

Francis Foreside

Born: 1696
President: 1737-1738
Died: 1744/5

Francis Foreside was born in Berwick-Upon-Tweed in 1696. He entered Trinity College Dublin in May 1715 and graduated BA in the Spring of 1720. He earned his MB in 1727 and MD in 1730. He was appointed as a Lecturer in Anatomy in Trinity College Dublin in 1734 succeeding Thomas Madden (qv). It has been commented that neither of these left a real mark on the department but a collection of wax anatomical models was acquired during their tenure. The remains of one of these models are still held by the anatomy department.

Francis was admitted a Candidate and Fellow of the College of Physicians in 1735 and was President from 1737 to 1738. He resigned his Anatomy Lectureship in 1742 and in 1743 was appointed Regius Professor of Medicine in Trinity, succeeding Henry Cope (qv). He remained Professor for only three years as he died aged 48 of a 'lingering illness' in late December 1744 or early January 1745. The notice of his death in the *Dublin Courant* described him as 'a gentleman well skilled in his profession and much lamented by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance'.¹

He married Anne Milne in St Catherine's Church in Dublin in August 1734. They lived on Suffolk Street in Dublin and had at least one son, also called Francis, who entered Trinity as a pensioner in 1754 and later became a surgeon at Mercer's Hospital.

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¹ 'Frederick Forside' in [Kirkpatrick Index](#), RCPI

