

## John Anderson

**Born:** 1708  
**President:** 1751-2  
**Died:** 1762

John Anderson was born in 1708, the son of John Anderson, Pharmacopola (a drug seller). He was admitted to Trinity College Dublin as a pensioner in 1727 and graduated with a BA in 1732, MB in 1738 and MD in 1741. He is also listed in a register of Irish students who studied at Leiden in 1734.

He married a Miss Minchin, sister of Paul Minchin, of County Tipperary in 1738. In 1739, the baptism of John Anderson, son of John Anderson physician to Mercer's Hospital, is recorded. Admitted to the College of Physicians in 1740 as a Licentiate, he was elected a Fellow in 1742. As one of the two eldest Censors of the College, he was an examiner for the three professorships set up in 1749 in Trinity College Dublin following the release of funds from Sir Patrick Dun's bequest of 1713. Dr Anderson is recorded as having examined in Materia Medica.

In relation to the College's handling of the Dun inheritance, Dr Anderson was ordered by the President and Fellows in 1743 to compare the catalogue of books of the Dun's Library with the books then in possession of the President and to make a report to the College. Sadly, the report, if made, has not survived.

A Statute of 1750, recorded as setting up a body to execute the grant of Mary Mercer to the hospital, included John Anderson, Doctor of Physick, in a long list of appointees.

Anderson was elected President of the College in 1751 but there is little else about his College activities on record. He died in 1762.

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