



Arthur Cayley (1821 to 1895) an English lawyer who become a mathematician, was the first person to develop matrices as we know them today. He graduated from Trinity College, Cambridge in 1842 and taught at Cambridge for four years. In 1849 he took up the profession of a lawyer and worked at the courts of Lincoln's Inn in London for 14 years. He returned to mathematics in 1863 and was appointed Professor of Pure Mathematics at Cambridge with a substantial decrease in salary but was very happy to pursue his interest in mathematics. In 1858 he published 'Memoir on the theory of matrices' which contained the definition of a matrix.