Werner, Abraham Gottlob

DEGREE: none
DATE: 1771 ca.
PLACE: Freiberg Mining Acad.
TEACHER/RESEARCH ADVISOR: Pabst von Ohain/Lommer

geologist, mineralogist; co-founder of field of historical geology and, more than any other, was responsible for turning geology into a science; champion of Neptunism, the theory that all rocks are sedimentary in nature; pointed out that rocks are generally found in particular orders of succession; thought that volcanoes were due to the burning of coal seams; discovered eight new minerals and gave to 26 others names that are still used today.

FOOTNOTE: Werner studied law and linguistics for three years at Leipzig after leaving Freiberg in 1771.

7. Schiffner, C. Aus dem Leben alter Freiberger Bergstudenten; Ernst Mauckisch: 1935; p6-12.