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Signed Simpson Stereoscopic Photoportrait, Blind-stamped Lennie



On the first major avenue beneath Edinburgh Castle Rock, Princes Street, and just a long scone's throw from the (Sir Walter) Scott Monument, the family business of Scottish master optician James Lennie sold eyewear, jewelry, perfume, and photographic apparatus. The Lennies' corner shop at 46 Princes Street was only two Georgian city blocks from Queen Street and just under five blocks total from 52 Queen Street, the home of Sir James Young Simpson from 1845 until his death in 1870. Simpson's stereoscopic photoportrait (*top*) bears the blind-stamp "LENNIE / 46 PRINCES ST / Edinburgh" on front. On back is the imprinted autograph (*bottom*) of the Professor of Midwifery who pioneered chloroform anesthesia, "J Y Simpson." (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc.)

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