmutation of elements; reported that oxalic acid is a separate compound.

FOOTNOTE: Wiegleb was apprenticed to the apothecary Sartorius in Dresden for 6 years, from 1748 to 1754, but began his first real study of chemistry with Baldinger's help.

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