LIVES OF THE PRESIDENTS



Alexander Pelissier

Born: 1759 President: 1804-1805 Died: 1816

Alexander Pelissier was born in Offaly, which was then known as 'King's County', in 1759 into what is thought to be a Huguenot family. His father, Peter, was a clergyman who had been educated at Trinity College, becoming a scholar in 1740, and attaining a BA and an MA. Alexander Pelissier also entered Trinity in June 1779, receiving his Bachelor of Arts there before pursuing his MD in Edinburgh which he received in 1784 having completed his thesis on *De Pulsu Arteriarum*.

He became a Licentiate of the College in 1787, and was elected a Fellow in 1790. He resided in Maynooth, County Kildare, where he practiced as a doctor. Little is known of his professional career other than he was elected to the role of President of the College of Physicians in 1804. He died in 1816.

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