

CIVIL LIST PENSIONERS IN SCIENCE

The main historical source for this list is William Morris Colles, "Literature and the Pension List" (1889), www.archive.org/stream/literaturepension00coll/ which was a book commissioned by a committee chaired by Lord Tennyson. The Civil List Pensioners in science are of uniformly outstanding merit, those in literature more of a mixed quality. The book lists Pensioners from the 1837 reform Act to 1889. I have added all the Pensioners in science I can find prior to 1837.

| Pensioner | Field of Work | Date Awarded | Amount p.a. | Amount (2018) |
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| William Herschel | Astronomer Royal | 1782 | £200 | £32,734 |
| James Ivory | Mathematician | 1831 | £300 | £31,500 |
| John Dalton | Atomic Theory | 1833 | £150 | £15,450 |
| Sir George Airy | Astronomer Royal | 1835 | £300 | £35,700 |
| Michael Faraday | Physicist | 1835 | £300 | £35,700 |
| Mary Fairfax Somerville | Educator | 1835 | £200 | £23,562 |
| Robert Brown | Botanist | 14/9/1842 | £200 | £19,160 |
| Sir Richard Owen (1) | Naturalist | 25/11/1842 | £200 | £19,160 |
| Sir Richard Owen (2) | Naturalist | 26/2/1884 | £100 | £11,200 |
| Sir William Rowan Hamilton | Irish Astronomer Royal | 27/4/1844 | £200 | £23,400 |
| George Newport | Anatomist | 16/11/1847 | £100 | £10,700 |
| John Couche Adams | Astronomer | 14/7/1847 | £200 | £21,400 |
| William Sturgeon | Physicist | 12/10/1849 | £50 | £5,450 |
| Sir Thomas MacLear, | Astronomer for South Africa | 30/10/1850 | £100 | £11,600 |
| widow of Robert Liston | Surgeon | 6/2/1851 | £100 | £12,400 |

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| John Russell Hind | Astronomer | 4/4/1852 | £200 | £25,600 |
| Gideon Mantell | Geologist | 4/4/1852 | £100 | £12,800 |
| Sir Francis Ronalds | The first electrical engineer | 6/4/1852 | £75 | £9,600 |
| widow of David Macbeth Moir | Physician | 6/10/1853 | £100 | £12,800 |
| Rev. Thomas Dick | Astronomer | 21/7/1855 | £50 | £5,100 |
| Prof William Alison | Physician | 10/11/1856 | £100 | £9,850 |
| James Bowman Lindsay | Inventor | 4/8/1858 | £100 | £10,400 |
| Sisters of Prof. Dionysius Lardner | Scientific writer | 11/1/1860 | £125 | £14,500 |
| Rev. Henry Logan | Scientist | 16/1/1860 | £100 | £11,600 |
| John Curtis | Entomologist | 19/8/1861 | £50 | £5,600 |
| Joshua Alder | Zoologist | 18/6/1863 | £70 | £7,840 |
| Sir Thomas MacLear (2) | Astronomer for South Africa | 18/6/1863 | £100 | £11,200 |
| Widow of George Boole | mathematician, inferred Boolean algebra | 19/6/1865 | £100 | £11,700 |
| Widow of Sir W. R. Hamilton | Irish Astronomer Royal | 29/1/1866 | £100 | £11,600 |
| Widow of Richard Roberts Llanymynech | Engineer and prolific inventor | 20/1/1866 | £200 | £23,200 |
| Widow of Sir William Snow Harris | Inventor of lightning conductors | 19/1/1867 | £100 | £10,900 |

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| Widow of Michael Faraday | Physicist | 14/2/1868 | £150 | £15,450 |
| Widow of Sir David Brewster | Physicist, inferred Brewster Angle | 31/3/1868 | £200 | £20,600 |
| Widow of John Curtis | Entomologist | 5/8/1869 | £90 | £9,360 |
| Augustus de Morgan | Mathematician | 21/1/1870 | £100 | £11,000 |
| Widow of Prof. Baden Powell | Mathematician | 12/8/1870 | £150 | £16,500 |
| Widow of Augustus de Morgan | Mathematician | 25/7/1871 | £50 | £5,500 |
| Daughters of Mary Fairfax-Somerville | Science Educator | 4/2/1873 | £50 each | £5,200 |
| David Livingstone | Explorer | 19/6/1873 | £300 | £31,200 |
| Prof. Thomas Rymer Jones | Zoologist, Professor R.I. | 7/8/1873 | £50 | £5,200 |
| Children of David Livingstone | Explorer | 17/3/1874 | £50 each | £5,000 each |
| William Sharpey | Anatomist | 17/3/1874 | £150 | £15,000 |
| Henry Wybrowe Rumsey | Sanitary Scientist | 31/3/1876 | £100 | £10,600 |
| Prof. Henry Watts, UCL | Chemist | 31/3/1876 | £100 | £10,600 |
| Daughter of Mary Somerville (2) | Science Educator | 13/6/1877 | £50 | £5,300 |
| James Prescott Joule | Thermodynamist. | 19/6/1878 | £200 | £21,400 |

