

American Eden:

DAVID HOSACK, BOTANY,
AND MEDICINE IN THE
GARDEN OF THE
EARLY REPUBLIC



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Historian Victoria Johnson's groundbreaking book, 'American Eden,' is a biography of the doctor at the Hamilton-Burr duel, David Hosack, a pioneering physician and botanist. As Victoria reveals, Hosack was one of the few points the duelists did agree on. Summoned that morning because of his role as the beloved Hamilton family doctor, he was also a close friend of Burr. A brilliant surgeon and a world-class botanist, Hosack – who until now has been lost in the fog of history – was a pioneering thinker who shaped a young nation. One goal drove Hosack above all others: to build the Republic's first botanical garden. Despite innumerable obstacles and near-constant resistance, Hosack triumphed when, by 1810, his Elgin Botanic Garden at last crowned twenty acres of Manhattan farmland. It is now buried under Rockefeller Center.

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