

Dr. George W. Robinson

Dr. Robinson served as Curator of the A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum and Professor in the Department of Geological Engineering and Sciences at Michigan Tech from 1996 to 2013 when he entered retirement. He is an internationally renowned curator, researcher, teacher and field collector. He is also author of the book *Minerals* (with photography by Jeff Scovil; Simon & Schuster, 1994), which explains in understandable terms the many processes by which minerals form in nature. Since 1982 he has served as an associate editor of *The Mineralogical Record* and has also been on its board of directors since 1985. Dr. Robinson's current interests include the mineralogy of the Grenville Province, the characterization of new minerals, mineral paragenesis, education in geological sciences, and conservation of geological materials. The mineral georobinsonite is named after him.

Education:

(1979) Ph.D. Geology/Mineralogy, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario Thesis: The Occurrence of Rare Earth Elements in Zircon
Dr. Leonard G. Berry, Advisor.

(1968) B.A. Geology, SUNY Potsdam, New York
Dr. Bradford B. Van Diver, Advisor.

Professional Experience

1996-2013: Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Michigan Curator, A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum, and Professor, Geological Engineering and Sciences

1982-1996 Canadian Museum of Nature
1982-1991 Curator, Minerals Sciences Section
1988-1989 A/Cheif, Minerals Sciences Section
1991-1997 Senior Collection Specialist Earth Sciences

1978-1982 Self Employed Mineral Dealer

1974-1978 Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario
Lab Instructor, Mineralogy

1969-1974 Heuvelton Central School, Heuvelton, New York
Earth Science Teacher

Books, Monographs and Book Chapters:

- *Minerals*. G. W. Robinson. Simon & Schuster, New York, 1994. 208 pp.
- "Mineralogy of the Rapid Creek and Big Fish River Area, Yukon Territory." *Mineralogical Record*, **23**, 4-47 (1992). G. W. Robinson, J. Van Velthuisen, H. G. Ansell and D. B. Sturman.

"Selected Mineral Occurrences in St. Lawrence and Jefferson Counties, New York." *55th Annual Meeting, NYSGA Field Trip*

- *Guidebook*. (1983) pp. 3-1 to 3-10. G. W. Robinson.

Selected Refereed Journal Articles

"A refinement of the structure of ferri-tungstite from Kalzas Mountain, Yukon, and observations of the W-pyrochlores." *Canadian Mineralogist*, **32**, 567-574 (1994). T. S. Ercit and G. W. Robinson.

"The barium analog of brewsterite from Harrisville, New York." *Canadian Mineralogist*, **31**, 687-690 (1993). G. W. Robinson and J. D. Grice.

"Famous Mineral Localities: Prenteg, Tremadog, Gwynedd, Wales." *Mineralogical Record*, **23**, 391-399 (1992). R. E. Starkey and G. W. Robinson.

"Famous Mineral Localities: DeKalb, New York." *Mineralogical Record*, **21**, 535-541 (1990). G. W. Robinson.

"Mineralogy of the Alpine veins near Sherbrooke, Quebec." *Mineralogical Record*, **20**, 209-220 (1989). S. C. Chamberlain, G. W. Robinson and R. P. Richards.

"Famous Mineral Localities: The Sterling mine, Antwerp, New York." *Mineralogical Record*, **15**, 199-216 (1984). G. W. Robinson and S. C. Chamberlain.

"An introduction to the mineralogy of Ontario's Grenville Province." *Mineralogical Record*, **13**, 71-86 (1982). G. W. Robinson.