

Minerals Named After Women

Almost 100 minerals have been named after women. Some were mineral collectors. Others were scientists. Others were wives of scientists. Listed below are a number of minerals that were named after women.

Use this website (<http://www.webmineral.com/help/NameOrigin.shtml>) and discover more about the women behind these mineral names. Match these names on the left with the accurate fact about the woman after whom the mineral was named on the right.

Rosemaryite	Russian Mineralogist
Lindbergite	The discoverer of the element radium
Sklodowskite	A distinguished mineral collector. Her husband was Eugene.
Caresite	Wife of Professor Peter Wyllie
Sophiite	A French chemist
Carnotite	A Russian volcanologist and mineralogist
Marialite	A United States Geological Survey Scientist
Mcnearite	A mineral collector and dealer from Sudbury, Mass.
Rondorfite	Her full name was Maria Rosa von Rath
Olgite	A mineralogist and crystallographer from Switzerland



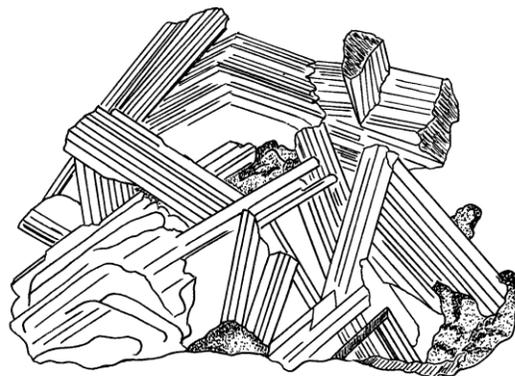
Two minerals were named after Marie Curie-Sklodowska (1867-1934), sklodowskite and curite (named after Marie and her husband, Pierre). The mineral cuprosklodowskite was originally thought to be a copper-bearing version of sklodowskite and so its name bears Marie's name.

Pierre and Marie Curie discovered the element radium.

Left: A Polish stamp with a portrait of Marie Curie-Sklodowska

The deep green mineral called szenicsite was discovered in Chile by Terry and Marissa Szenics. This mineral name was officially approved in 1994. The Szenics are American mineral collectors and mineral dealers. Szenicsite contains the elements copper and molybdenum. Marissa Szenics was born in 1950.

Left: A specimen of Szenicsite.



Fallen Phrase Puzzle 1: An ore is a naturally occurring mineral from which it is profitable to extract elements or compounds, usually metals.

Fallen Phrase Puzzle 2: People in the mining industry say, "If it is not grown, it must be mined."