

HUMPHRY DAVY RESOURCES

Recommended Reading

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Websites of Interest

Chemical Heritage Foundation article on Davy

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Royal Institution of Great Britain website on Davy

<http://www.rigb.org/our-history/people/d/humphry-davy>

Notable Names Database article on Davy

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Humorous article about Davy and nitrous oxide

<http://publicdomainreview.org/2014/08/06/o-excellent-air-bag-humphry-davy-and-nitrous-oxide/>

Article about Davy by biographer Richard Holmes

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For Serious Students

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— (1812). [*Elements of Chemical Philosophy*](#). London: Johnson and Co. [ISBN 0-217-88947-6](#).

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Selected Classic Papers from the History of Chemistry, including four by Davy:

<http://web.lemoyne.edu/giunta/paperabc.html>

[Works by Humphry Davy](#) at [Project Gutenberg](#)