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Chronology of the
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QUOTES

"...California - long a battleground for scope of practice test cases by advocates of both camps..." (Gibbons, 1982)

Chronology

1905 (Dec): The Chiropractor [2(1)] includes:
-letter to B.J. from F.B.C. Eilersficken, M.D., Ph.D. (p. 10):

B.J. Palmer, D.C. San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 24, 1905

The October Chiropractor to hand. It is a gold mine to any thinking person.

In 1902, I took a three month’s course in Chiropractics of a man who went under the name of Dr. Palmer, and claimed to be the originator of Chiropractic. His height was about five feet, eight inches. He had a long beard and a good command of language. Lately I have been able to study the photo of your Father, and find that I have been imposed upon. Sincerely,

F.B.C. EILERSFICKEN, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. F.B.C. Eilersficken: - You are not the only one who has been fooled into learning “Chiropractics.” Go to The Palmer School and learn Chiropractic; they will treat you right.

Dr. D.D. Palmer is five feet, five inches in height, and today weighs one hundred and sixty-two pounds.

1911 (May 20): Articles of Incorporation filed for Ratledge System of Chiropractic Schools in Los Angeles (Ratledge papers-SFCR Archives); established as a “profit corporation with a paid-in capital of $300” (SRI, 1960, p. 97)

1913 (Jan 29): Articles of Incorporation are filed for the Federated Chiropractors of California (FCC); incorporators are Nelson C. Oakley DC, Edward H Chamberlain, Sidney Lee Groves, Elizabeth V Helfrich DC (author of poems in DD Palmer’s 1910 Adjuster), and Harry St. Celae?, President (Ratledge papers, SFCR Archives); Nelson C Oakley will found Clewell Chiropractic College in San Diego later in 1913

1913 (Winter): DD leaves Ratledge/LA, moves to San Diego CA (Smallie, 1963)

1913: Nelson Oakley DC founds Clewell Chiropractic College in San Diego; name is changed in 1935 to Western University (SRI, 1961, p. 215); see also letters from Oakley to RA Ratledge (1/5/16) and to TF Ratledge (1/31/16)

1915 (June 3): at California Chiropractic College (CCC) "...a class of sixty eight was graduated, and on July 16th, a summer class of twenty-seven regular practitioners, 935 Haight Street, San Francisco, and another class of sixty regular practitioners of San Diego, Los Angeles and vicinity at Los Angeles" (CCC, 1917-18)

1915 (Sept 11): TF Ratledge writes to "DR. JB Vermillion" of San Diego re: Nelson Oakley DC (future president of Clewell Chiropractic College); Oakley has some sort of alliance with Richardson of CCC [may be operating a branch of the CCC]; Ratledge requests that Vermillion write to Richardson of CCC as a prospective student to determine whether attendance is required and who Richardson’s faculty are (Ratledge papers, SFCR Archives)

1915 (Dec 30): Nelson Clewell Oakley DC, president of the Clewell Chiropractic College at 229-234 Granger Bldg, San Diego, writes to RA Ratledge DC (TF’s brother); mentions prior discussion to merge the Ratledge and Clewell Colleges; notes that "I attended the Cal. Chiropractic. College quiz course last summer..." [see 6/15/14] (Ratledge papers-SFCR)

1916 (Jan 31): NC Oakley DC of Clewell College in San Diego writes to TF Ratledge in reply to letter from TF of 1/29/16; notes he had attended Ratledge College;
mentions his inquiry of Charles B Pinckham MD re: application to take exam for Drugless Practitioner license; notes also that* (Ratledge papers-SFCR):

I heard today that Richardson has gone to South America because of the pressure that has come upon him in his acts. This is no surprise to me for he has reached as far as his arm will extend, and he has hauled in what his hand will grasp so what more in Los Angeles or California is there for him?
or Richardson may have been at CCC branch school in SF (see 1915 [Mar])

1921 (June): The Chiropractor & Clinical Journal (PSC) [17(6)] includes:

- FD Irish DC reports on "Chiropractic in Prison", tells story of his and AG Eckols DC's incarceration in the San Diego County Jail for unlicensed practice; develops practice in jail (pp. 15, 51-3)

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Berkeley Chiropractic College, Berkeley 1922-1932
Bullis Chiropractic School - Oakland College of Chiropractic, Oakland 1913-1920
Bullis & Davis School of Neuropathy, Ophthalmology and Chiropractic, Los Angeles [1911]
Cale College of Chiropractic, Los Angeles 1925-1929
California Chiropractic College, Oakland 1913-1963
California College of Electro-Mechano Therapy [1925]
California College of Natural Healing Arts, Los Angeles 1938-1946
Formerly Chiropractic College of America 1933-1938
Formerly Cale College of Naturopathy 1927-1933
Chiropractors, Inc., Los Angeles 1920-[1921]
Cleveland Chiropractic College of Los Angeles, Los Angeles 1951-Formerly Ratledge College of Chiropractic 1911-1955
College of Drugless Healing, Naturopathy, Los Angeles [1945]
Formerly College of Drugless Healing, Los Angeles 1939-1942
College of Medical and Drugless Surgeons, Los Angeles 1920-[19-]
Columbia College of Chiropractic, Sacramento [1943]
Columbia College of Chiropractic and Naturopathy, Sacramento 1953-1955
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Continental Chiropractic College, Los Angeles 1935-1946
Davis College of Neuropathy, Los Angeles [1914]
Eclectic College of Chiropractic 1917-1924
Golden State College of Chiropractic, Los Angeles 1923-1926
Hollywood College, School of Naturopathic Physicians & Surgeons, School of Chiropractic; also known as Hollywood College of Chiropractic, Hollywood 1949-1963
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Kinetic Drugless College of Chiropractic, Los Angeles [1926]
Los Angeles College of Chiropractic, Whittier 1911- (comprised of at least 13 schools; see Appendix A)
Los Angeles College of Natural Healing Arts, Los Angeles - 1938-

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Dr. H.B. Moore, San Diego [1914]
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Palmer Chiropractic School, Santa Barbara 1903-1904

Palmer College of Chiropractic/West, Sunnyvale 1980-Formerly Northern California College of Chiropractic 1978-1980

Pasadena College of Chiropractic, Pasadena 1980-Formerly University of Pasadena, College of Chiropractic 1973-1980

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R.A. Ratledge College of Chiropractic, Long Beach 1921-1925

San Diego School of Chiropractic, San Diego 1910-1914

San Francisco Chiropractic College, San Francisco 1927-1938

San Francisco College of Chiropractic, San Francisco 1933-1944, 1946-1951 Formerly West Coast Chiropractic College, Inc. 1922-1933

San Francisco College of Chiropractic and Drugless Physicians, San Francisco 1925-1946

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Standard Chiropractic College, Inc., Oakland 1922-1938

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Storey's School of Chiropractic [1909-<1921]

West Coast College of Chiropractic, Oakland [1929]

Western College of Chiropractic and Drugless Therapy, San Francisco 1923-1927
Formerly Western College (School) of Chiropractic 1920-1923

Western University of Chiropractic, San Diego 1935-[1943] Formerly Clewell Chiropractic College [1911-1938]

Appendix: B.J. Palmer's list of Palmer/Davenport graduates during 1895-1905*

1. H.D. Reynard
2. Ira H. Lucas
3. O.G. Smith
4. Minora C. Paxson
5. A.B. Wightman
6. M.A. Collier
7. A.S. Dresher
8. S.D. Parrish
9. A. Henry
10. T.H. Story
11. Henry Gross
12. J.E. Marsh
13. Martha Brake
14. J.J. Darnell
15. Dr. Oas
16. Dr. Hananska
17. Dr. Evans
18. G.B. Danelz
19. Selma Doelz
20. E.E. Sutton
21. O.B. Jones
22. J.L. Hirely
23. S.M. Langworthy
24. W.J. Robb
25. E.E. Jones
26. E.D.B. Newton
27. E. Ellsworth Schwartz
28. A.G. Boggs
29. S.M. Hunter
30. Andrew Coleman
31. Dr. Bennett
32. C.D. Sprague
33. C.E. Ashwill
34. A.P. Davis
35. P.W. Hammerle
36. Thomas Francis
37. Ella Bon
38. C. Wright Dodd
39. C.W. Konkler
40. Mrs. M. Gould French
41. Edward D. Schoffman
42. C.H. Fancher
43. F.B.C. Eilersficken
44. W.L. Bowers
45. Chas. G. Munro
46. R.P. Rold
47. W.F. Booth
48. D.W. Resiland
49. Dr. Raymond
50. Ernie Simon
51. D.B. Baker
52. Miss Eliza Murchison
53. Ray Stouder
54. Dr. Schooley
55. Ralph Graham
56. Cha's. Ray Parker