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Chronology of CHIROPRACTIC IN ALABAMA

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CHRONOLOGY

1880 (Dec 19): Kelly C. Robinson DC is born at Eoline, Alabama

1918 (July 28): William Harris DC is born at Opelika, Alabama

1920: Lewis (1991, pp. 162-4) writes:

What began in 1920 as a single station (WDKA), had grown to 30 stations in 1922, and 556 in 1923.....Only a few radio sets were produced in 1921; 100,000 were produced in 1922; 500,000 in 1923. By 1923, an estimated 400,000 households had a radio, a jump from 60,000 just the year before. And in that year's spring catalogue, the Sears Roebuck Company offered its first line of radios, while Montgomery Ward was preparing a special fifty-two-page catalog of radio sets and parts. Included was 'a complete tube set having a range of 500 miles and more' for \$23.50.

Overnight, it seemed, everyone had gone into broadcasting: newspapers, banks, public utilities, department stores, universities and colleges, cities and towns, pharmacies, creameries, and hospitals, among others. In Davenport, Iowa, the **Palmer School of Chiropractic** had a station; in New Lebanon, Ohio, the Nushawg Poultry Farm started one; in Cleveland the Union Trust Company began broadcasting over WJAX; in Clarksburg, West Virginia, the Roberts Hardware opened WHAK; the John Fink Jewelry Company of Fort Smith, Arkansas, began WCAC; the Detroit Police Department began the mnemonic KOP; the Chicago Tribune began WGN (World's Greatest Newspaper); in San Francisco, the Glad Tidings Tabernacle broadcast its message of salvation over KDZX; and in Milford, Kansas, broadcasting over KFKB ("Kansas Folks Know Best"), Dr. John R. Brinkley delivered lectures three times each day about the virtues of implanting goat glands to restore male potency. From his church in Brooklyn, the Reverend Samuel Parkes Cadman - the preacher who had called the Woolworth Building the "cathedral of commerce" - now delivered his sermons to tens of thousands; from **Birmingham, the Alabama Power Company broadcast over WSY, calling itself "Service from the Heart of Dixie"**; and in Kansas City, Emory J. Sweeney added station WHB to his automobile and tractor repair school, offering a free radio course to each student who enrolled...

...Brisk radio sales were part of the wave of postwar prosperity that was breaking over the nation.

1926 (Sept 4): Original officers, board members and members of the Representative Assembly of the Chiropractic Health Bureau (ICA, 1951; Keating, 1997, p. 215):

Officers

B.J. Palmer, President
Heinrich Dueringer, First Vice-President
Charles Rohlfing, Second Vice-President
F.H. Seubold, Third Vice-President
Frank W. Elliott, Treasurer
F.P. Myers, Secretary
Fred H. Hartwell, General Counsel

Board of Control

Charles E. Caster
R.S. Marlow
A.E. Lill
W.H. Rafferty

P.M. Jackson
Glenn V. John
George P. Shears
A.G. Eckols
C.P. Eifertson
Morris Mortenson
Representative Assembly
Alabama - Joseph Barnett
California - A.G. Eckols
Canada - Newton J. Elliott
Connecticut - Burton W. Phelps
District of Columbia - Hod Norton
Florida - Roberta T. Graham
Illinois - A.E. Lill
Indiana - Mary Saxe
Iowa - Charles E. Caster
Kentucky - Henry F. Grefe
Mississippi - J.T. Grantham
Missouri - Carl Cleveland
Nebraska - Bert R. Gibbs
New Hampshire - O.S. Conery
New Jersey - J.C. Harrison
New York - William H. Warner
Rhode Island - Ralph W. Braids
South Dakota - C.C. Smith
Texas - Ben Overton
Vermont - W.A. Gaze
Virginia - John H. Stoke
Washington - John H. Craven
West Virginia - George P. Smithson

1929 (Feb 25): letter to SL Ashworth DC from Joseph R Ashworth DC of Alabama

1929 (June 10): Samuel Homola DC, future author of *Bonesetting, Chiropractic & Cultism* (Homola, 1963) is born in Dothan, Alabama

1930 (Apr 1): **Bulletin of the ACA** [7(2)] notes:

-Hotel Sinton will be headquarters for **ACA's** convention in Cincinnati on July 14-18, 1930 (cover, p. 1)

-14 state associations now affiliated with **ACA**, including: (inside front cover); (?Iowa association has apparently withdrawn affiliation?)

-Alabama State Chiropractic Association

-Progressive Chiropractic Association of California
-Colorado Chiropractic Association
-Idaho State Chiropractic Association
-Michigan Chiropractic Society
-Minnesota Chiropractic Association
-Montana Chiropractic Association
-NYS Chiropractic Society
-North Dakota Chiropractic Association
-Ohio State Chiropractic Society
-Oregon Chiropractic Association
-Washington Chiropractic Association
-Wyoming Chiropractors' Association

1930 (Aug 17): handwritten letter from A.H. Kessler DC of Birmingham, Alabama to **Stanley Hayes** DC (Hayes collection):
Dear Dr. Hayes:

Just a line to tell you how much I enjoyed your *Bulletin* of July on "What is Wrong with Chiropractic." It is absolutely the truth and clarifies the whole situation. By accepting it as the truth, which it is, it also is easy to solve the problem "What is Wrong with Chiropractic." I have realized the situation very much as you do, but am not able to present before the Chiropractors the information in such a clear and concise way.

I know your *Bulletin* has made many think and it is doing a great work for Chiropractic. I am having everyone (chiro) read it.

Yours for success.

P.S. Enclosed find \$1.00 for my subscription

1931 (Jan 2): handwritten letter to W.C. **Schulze**, M.D., D.C. from Ed M. Gibson, D.C.

The Health System
6327 So. Ashland Ave., Chicago Ill

Dear Doctor Schulze:

The following paragraphs will give a record of my schooling:

I was born in Blackhawk Co., Waterloo, Iowa, May 2nd, 1898. Received my early schoolwork in the state of **Alabama** finishing the eighth grade at the Waterloo Public Schools; and entered West Waterloo High School in the year 1914, completing the Freshmen and Sophomore years, after which I took a course at the Waterloo Business College graduating in the Spring of 1918. This training led to a clerical position with the Iowa Bell Telephone Company, where I worked for one and one half years; or until I became interested in drugless healing and went to **Weigert School of Mechano Therapy**, Cedar Falls, Iowa, receiving a diploma from that school on the 8th day of September, 1920.

In 1921 I entered the Palmer School of Chiropractic, Davenport, Ia; graduated in June 1923; took the Iowa State Board for Chiropractic in the Fall of the same year and passed with a grade of 92% average.

In the Spring of 1925 I came to Chicago and took a position at the Evanston Hospital, Evanston, Illinois. This was like more schooling as it was a responsible position where the entire hospital, including the Staff doctors, heads of all floors and departments took orders from the admitting office. One little error at this office might mean a serious disturbance in the operating room, xray department, delivery room or any of the floors.

In 1928 I opened an office at 63rd and Ashland Avenue, Chicago, where I am still practising. At two different times during the years 1928-31 I substituted teaching at the Kellberg Institute, 14 N. Washington St., Chicago - Aug. 1st to Sept 3rd inc., 1929 and August 15th to August 30th 1931

Respectfully yours,

Ed?? M. Gibson, D.C.

1931 (Mar): *The Chiropractic Journal* (NCA) [1(3)] notes:

-Alabama State Chiropractic Association is affiliated with the National Chiropractic Association (NCA) (inside front cover)

1932 (Jan/Feb): *The Chiropractic Journal* (NCA) [2(2)] notes:

-Chas. H. Jones DC is located in Montgomery AL (p. 14)

1933: According to Lewis (1991, p. pp. 229-30):

"The Radio Waves Are Calling!" proclaimed the Radio Corporation of America in a promotional map of the United States it published in the darkest year of the depression, 1933....The four-color map of the continent showed the location, call letters, and power of all broadcasting stations in the United States (605), Mexico (39), Cuba (7), Puerto Rico (1), Hawaii (2), Alaska (3), Canada (36), and Newfoundland (8). Among the states, New York had the most stations with 48, while Wyoming still had just one. **Alabama had ten stations...**The brochure listed state-by-state some of the programs available. In Iowa, where there were more automobiles per capita than in any other state, Cheerful Stan, the Standard Oil Service Man,

broadcast "Hitting the Highways" every Wednesday evening over WOC-WHO in Des Moines..."

1935 (Nov): *The Chiropractic Journal* (NCA) (4[11]):

-“Good Morning, Judge” by A.T. Holmes notes (p. 32):

C.H. Farmer of Guntersville, Alabama, has been arrested on quo warranto proceedings under the charge of practicing medicine without a license. Inasmuch as a jury has been requested in this case it has been put on the jury calendar for the term commencing in march, 1936.

1938 (Sept): *The Chiropractic Journal* (NCA) (7[9]):

-ad for **McGinnis'** "Chiropractic Drugless and Bloodless Manipulative Surgery Class, Indianapolis, Indiana, July, 1938" (p. 47) features **photo** below:

PHOTOGRAPH



Participants above include (L to R): Drs. HW Christian, **Jasper, Alabama**; female assistant; Wm.H. Gwynn, Indianapolis; Susie M. Schaus, Des Moines; Sylvia L. Bartlett, Martin SD; H. Lesley Brooks, Indianapolis; Geo. C. Watkins, Indianapolis; McGinnis; D.F. Davis, Indianapolis; Wm. Ellery, Indianapolis; Wm. C. Saner, Hedrick IA; C.N. Wirth, Gillespie IL; A.I. Berninger, **MD**, Incianapolis

1940 (Mar): *National Chiropractic Journal* [9(3)] notes:

-J.R. Ashworth DC is NCA state delegate from Troy AL (p. 3)

-J.L. Thompson DC is located at 619-21 Bell Bldg, Montgomery AL (p. 55)

1940 (Nov): *National Chiropractic Journal* [9(11)] notes:

-Alabama Ex-Service Men's League is affiliated with the Ex-Service Men's League of NCA, organized by Frank O. Logic DC of Iron Mountain MI (p. 50)

1943 (Mar): *National Chiropractic Journal* [12(3)] notes:

-J.R. Ashworth DC is NCA state delegate from Troy AL (p. 3)

1945 (Apr): *National Chiropractic Journal* [15(4)] notes:

-J.R. Ashworth DC is NCA state delegate from Troy AL (p. 3)

1946 (May): *National Chiropractic Journal* [16(5)] notes:

-J.R. Ashworth DC is NCA state delegate, located at Folmar Bldg., Troy AL (pp. 3, 46)

-classified ad lists McManis osteopathic table for sale by Mr. Noble Johnson at 908 20th St. S., Birmingham AL, due to death of Dr. Juanita Johnson (p. 61)

1948 (June): *National Chiropractic Journal* [18(6)] notes:

-J.R. Ashworth DC is NCA state delegate at Troy AL (p. 3)

1951 (Apr): *JNCA* [21(4)] notes:

-J.R. Ashworth DC is NCA state delegate at Troy AL (p. 3)

1959 (July): **JNCA** [29(7)] notes:

-J.L. Thompson DC is NCA state delegate, located at Montgomery AL (p. 3)

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Table A: Enactment and revocation of basic science legislation in the United States; states listed in chronological order of enactment (based on Gevitz [1988] and Sauer [1932])

Dates of Enactment & Revocation	State	Dates of Enactment & Revocation	State
1925-1975	Wisconsin	1937-1972	Michigan
1925-1975	Connecticut	1939-1967	Florida
1927-1974	Minnesota	1939-1975	South Dakota
1927-1975	Nebraska	1940-1971	Rhode Island
1927-1979	Washington	1941-1968	New Mexico
1929-1977	Arkansas	1943-1976	Tennessee
1929-1978	District of Columbia	1946-1970	Alaska
1933-1973	Oregon	1949-1979	Texas
1935-1973	Iowa	1951-1975	Nevada
1936-1968	Arizona	1957-1969	Kansas
1937-1973	Oklahoma	1959-1979	Utah
1937-1976	Colorado	1959-1975	Alabama