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S. S. White's Poster for the Centennial Exhibition of 1876



As the United States celebrated the 100th anniversary of its "Declaration of Independence," Philadelphia hosted the "Centennial Exhibition of 1876." Among the scores of competing dental manufacturers was the hometown one co-founded by Samuel S. White, D.D.S. (1822–1879). Three years earlier, for its "peculiar distinction of eminent merits," White's firm had received the Grand Diploma of Honor (*upper right*) at the 1873 exposition in Vienna—a lofty distinction, since all runner-up dental firms had received bronze, rather than gold or silver medals. After featuring an etching of the Horticultural Hall (*lower right*) on his firm's two-toned Centennial poster (*left*), founder Samuel Stockton White, D.D.S. (1822–1879), was delighted to learn that the U.S. Centennial Commission Examiners' had cited his products as "decidedly superior" and "excelling [beyond] any other exhibit." By the end of the 19th Century, his legacy firm, S.S. White Dental Manufacturing Company would become the world's leading purveyor of dental supplies, anesthesia machines, and nitrous oxide. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. This image also appears in the *Anesthesiology Reflections* online collection available at www.anesthesiology.org.)

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