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ANESTHESIOLOGY REFLECTIONS

The Morton House II by Vandam



History tells us that the etherizer who first *publicly* demonstrated surgical anesthesia was William Thomas Green Morton (1819–1868). However, the muse Ciio seems confused as to whether Morton was born at the site above on August 9 or 19. A retired Editor of *ANESTHESIOLOGY*, watercolorist and anesthesiologist Leroy D. Vandam (1914–2004), after visiting Morton’s birthplace, had observed that the “original Morton house was a large, square old-fashioned wooden house on a farm that was deeded to William Thomas Green Morton’s mother, Rebecca, by her father, John Stevens.” Because the original Morton house had burned, its successor was the edifice (*above*) that Professor Vandam captured with watercolors. As a benefit for the Wood Library-Museum, just a few of the 100 prints signed by the late Dr. Vandam remain available for sale. (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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