

John Roche Dakyns M.A.

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Sitting in front J.
Dakyns



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Includes H.
Miller, L.W.
Hinxman, B.N.
Peach, J. Horne
and J. Dakyns.

Timeline

Date	Details
1836	Born January 31st in St. Vincent, West Indies, son of Dr. Th. Dakyns.
1845	Moved to Rugby and received early education there.
1855	Entered Trinity College, Cambridge.
1859	27th Wrangler in Maths Tripos. Teaching for 2 years.
1862	Joined Geological Survey as Assistant Geologist 16th January.
1868	Promoted to Geologist. Field work chiefly in West Riding of Yorkshire and bordering tracts of Derbyshire, Lancashire and Westmoreland.
1884	Transferred to Scotland on completion of 1inch mapping of England and Wales. Engaged for 10 years in mapping parts of the Forest of Atholl, to borders of Argyll and Loch Lomond district.
1892	Paper with Teall to Geological Society. "On the plutonic rocks of Garabal Hill".
1894	Transferred to South Wales for 6 inch re-survey of coalfield.

1896 Retired. Remapped part of Snowdon area on 6 inch scale.

1910 Died September 27th.

Biographies and obituaries

Details Watts, W.W. Obituary - John Roche Dakyns, born 1836, died 1910. [In Anniversary Address.]. Proceedings of the Geological Society in Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society. v. 67 p.lix-lx. 1911

Lamplugh, G.W. Obituary - John Roche Dakyns, M.A. (1836-1910). Proceedings of the Yorkshire Geological Society. v. 17 p.159-162. 1910

Obituary - John Roche Dakyns, M.A. Born 31st January 1836, died 27th September 1910. Geologists Magazine. New Series. v. 7 p.575. 1910

Publications

Date

Details

1869 Part author of Memoir: North Derbyshire (1869)

1869 Part author of Memoir: Yorkshire Coalfield (1869 and 1978).

1870 Part author of Memoir: Leeds and Tadcaster (1870)

1871 Part author of Memoir: Dewsbury, Huddersfield and Halifax (1871)

1875 Part author of Memoir: Burnley Coalfield (1875)

1879 Part author of Memoir: Bradford and Skipton (1879)

1885 Part author of Memoir: Bridlington Bay (1885)

1886 Part author of Memoir: York and Hull (1886)

1886 Part author of Memoir: Driffield (1886)

1888 Part author of Memoir: Kendal and Sedbergh (2nd edition 1888)

1888 Part author of Memoir: Ingleborough (1888)

1891 Part author of Memoir: Mallerstang (1891)

1897 Part author of Memoir: Appleby (1897)

1900 South Wales Coalfield, Part II Abergavenny (1900)

BGS archives

Ref No	Title	Description
GSM/DC/A/C/7/180-181,199	J R Dakyns: Minutes on his appointment.	
GSM/DC/A/C/24/225,231	J R Dakyns: Letter on his appointments to Survey.	
GSM/GL/Bw/29/54	J R Dakyns: Letter on a change of station.	
GSM/GL/Cm/2	Explanation of Sheet 203 new series with geology around Bedford, with additional notes by A.H...	
GSM/GL/Dk	John Roche Dakyns	Notable for pioneer mapping of Snowdonia.

John Roache Daykns 1836-1910

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Daykns was educated at Rugby school and studied at Trinity College Cambridge (1855-1859) joining the Geological Survey in 1862 as an assistant geologist . His early work was in Yorkshire as part of a team with Green and Ward surveying the Yorkshire coalfield. This and subsequent work took him through large areas of Yorkshire including Leeds, Tadcaster, Dewsbury, Huddersfield, Halifax, Bradford, Skipton, Bridlington, Driffield, York, Hull, Holderness, The Wolds and Ingleborough. He then moved on to Cumbria and Scotland. Along with Green his input into the understanding of the coal sequences of Yorkshire was considerable. With co-workers including Fox-Strangways, Cameron and Ward he helped the understanding of the Permian, Triassic, Jurassic, Cretaceous and Quaternary of Yorkshire (Table 1).

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