Long, Wells, Morton, or Jackson?

Who was the first “anaesthetist”? Was it pharmacist-physician Crawford W. Long (1815–1878) of Georgia? Or was it dentist Horace Wells (1815–1848) of Connecticut? Or was it perhaps dentist William T. G. Morton (1819–1868) or even geologist-chemist-physician Charles T. Jackson (1805–1880), both of Massachusetts? These are the Americans most frequently cited by the physicians and historians who pursue Wood Library-Museum Fellowships. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. This image appears in color in the Anesthesiology Reflections online collection available at www.anesthesiology.org.)

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