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Chronology of NASHVILLE COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC

1930 (Apr 1): **Bulletin of the ACA** [7(2)] notes:
-ACA's **The Life Line** program (magazine) is broadcast weekly on various radio stations: KOA/Denver, WJR/Detroit, KYW/Chicago, WOV/New York, WSYR/Syracuse, WGR/Buffalo, WTNT/Nashville, KGIR/Butte, KOH/Reno, KFI/Los Angeles (p. 7, back cover)

*Bertha L. Leslie, R.N. - Hydrotherapy - Massage - Dietetics
*Elizabeth R. Kinser, *Student-Help Secretary, Field Representative*

PHOTOGRAPH



Campus of the Nashville College of Chiropractic at 1803 West End Avenue, Nashville; catalogue indicates that "other division sof the college are located elsewhere (WSCC Archives)

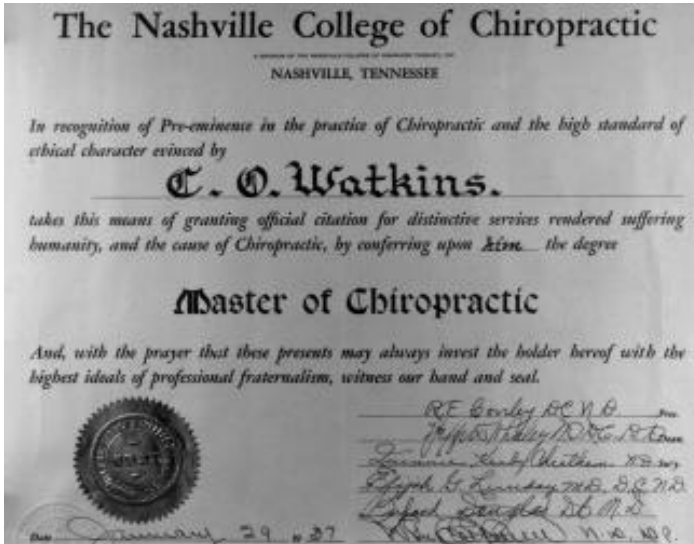
c1935: catalogue of the Nashville College of Drugless Therapy, Inc. lists address as 1803 West End Avenue, Nashville TN; "Officers & Faculty" include:

- *R.E. Conley, D.C., N.D., *President*, Chiropratic Theory and Practice - Physiology - Physiotherapy - Diagnosis - Practice Building
- *W. Guy Cheatham, N.D. D.C., *Dean* - Anatomy - Bacteriology - Gynecology - Neurology - Comparative Therapeutics - Physiology - Diagnosis - Chemistry
- *Q. Heady Cheatham, N.D., D.C., *Secretary-Treasurer* - Dietetics - Physiotherapy- Psychology - Gynecology - Philosophy and Practice - Massage
- *Royal A. Leslie, Mt.D., N.D., *Vice-President* - Hydrotherapy - Massage - Physiotherapy - Mechanotherapy
- *Wm. V. Blackburn, D.C., N.D. - Anatomy - Chiropractic Philosophy - Palpation - Technic - Chemistry - Physiology - Psychology - Diagnosis
- *Jas. A. Edwards, D.C., *Clinic Director* - Philosophy - Palpation - Terminology - Symptomatology - Chiropractic Mechanics
- *E. Gail Lunday, M.D., D.C., N.D. - Comparative Therapeutics, Obstetrics
- *Fred O. Bell, N.D., D.C. - Diagnosis - Theory and Practice - Palpation
- *Lena Brown Wingfield, N.D., D.C. - Technique

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Officers & Faculty of the Nashville College of Chiropractic at 1803 West End Avenue, Nashville; catalogue indicates that "other division sof the college are located elsewhere (WSCC Archives)



1938 (Dec): **The Chiropractic Journal (NCA)** [7(12)] includes: -mentions that Dr. W. Guy Cheatham of the Nashville Drugless College was a speaker at the Florida Chiropractic Association's 24th annual convention at Lakeland FL during October 13-14 (p. 30)

1939 (Jan): **National Chiropractic Journal** [8(1)] includes: -ad for Nashville College of Drugless Therapy Inc., located at 1803 West End Ave., Nashville; notes that Dr. Fred J. Carver will teach his "Postural Chiropractic Methods" at the school (p. 57)

1939 (Feb): **National Chiropractic Journal** [8(2)] includes: -ad for Nashville College of Drugless Therapy Inc., located at 1803 West End Ave., Nashville; notes that Dr. Fred J. Carver will teach his "Postural Chiropractic Methods" at the school; R.E. Conley DC, ND is president, W. Guy Cheatham ND, DC is dean and general manager (p. 41)

-ad for "All Southern States Chiropractic Convention" to be held in Nashville during April 21-23; Dr. Cheatham is chairman of the program committee (p. 51)

1939 (Feb 8): W. Guy Cheatham ND, DC, dean of the **Nashville College of Drugless Therapy** (which includes the **Nashville College of Neuropathy**, the **Nashville College of Naturopathy** and the **Nashville College of Chiropractic**) writes to TF **Ratledge**, notes his dissatisfaction with Wayne **Crider**, DC's recent publication of a list of schools recognized by the **NCA** Council of Examining Boards (Ratledge papers-CCC/KC)

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W. Guy Cheatham, D.C., N.D.

1939 (Apr): **National Chiropractic Journal** [8(4)] includes:

-ad for "All Southern States Chiropractic Convention" to be held in Nashville during April 21-23; W. Guy Cheatham is chairman of the program committee (p. 51)

1939 (June): **National Chiropractic Journal** [8(6)] includes: -W. Guy Cheatham, dean of the Nashville College of Drugless Therapy spoke on "Educational Standards" at the 25th annual meeting of the Arkansas State Association of Doctors of Chiropractic in Little Rock during May 2-3 (p. 35)

1939 (June 29): letter from Guy Cheatham ND, DC to Wayne F. Crider DC (Ratledge papers, Cleveland Chiropractic College of Kansas City):

Doctor Wayne F. Crider
Hagerstown, Maryland
Dear Dr. Crider:

I have your letter of June 23, stating that you are, again, unable to secure any reply from the Tennessee Board of Chiropractic Examiners regarding the graduates taking the said Board from Nashville, or other Chiropractic Colleges.

Last spring when you gave this same reason as your excuse for not properly accrediting Nashville College, we went to Dr. H.E. Carrick, President of the Board, and secured from him a written statement, as you will recall, of the number of Nashville Graduates that had appeared before the Board and that they had ALL passed and that this college turned out as good or better graduates as ANY other school.

Since that time we have sent three more graduates before the Tennessee Board, ALL of whom passed.

Graduates of this college have passed the Examining Boards, and been licensed, in three states --- that you do not get those reports is, from now on, your problem and not ours. It is evident that ALL Examining Boards are NOT in harmony with your policies and are not cooperating with your Council.

So far as this college is concerned, you can do whatever your please, we are not going around beseeching Examining Boards to furnish you data, because you have not played fair with us in the past, and we have no assurance that you will in the future.

We shall, however, hold you strictly accountable for any statements you may make, and shall hold the Chiropractic Journal, or any other publication accountable for ANYthing it may publish, that in any way reflects on our standing or damages the prestige of Nashville College.

This irresponsible writing-up your opinion of schools has gone far enough, Dr. Crider. Other schools can do as they please, but we just aren't going to stand for it. And we believe you will find plenty of other good schools in exactly the same frame of mind.

You have started out on the wrong log, and are working contrary to a well established principle of English Law. Before the law, a man is PRESUMED to be innocent, UNTIL he can be PROVED guilty. but you START OUT by assuming that a school is a "son of gun" --- unless it happens to stand in with you or some of your buddies --- and then the school extricates itself as best it can.

So far as we are concerned, we have done all the extricating we are going to do. From now on, we are going to let you do the extricating.

Since you have raise this subject again, I want to call your attention to the inconsistency of your "Committee."

You claimed to have DEgraded us, because you couldn't hear from the Tennessee Board, and as you thought all our students were licensed in Tennessee, you said you were not justified in grading us A-1 --- EVEN THOUGH WE MORE THAN MET ALL YOUR STANDARDS.

Alright then, WHY did you fail Texas? They met your standards as to experienced faculty, sufficient equipment to meet your requirements --- and with hundreds of graduates in the field --- in MANY states --- certainly you could get reports on them?

And with thousands of good chiropractors in the field WHY was Carver College, the Alma Mater of several NCA officers, "failed"?

Why Ross-O'Neil with one of the best Chiropractic teachers in the U.S., and with graduates in every state in the Union? Why has EVERY school in the state of California failed?

And, for that matter, why EVERY school South of the Mason and Dixon Line?

Now Dr. Crider, some people still contend, in spite of the unfair things you have done, that you are just a good man gone wrong. Your friends insist you meant well when you started out, but that you got in water over your head and began to flounder, and that you have been influenced by others who did not mean well, etc.

Whether you started out meaning to do right, is not for me to say--- in any event, you haven't played square nor been on the level in your analysis. And, it seems to me, you have come to the place where it's time to sit down and take careful inventory of YOURSELF AND of YOUR methods, because something is wrong SOMEWHERE.

So long as you were on the Maryland Board, you had a certain amount of authority IN the state of Maryland, but now you are utterly WITHOUT authority ANYwhere, and have, absolutely unauthorized, (at least by anyone with proper authority) pulled off a very damaging high-handed and uncalled piece of business.

Then, in an attempt to save your own face, you have tried to lay the fault on the schools you badly damaged and evidently tried to ruin--- which schools were NOT in ANY MANNER bothering YOU, and most of which were in operation when you started practising.

Now for just one school to raise a rumpus might indicate that the fault lay with them but for more than HALF THE SCHOOLS in the U.S. to raise up, doesn't look good for you or your fair intentions.

No school, worthy of the name, has the slightest intention of standing for this situation. We are merely waiting until they see whether the NCA is going to rectify this, and give you the spanking you deserve, or not.

But if the NCA backs your past attitude and conduct, without correcting the injustice you have done, we will immediately have a situation that will NEVER be patched up, and that will ultimately see the end of Chiropractic --- or at least, of the NCA.

You can take these remarks for what they are worth. We were once one of the warmest supporters you had --- and worked, tooth and nail, to defend both your INTENTIONS AND your plan. Today, I have lost every bit of confidence I ever had in you, or the fairness of your purpose.

Some months ago I asked you to resign, to save the situation from irreparable harm, and you refused, but shortly afterwards the Journal made a half-hearted, almost hidden, apology for your article, and then your Council was dropped from the Directory. So I thought you'd have the good judgement to get out of this thing, but here you are again with one of those subtly irritating and unreasonable demands of yours.

Now enough of anything is enough. Besides it seems to me, knowing our frame of mind, and how all we schools --- at which you had already made a deceitful and false dig in your article --- felt --- it seems to me, I say, that you would have had the good judgement to have, at least, left us alone, until we saw what could be patched up at Dallas.

Since you haven't, I'm going to tell you, for once and for all --- this college is through with you. You get yourself out of our affairs and leave us alone. If our recognition has to come through you, we don't want it --- we'd rather go free lance than to accept recognition from your hands.

I believe you'll find PLENTY of other schools that feel the same way. And since your letter has thoroughly re-aroused my antagonism, I am going to join ANY movement I can find to put a stop to this confounded meddling.

Very truly yours,
WGC/mh

W. Guy Cheatham, N.D., D.C.

-W. Guy Cheatham of the NCA Committee on Rating of Chiropractic Institutions and dean of the Nashville College of Drugless Therapy, will speak on "Chiropractic Standards" at the upcoming convention of the NCA (p. 35)

1941 (Mar): **National Chiropractic Journal** [10(3)] includes:

-Q. Heady Cheatham DC, ND, sec'y-treasurer of the Nashville College of Drugless Therapy, reports on defeat of proposed basic science law in Tennessee (p. 38)

1943 (Dec): **National Chiropractic Journal** [12(12)] includes:

-"About fever therapy" by G.W. Cheatham (pp. 24-5)

1945: W. Guy Cheatham is listed as "President, Nashville College of Naturopathic Medicine" at 220 Boscobel St., Nashville; residence at 817 Boscobel St., Nashville (Yearbook, 1945, p. 108)

Correspondence:

1994 (May 24): letter from H. Michael McTeer, HC01-Box 2181A, 29 Palms CA 92277:

Dear Dr. Keating,

Thank you very much for your letter of 20 May 1994 in response to Dr. Carl Cleveland's letter.

My interest is purely genealogical. Guy Cheatham was my grandfather's brother. So my desire is to obtain what biographical information which may be available.

I shall certainly write to Dr. Lensgraf.

Once again, thank you for your letter and pointing me in the right direction.

Sincerely,

H. Michael McTeer

1997 (Nov 26): letter from H. Michael McTeer, HC01-Box 2181A, 29 Palms CA 92277:

Dear Dr. Keating:

In 1994 I had contact regarding my great uncle Dr. Cheatham of the Nashville College of Naturopathic Physicians, Nashville, Tennessee. You referred me to Dr. Arthur B. Lensgraf of Nashville.

I have otherwise been engaged for the past couple of years and could not conduct any research/inquiries. In your letter of 24 May 1994, you indicated you had some information on Uncle Guy which you were willing to share. If the offer still stands, I would be interested in receiving it.

Obviously, my primary interest is in genealogical data. What information I have of Uncle Guy is very skimpy. I do not even have his birth or death date. I met him once when I was about ten. My family traveled to Florida. He had built a small pond in his back yard and stocked it with fish. But his dream fishing spot was interrupted by an alligator who had taken up residence there. Is his school still in operation (220 Boscobel St.)? I would be very interested in learning where his personal papers are being retained.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

H. Michael McTeer

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1939 (July): **National Chiropractic Journal** [8(7)] includes: