

**Joseph Trevor notes on medical lectures delivered by  
Dr. Samuel Jackson at the University of Pennsylvania  
Medical School**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	Joseph Trevor was a medical student at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. This volume of lecture notes documents a series of lectures taught by Dr. Samuel Jackson (1787-1872) between 1824 and 1826.

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## Biography/History

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Joseph Trevor received his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in 1826. He wrote an essay on foreign bodies in the esophagus and test-phagotomy.

Samuel Jackson was born in Philadelphia, March 22, 1787, son of pharmacist David Jackson and Susan Kemper. Although Jackson attended the College of the University of Pennsylvania, he did not complete the courses required to receive a degree but instead began his study of medicine under Dr. James Hutchinson. After Hutchinson's death, he continued at the offices of Dr. Casper Wistar. Jackson received his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1808. After graduation, he briefly took up the drug business left by his father and older brother.

When the War of 1812 broke out, Jackson joined the First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry and served with them in operations in the Chesapeake Bay through the war. Jackson sold his pharmaceutical business upon his return in 1815 and began a private medical practice. In 1820, he became president of the Philadelphia Board of Health, and directed its management of the yellow fever epidemic. In 1821, Jackson helped found the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and was appointed its first Professor of Materia Medica. He also served as attending physician at the Philadelphia Almshouse and as instructor of medical chemistry and materia medica at the Medical Institute of Philadelphia, founded by Nathaniel Chapman.

In 1827, Jackson was made assistant to Professor Nathaniel Chapman at the University of Pennsylvania, a post in which Jackson was responsible for teaching physiology. When Chapman's health declined in 1835, Jackson took over as Professor of the Institutes of Medicine and remained in that chair until his retirement in 1863. He would also teach on the wards of Philadelphia Hospital from 1842 to 1845. His medical publications included *The Principles of Medicine Founded on the Structure and Functions of the Animal Organism*.

Jackson's professional and scholarly memberships included the College of Physicians of Philadelphia and the American Philosophical Society. While in Montreal, Canada, in 1832 investigating an outbreak of Asian cholera on behalf of the Sanitary Board of Councils for Philadelphia, he married the daughter of a British officer. Jackson died in Philadelphia, April 4, 1872.

Information regarding Dr. Samuel Jackson taken in its entirety from Penn Biographies.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains lecture notes on pathology, diagnosis, and treatments, including prescriptions, taken at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School from 1824 to 1826 in courses taught by Dr. Samuel Jackson. The lecture notes include frequent references to Dr. Nathaniel Chapman, a professor to whom Jackson was made assistant in 1827.

A portion of the volume is in question and answer format. For example, under the condition "Asthma," questions such as "What is asthma?," "What are the causes?," etc. are asked and followed by the answers.

By page 36, this format changes to a more standard narrative of the lectures.

Lectures addressed bilious pleurisy, peripneumonia rotha, asthma, angina pectoris, pertussis, phthisis pulmonalis, cynanche trachialis, dropsy, atonic dropsy, ascitis, hydrothorax, scrophula, marasmus, hydrocephalus, cynanche laryngea, cynanche tonsillaris, cynanche parotidea (mumps), scarlet fever, measles, variola or small pox, gout, rheumatism, hematuria, hemorrhoides or piles, diseases of the digestive system, drunkenness, exanthemata, diseases of the cutaneous system, erysipelas, diseases of the cerebral system, epilepsy, chronic laryngitis, and hepatitis. All spelling and terms are replicated exactly. Several pages were removed, it appears with a knife. A small number of remedies follow, including a recipe for "Dr. Jackson's cough mixture." A few notes, originally laid into the volume, include a recipe for "sirip de cusineaux."

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## Controlled Access Headings

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CORPORATE NAME(S)

- University of Pennsylvania. School of Medicine.

### **FORM/GENRE(S)**

- Lecture notes

### **PERSONAL NAME(S)**

- Chapman, Nathaniel, 1780-1853
- Jackson, Samuel, 1787-1872

### **SUBJECT(S)**

- Medical education--United States--19th century
- Medical students
- Medicine
- Medicine--Formulas, recipes, etc.
- Medicine--Study and teaching

## Collection Inventory

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Lecture notes (bound volume).	1	1

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Items laid in (recipe for "Sirup de Cusineaux' and other notes), 1825, undated.	1	2
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