

## Robert Waller

<b>Born</b>	<b>c.1619</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>1677-1681</b>
<b>Died</b>	<b>Unknown</b>

Robert Waller was born in Shenley in Hertfordshire, the son of Andrew Waller. He entered Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge in 1637, graduating with a BA in 1642. Waller then studied medicine at Leiden University, graduating MD in 1650. Two years later he was incorporated MD by Cambridge University. In 1653, he was admitted a Candidate for the College of Physicians in London, and was admitted a Fellow there in 1662.

By 1667 Waller was in Dublin as he was named as one of the fourteen founding Fellows of the Dublin College of Physicians in the 1667 Charter. He was elected President of the College in 1677.

There are few surviving records of Waller's practice; however, it appears he was State Physician in Ireland. In 1672 John, Lord Berkeley, wrote to the Earl of Essex, his successor as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, about Waller. Berkeley commended Waller as having served him 'very faithfully & with good success',<sup>1</sup> and recommended that Essex should reconfirm his appointment as State Physician.

Waller was still alive in 1680 when he signed a number of certificates with Patrick Dun (qv). He died sometime between 1681, when his time as President finished, and 1692, as he is not mentioned in the Royal Charter granted to the College in that year. Waller seems to have had a family as a daughter, Mary, is recorded in the burial records of St Werburgh's Church.

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from John, Lord Berkley, to the Earl of Essex, 6 August 1672. British Library, Stowe MS 200, folio 104.

