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LISBURN BRANCH



DR. WILLIAM THOMPSON

Dr. William Thompson, born on the 7th March 1806, was the eldest son of Francis Abbott Thompson and Jane Fulton, and grandson of Dr. William Thompson [died 7th October 1842], Apothecary of Castle Street, Lisburn. William obtained his M.D. from Edinburgh in 1828 and was a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland. He lived in Castle Street, Lisburn, and was a consulting physician and surgeon superintendent of the Co. Antrim Infirmary in Seymour Street, Lisburn.

Over the years he built up a large and lucrative private practice, became well known throughout Ireland in almost every branch of treatment and the County Antrim Infirmary came to be regarded as one of the most ably-conducted hospitals in the country. He was also noted for his philanthropy to the poor.

On 7th November 1833 he married Rosina Hogg, widow of Edward Maxwell of the Bengal Civil Service. She was daughter of William Hogg and Mary Dickey, and sister to Clara Hogg, Brigadier-General John Nicholson's mother. He had 2 sons and a daughter, his sons predeceasing him.

Dr. Thompson died on the 22nd September 1882 after being hit by a train as he crossed the railway line at Dunmurry Railway Station and is buried in Lisburn Cathedral graveyard. In his memory his daughter, Mrs. Mary Hogg Bruce, his son-in-law, James Bruce, and his wife endowed, in 1885, The Thompson Memorial Home for Incurables on the Magheralave Road in Lisburn. It is now known as Thompson House.