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No. 12. Rev. Dr. JOHN ANDERSON

(1796 - 16th March 1864)

John Anderson was born in Newburgh in 1796 and became minister there in 1833 until his death in 1864. In the early 1830's he developed an interest in Geology. During 1836, he discovered the Upper ORS fossil fish site at Dura Den, in Fife, to which he devoted much of his life. Anderson specimens are held by N.E. Fife District Museum Service at Laing Museum, Newburgh, Fife; Dundee Museum; Hunterian Museum; Paisley Museum; Royal Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh; British Museum (Natural History), London and the British Geological Survey, ? Keyworth, Notts. Anderson gave away and exchanged material (particularly Dura Den fossil fish) during his lifetime and other institutions may have some of his specimens.

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