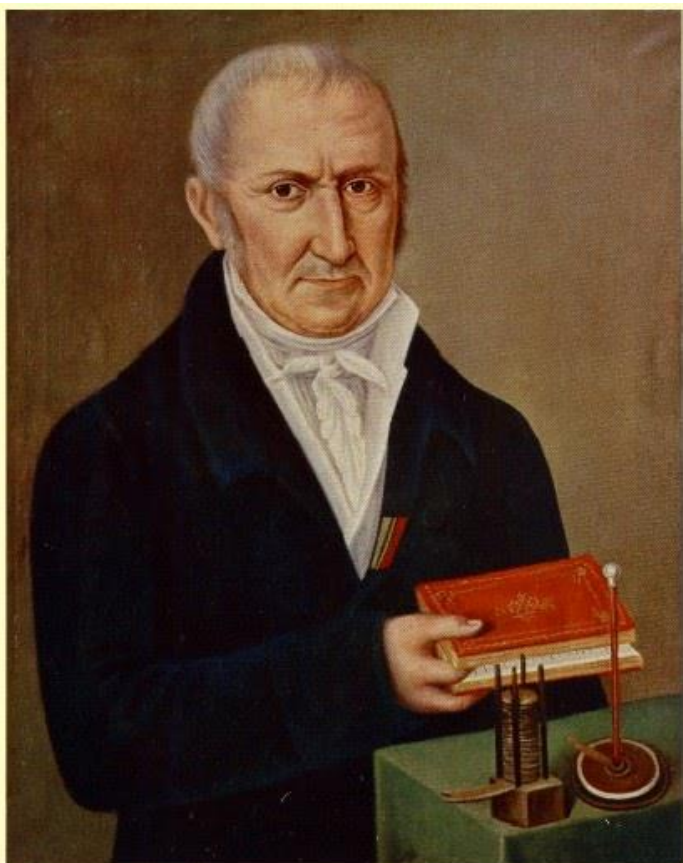# ALLESSANDRO VOLTA

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Alexandro Volta was born in 1745 in Como, Lobardy, Italy. He went to school there as well.

Then in 1774, he became a professor of physics at Royal School in Como and made various inventions.

After 20 years, he married Teresa Peregrimi and had three sons.

He improved his business and in 1779 he became a professor of Physics at the University of Pavia. After that, in 1780 he developed the voltaic pile, a forerunner of electric battery. Then in 1810, Napoleon made him a count to honour him.

Finally, in 1827 he died and in 1881 an electrical unit, the volt, took his name.

Alessandro Volta (1745-1827)