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COBBOLDITES

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A chance stumble upon 'Cobboldites' in Wikipedia tells us that it "is an extinct genus from a well-known class of fossil marine arthropods, the trilobites. It lived during the Botomian stage, which lasted from approximately 524 to 518.5 million years ago. This faunal stage was part of the Cambrian Period".

What it didn't say, but which is probably true, is that it was named after Edgar Sterling Cobbold, D.Sc. FGS (1851-1936) the internationally respected amateur geologist whose collection of specimens was split between the British Museum, the Sedgwick in Cambridge and the Geological Survey in Kensington.

Edgar is #250 on the family tree.

