

## Alexander McNaughten

**Born:** 1686  
**President:** 1732-1733  
**Died:** 1736

Alexander McNaughten (sometimes McNaughton) was born in County Antrim in 1686. He entered Trinity College Dublin in 1704, followed by a period of study in Leiden and, possibly, Rheims Universities. He graduated MD from Leiden in 1711 and on his return to Ireland graduated from Trinity College with MB and MD degrees.

McNaughten was proposed for Fellowship of the College of Physicians on 18 October 1728, and swore his oath on 1 November the same year. In July 1729 McNaughten was proposed by the College as a person fully qualified for serving as Medical Officer to the Blue Coat School, or King's Hospital on Blackhall Place in Dublin. The College had been sending one of its Fellows to attend at the School since 1701, a position without a salary.<sup>1</sup> McNaughten was elected President of the College in 1732.

McNaughten married Jane Waring of Waringstown, and had several daughters by her. During his life, he was acknowledged as a generous philanthropist, and may have been an MP at some stage.<sup>2</sup> He was a founder member, in 1731, of the Royal Dublin Society, but died five years later on 27 August 1736, aged 50.

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<sup>1</sup> Frederick Richard Falkiner, *The foundation of the hospital and free school of King Charles II* (Dublin; Sealy, Bryers and Walker, 1906), 166.

<sup>2</sup> Fergus Mulligan, *The founders of the Royal Dublin Society* (Dublin: Royal Dublin Society, 2005), 20

