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Cooke and Wheatstone

The computer-based information systems developed over the past 3 decades, along with their software applications and computer hardware, have transformed the world and how people live. Prior to the electric telegraph, systems were used, including beacons, , , and for visual signals to communicate over distances of land.

History of Communication Inventions from Telegram to Email

Their approach was ultimately superseded by the telegraph system created by an American portrait artist turned inventor named Samuel Finley Breese Morse.

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All the known effects of electricity—such as , , , and later—were applied to the problems of detecting controlled transmissions of electricity at various distances.

Cooke, William Fothergill 1806

From this came the invention of the electric telegraph by Cook and Wheatstone. In 1842, he established the Kew Observatory, which became one of the leading meteorological and geomagnetic facilities in the world, rivaling the famous Greenwich Observatory.

When Charles Wheatstone, inventor of the electric telegraph, was born

The first, championed by Cooke, was based on the relatively simple one- or two-needle instrument that required skilled operators for its operation. Charles Wheatstone February 6, 1802—October 19, 1875 was an English natural and inventor, perhaps best known today for his contributions to the electric telegraph.

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