

PAST PRESIDENTS

David Craigie (1793–1866)

Little is known of David Craigie's clinical work or his presidency.

His name is most commonly associated with writing, publishing and celebrating the life of William Cullen.

Born in 1793 near Edinburgh, Craigie trained in medicine at Edinburgh University, eventually becoming a Fellow of the College. From 1861–3 he was its president.

In 1828, not long after qualifying, Craigie wrote *Elements of general and pathological anatomy* (a second edition came out 20 years later).

About that same time he was appointed a physician to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and became the owner (and editor) of the *Edinburgh Medical and Surgical Journal*.

The following year Craigie published his book *Elements of anatomy – general, special and comparative*, and in 1836 *Elements of the practice of physic*.

However, the work for which he is most likely to be remembered is *An account of the life, lectures and writings of William Cullen (two volumes)* by John Thomson, with whom Craigie collaborated.

Several of Craigie's papers – he wrote more than 30 – and letters are to be found in the University of Glasgow and our College Library.

After a long period of ill health he died in 1866.

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