In a famous recollection of the France he had known on the eve of the revolution, Talleyrand said: “those who were not living in and about the year 1789 know not the pleasure of life”. In the same year, on the other side of the Atlantic, George Washington assumed office as the first President of the United States. For the future of the world that was an historic moment. It was a climax to over a decade of turmoil since 1776 – but for America, the best was surely yet to be.

This exhibit focuses on the theme of medical history from the years 1680 to 1820. These dates have been chosen because they represent the period from Thomas Thacher, (1620-1678) who wrote the earliest medical document to be printed in the American colonies, to the death of Samuel Bard, (1742-1821) who helped further medical education in America.
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