Dear Doctor Ratledge:

I am enclosing a booklet which I wrote and published that should clearly show my stand on Chiropractic. I have had many thousands of them -- got in an order yesterday from Scotland -- and it has been off the press only a short time. I hope that you will not dislike it. In the future I plan to write and publish much more.

Again let me express my respect for you in having the character and foresight to take the stand that you take.

Very truly yours,

R.L. Nimmo

P.S. I was taking the state board in Oklahoma for the reason that I have only recently located here. I graduated from the PSC in 1926, and have until last December, practiced in Texas.

1942: Nimmos serves in Hospital Corps, U.S.N.R. (Dzaman et al., 1980)

1947 (June): Nimmo marries Arlene Holmes (Dzaman et al., 1980)

c1951: RL Nimmo DC, president of the Green Feather Organization, publishes “Course for Survival” pamphlet; mentions Walter Wardwell PhD’s doctoral dissertation (TCC Special Collections)

1963 (Mar 11): letter to Raymond L. Nimmo at Box 416 Granbury TX from Stanley Hayes DC of Tucson AZ; Hayes notes his articles in JNCA re: “The chiropractic subluxation - a new hypothesis”

1963 (Mar 21): letter with attached “Course of Instruction” from Raymond L. Nimmo at Box 416 Granbury TX to Stanley Hayes DC of Tucson AZ

1963 (Apr 29): letter to Raymond L. Nimmo at Box 416 Granbury TX from Stanley Hayes DC of Tucson AZ

1963 (Nov 12): letter to Raymond L. Nimmo at Box 416 Granbury TX from Stanley Hayes DC of Tucson AZ

1964 (Jan 28): letter with attached notes on “The Receptor-Tonus Method” from Raymond L. Nimmo, D.C., Developer at Box 416 Granbury TX from Stanley Hayes DC of Tucson AZ

1966 (Jan/Feb): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [8(4)] includes:
- two-page ad from Raymond L. Nimmo, D.C. of Granbury TX entitled “Conques of pain; conquest of distortion” (pp. 44-5)

1967 (Mar/Apr): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [9(5)] includes:
- full-page ad for Receptor Tonus technique, featuring Raymond L. Nimmo DC & James F. Vannerson, MA, DC (p. 24)
1967 (May/June): *Digest of Chiropractic Economics* [9(6)] includes:
-full page ad, “Trigger Point Therapy… What is it?” (p. 49) from Dr. Harold Carl of Port Jefferson Station NY

1968 (Feb 20): letter from Raymond L. Nimmo at Box 416 Granbury TX to “Dr. Shipley”

1968 (Sept/Oct): *Digest of Chiropractic Economics* [11(2)] carries Nimmo’s ad for “Conquest of Pain” (p. 43)

1968 (Nov/Dec): *Digest of Chiropractic Economics* [11(3)] includes:
-“Teach-in’ is new method at Parker Seminar” (p. 4); notes Parker seminar at Las Vegas during 9-12 January 1969 will feature Clarence Gonstead, D.C.; Raymond Nimmo, D.C., Major B. DeJarnette, D.O., D.C. and Richard Van Rump, D.C.; photos of each
-Nimmo’s ad for “Conquest of Pain” (p. 49)

1969 (Jan/Feb): *Digest of Chiropractic Economics* [11(4)] includes:
-“Parker meeting at Las Vegas” (p. 6); includes photograph of (left to right): Clarence Gonstead, D.C. of Mount Horeb WI; Raymond Nimmo, D.C. of Granbury TX; Jimmy Parker, D.C.; Major B. DeJarnette, D.O., D.C. of Nebraska City NB; Richard VanRumpt, D.C. of Santa Barbara CA

1969 (May/June): *DCE* [11(3)] includes:
-Nimmo’s ad “An open letter to the entire chiropractic profession” (p. 51)

1969 (Sept/Oct): *DCE* [12(2)] includes:
-James F. Vannerson MA, DC & Raymond L. Nimmo DC author “The ‘silent disease’: prostatosa-vesiculism, its place in chiropractic practice” (pp. 12-4, 16-9)

1969 (Nov/Dec): *Digest of Chiropractic Economics* [12(3)] includes:
-James F. Vannerson, B.A., B.S., M.A., D.C. of Purcell OK, Associate Instructor, Nimmo Technical Seminars, authors “A manipulative procedure for the treatment of prostatosa-vesiculism” (pp. 18-20, 22-3)

1970: Nimmo publishes *The Receptor* [1(1)]

1971 (Nov/Dec): *Digest of Chiropractic Economics* [14(3)] includes:
-ad for Nimmo seminars (p. 54):  

1971: Nimmo publishes *The Receptor* [2(1)]; includes article by James F. Vannerson, M.A., D.C. and RL Nimmo, “Specificity and the law of facilitation in the nervous system”

1972 (Jan/Feb): *Digest of Chiropractic Economics* [14(4)] includes:
-ad for Nimmo seminars (p. 56)

1974 (Mar/Apr): *Digest of Chiropractic Economics* [16(5)] includes:
-J.F. Vannerson, M.A., D.C. authors “A neurological explanation of acupuncture” (pp. 22-4, 26-9); includes photograph of Dr. Vannerson:

1974 (May/June): *Digest of Chiropractic Economics* [16(6)] includes:
-J.F. Vanerson, M.A., D.C. authors “A neurological explanation of acupuncture” (pp. 40-1, 46-7)

1974 (July/Aug): *Digest of Chiropractic Economics* [17(1)] includes:
-J.F. Vannerson, M.A., D.C. authors “A neurological explanation of acupuncture. Part 3” (pp. 14-5, 17)

1974 (Sept/Oct): *Digest of Chiropractic Economics* [17(2)] includes:
-J.F. Vannerson, M.A., D.C. authors “A neurological explanation of acupuncture. Part 4” (pp. 40-2, 44-5)

1974 (Nov/Dec): *Digest of Chiropractic Economics* [17(3)] includes:
-J.F. Vannerson, M.A., D.C. authors “A neurological explanation of acupuncture – Part 5” (pp. 52-3, 55-6)

1975 (Jan/Feb): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [17(4)] includes:
-J.F. Vannerson, M.A., D.C. authors “A neurological explanation of acupuncture – Part 6” (pp. 52-3, 82-4, 86-7, 89-90); includes:

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1975 (Mar/Apr): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [17(5)] includes:
-J.F. Vannerson, M.A., D.C. authors “The meridians of acupuncture: were they discoveries or were they inventions?” (pp. 73-4, 76)

1976 (Mar/Apr): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [18(5)] includes:
-J.F. Vannerson, M.A., D.C. authors “My experience with brain-wave bio-feedback training” (pp. 56-7, 60-1, 63)

1976 (May/June): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [18(6)] includes:
-J.F. Vannerson, M.A., D.C. authors “My experience with brain-wave bio-feedback training with interpretations: Part 2” (pp. 38-42)

1977 (July/Aug): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [20(1)] includes:
-J.F. Vannerson, M.A., D.C. of Purcell OK authors “Sympathetic vascular functions in health: sympathetic vascular malfunctions in disease – Part 1” (pp. 24-6, 99-101)

1978 (Sept/Oct): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [21(2)] includes:
-J.F. Vannerson, M.A., D.C. of Purcell OK authors “Pain mechanisms and chiropractic theory” (pp. 22-3, 26-7, 92-4, 97)

1978 (Nov/Dec): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [21(3)] includes:
-J.F. Vannerson, M.A., D.C. of Purcell OK authors “Pain mechanisms and chiropractic theory, Part 2” (pp. 60-1, 63-5, 68, 70)

1979 (Nov/Dec): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [22(3)] includes:
-J.F. Vannerson, M.A., D.C. of Purcell OK authors “The dynamics of spinal distortion” (pp. 48-9, 51-2, 124, 126-7, 129)

1987 (Jan/Feb): Digest of Chiropractic Economics [29(4)] includes:
-“Dr. Raymond Nimmo (1904-1986)” (p. 7):

Dr. Raymond Nimmo, pioneer, teacher and innovator of the Receptor-Tonus Technique, died July 18th, 1986, in Grandbury, Texas. He was 81. Dr. Nimmo graduated from the Palmer School of Chiropractic in Davenport, IA in 1926.

A pioneer in chiropractic studies, Dr. Nimmo was a researcher, lecturer and author of several volumes of scientific work in neuromuscular disorders. He received the Daniel David Palmer Scientific Award from his alma mater in 1976 and was awarded many recognitions from various colleges and organizations.

Dr. Nimmo conducted over 200 seminars of his technique know as “Receptor-Tonus,” or the “Nimmo Technique,” in Europe, Australia, Canada, Puerto Rico and the United States. He was president of the Texas Chiropractic Association in 1976.

Founder of the Receptor-Tonus Council formed in 1984, Dr. Nimmo was honored this past June by the doctors carrying on his work. He was presented with a plaque adorned by a quote of his: “Besides standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before me, I have challenged everything all my life. I can’t help it.”

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Arlene Holmes Nimmo.

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Raymond L. Nimmo, D.C., 5 March 1977 (LACC Registrar’s collection)