

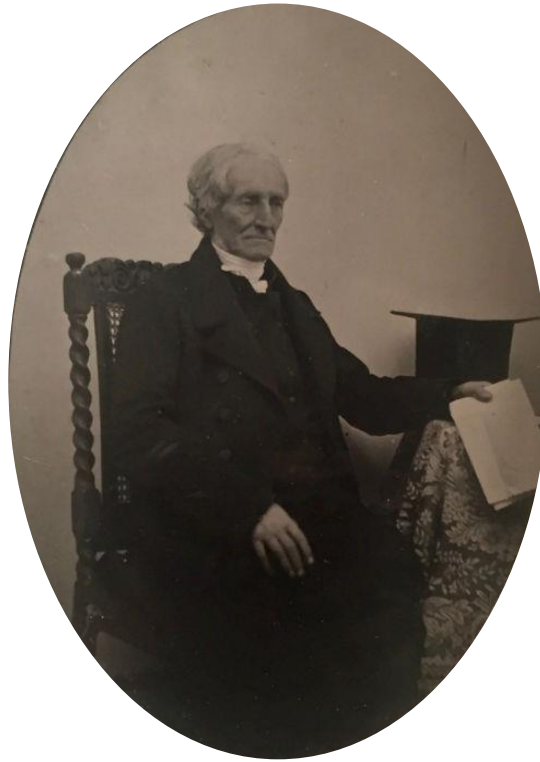
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Dr.

(1783-1866)



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Hartwell House, Buckinghamshire

Biographical and Other Notes

He was born John Fiott, the eldest son of John Fiott and Harriet Lee. His father was involved in the family counting house business and was a failed East India merchant. He was orphaned when young and was brought up by his maternal uncle, William Lee Antonie. Studied mathematics at St John's Cambridge. From 1807–1815 he travelled extensively in the Middle East and Europe, becoming interested in antiquities. When his uncle died in 1816, the condition of inheritance was to change his name to Lee. Inheriting Hartwell house in 1827, he built an observatory and was a founder member and first president of the Numismatic Society of London in 1836. Published the works of Admiral William Smyth.

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