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This volume of *Annals of the Deep Sky* is dedicated to William and Caroline Herschel. These two 18th-century luminaries can be appropriately credited with ushering in the modern age of observational astronomy. Though other astronomers before them provided yeoman service by cataloging stars and nonstellar objects, William and Caroline made exponential leaps forward in modernizing and methodizing astronomy using large telescopes. William observed and cataloged thousands of double stars and deep-sky objects, shouting out his observations to Caroline, who wrote them down sitting in a nearby window of their house. Caroline herself discovered many star clusters and nebulae, and was the first woman in history to discover a comet. In all, she found eight, five of which were sole discoveries. Please be sure to read our profile of William and Caroline, beginning on **page 293**.