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The Morton House I by Vandam



In August of 1819, William Thomas Green Morton (1819–1868) was born in Charlton, Massachusetts. His original birthplace burned down to its foundations, so the house depicted above is “a successor to the original edifice.” So remarked artist-anesthesiologist Leroy D. Vandam (1914–2004), a retired Editor of *ANESTHESIOLOGY*, who painted this watercolor (see above). Championing Morton as the first to publicly demonstrate ether for surgical anesthesia, Dr. Vandam delighted in painting this Morton House at various seasons of the year. Only a few copies of the 100-print run autographed by the late Dr. Vandam remain for sale as a benefit for the Wood Library-Museum. (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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