

George Frank Todderick

Born: 1782
President: 1821-22
Died: 1848

George Todderick was born in County Dublin in 1782. His father, Thomas Todderick, is described as a gentleman of independent means and George was educated by a private tutor, the Reverend Mr Whiteside. His father died when he was a small child and his mother Frances remarried a Thorpe Frank, also a wealthy gentleman, and George subsequently adopted his surname.

George entered Trinity College Dublin in November 1799 and was awarded his BA in 1803 and his MA and MB in Spring 1807. In 1809 he was appointed as a physician to the Meath Hospital, succeeding Dr Barker. He was a successful and diligent physician but resigned his post in 1811 for reasons of his own health and his position at the Meath was then taken by John Cheyne.

Todderick married Judith Elizabeth Prichard in 1809 but they never had any children. He initially lived at 39 Grafton Street, Dublin in a house jointly owned with his parents and later at 23 Suffolk Street and then 18 South Frederick Street.

Todderick was a popular physician and ran a large and successful private practice. He remained a physician to the Freemason's Female Orphanage in Dublin after leaving the Meath. He held a strong clinical belief that much disease was due to poor ventilation. He became Registrar and Censor of the College in 1812 and also served as Vice President and Treasurer at different times before becoming President in 1821.

Whilst a successful physician he may also have prepared medicines as he is listed as an apothecary in the list of Freemen of Dublin in 1822 and he was also reported in Ormsby's Medical History of the Meath Hospital and County Dublin Infirmary to have been an 'Examiner of Enemas to the Royal Apothecaries' shops of Dublin'.

In 1823, he and his wife moved to France, possibly to join his wealthy step-father and he may have joined a lay catholic order as he is reported to have begun wearing religious robes. He



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remained an Honorary Fellow of the College after his departure. He eventually retired to England and died in Heavitree, Devon on 4 September 1848.

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