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## Summary Information

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<b>Abstract</b>	This journal was kept while Shippen was a student of medicine in London under Dr. Colin McKenzie and Dr. William Hunter. Notable people mentioned are Dennys De Berdt, Mark Akenside, George Whitefield, John Fothergill, David Garrick, and Thomas Penn.

## **Background note**

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William Shippen was a Philadelphia physician and anatomist and taught anatomy and midwifery.

## Administrative Information

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- Akenside, Mark, 1721-1770
- De Berdt, Dennys, 1694-1770
- Fothergill, John, 1712-1780
- Garrick, David, 1717-1779
- Hunter, William, 1718-1783
- McKenzie, Colin
- Penn, Thomas, 1702-1775.
- Whitefield, George, 1714-1770

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## **Other Descriptive Information**

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This item was printed, with notes, in Betsy C. Corner, "William Shippen, Jr., Pioneer in American Medical Education," American Philosophical Society Library Memoirs 28 (Philadelphia, 1951).

## **Other Descriptive Information**

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This bound volume contains the journal William Shippen kept while receiving medical training in London. Shippen would go on to become a leading doctor, specializing in obstetrics, in the early republic. This journal keeps track of his daily activities and includes personal anecdotes as well as notes on his education. Many entries note when he awoke and when he began his rotation. He sometimes describes things he witnessed in the hospital.