

# Mel Wheadon, D.C.

## Telephone Interview with Jim Brantingham, D.C.

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-Dr. Wheadon (213-631-3866)

-born 1915; wife is Nina, 2 children (?), none are DCs

-did 1 year at Loyola University in LA

-graduated Palmer School of Chiropractic in 1936 (?), BJ was there; trained in HIO and full-spine adjusting; only HIO permitted in student clinic

-served as fighter pilot at Guadalcanal in 13th airforce, 18th fighter group, 44th fighter squadron, shot down 7 (confirmed)

-met John Hiss circa 1943-44; ran a branch Hiss clinic in San Jose (in a shoe store)

-Hiss took MD (?) at Ohio State University

-By 1948, Wheadon (?) was providing foot care only

-5 clinics in Seattle?

-Wheadon's son is an optometrist

-Wheadon did not know Dr. Locke (D.O.); also unaware that DD Palmer had written about foot care

-Hiss was trained in foot care at Kirskville College by AT Still

-1972 bought Hiss Clinic on Wilshire Blvd (LA?)

-Hiss died about age 82 in early 1970s

-Jack Hiss, M.D. was senior Hiss' son; son provides no foot care, practices nuclear medicine at St. Johns' (?)

-used Hiss special chair in the branch clinic (chair described in Hiss' book)

-Dr. Wheadon will provide photographs of clinic

-Hiss became interested in foot care after being treated for foot problem by osteopath

-Wheadon did a lot of strapping, also learned from podiatrist's other friends; quite a bit of padding, especially met (?) pain for acute problems

-Rue Tikker, DSC (?) (had full license) worked for Hiss, did bunion surgery, but taught Hiss' manipulations at California Podiatric College (?)

-Hiss advertised shoes on radio and TV

-Charles Brantingham DPM believes Rue Tikker DPM (?) tried to get California Podiatric College to teach Hiss' manipulation -- Wheadon agrees, says brother Carl Tikker held classes

-Hiss claimed 50% of bunions helped by manipulation alone

## Quotations from DD Palmer (1910)

"A subluxated bone is the cause of 95% of all diseases....the other five percent is caused by displaced bones, other than those of the vertebral column, more especially those of the tarsus, metatarsus and phalanges, which by their displacement, are the cause of bunions and corns" (p. 56)

"Chiropractors adjust any or all of the 300 joints of the body, more particularly those of the spinal column" (p. 228)

"Replace the joint where the corn or bunion is found....This may require one or many adjustments, depending upon whether ankylosis is present or not" (p. 228)

"See....replacing....the joints of the hands and feet....will often ....relieve" (p. 318)

"An example of the latter cause is the case of a sprained knee....replacing the projecting portion of the knee which was impinging upon a nerve gave immediate relief" (p. 356)

"Orthopedy has become a part of Chiropractic" (p. 786)

- "When we, as Chiropractors, have adjusted all displaced bones of the skeletal frame,....what more can we do?" (p. 787)