This Month in Astronomical History - Author Guidelines

Background: the AAS has asked the HAD to publish a monthly column on the AAS web site on some significant astronomical event that happened that month: birth of noted astronomer, significant discovery, first light of major new telescope or instrument, etc.

If you volunteer for this, please review earlier columns to avoid duplication:

https://had.aas.org/resources/astro-history

Some new possibilities may be found on the Institute of Physics website (but verify these dates and events!!):

http://www.iop.org/resources/day/index.html

1. Please submit your draft to historycol@aas.org no later than the 10th of the month before the column is to appear in (e.g. Feb 10 for March column). The article will be reviewed by the Editor and the HAD Executive Committee.

2. Format: approximately 500 words in length, Microsoft Word document (no PDF). Images should be separate files (JPG, GIF, or PNG), not embedded in document.

3. Try to limit the number of figures to 2 or less. A list of figures should appear after the main text. All images from outside sources should contain appropriate attribution. *It is the author's responsibility to secure permission for usage of copyrighted images*.

4. In-text citations should use the number reference system.

5. References are listed in numerical order as they appear in the text. Reference list should be formatted using AAS Reference List Style (https://journals.aas.org/references/#ref_list) with the following exceptions:
   ● The titles of books and journals should be italicized
   ● If a Nature paper is used as a reference, use "*Nature*" in the bibliography instead of the abbreviation "*Natur*"

6. At the end of the article, authors may also add 2-3 suggested further readings.

More details

   ● Dates should be listed as Day Month Year (e.g. 6 March 1869)
   ● BCE/CE is preferred over BC/AD
   ● Include apostrophe-s for possessives even if proper noun ends in s (e.g. Eratosthenes's calculation)

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