

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)
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

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

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

