

Ford, Robert Dr.

1920's

Ref: Interview with Dr. S.H. Johnson (black) 2/5/81

Dr. Johnson recalls Dr. Ford as one of the black physicians associated with the first Christian Hospital with opened in the 1920's.

Loc: Miami

Ref: Parsons, G.W.: Manuscript file "P" for "Parsons Diary."

p. 76. May 16, 1874: "Saw old Dr. or Bob Fletcher yesterday & had a long talk with him, extracting a great deal of information from him in reference to Miami, deeds, titles, ~~ng~~ etc. He was the original owner of Brown's place."

p. 102. Aug. 8, 1874: "Old Dr. Fletcher is here to keep me company for awhile & cook. He first arrived in these places after it was divided residing here some 30 years ago, being here about 20 years. Is a queer character a rather profane man though very honorable & very entertaining @ times in his description of this country and K. West in former times. He first introduced the guava into this countyr (the U.S.), is known all over K. West & has quite a reputation in his way."

p. 119. Oct. 13, 1874: " The "M" (government revenue cutter, Matchless) left today & Henry (Barns) went with them to K. West, along with Dr. Fletcher who has been with us so long."

Fletcher, Robert R. (? M.D.)

Loc: Miami Area

Ref: See manuscript file "F" for Fletcher

Arva Parks states he was a doctor who came to the Miami area before the Civil War. He operated a Coontee mill on the south ~~bank~~ ^{Bank} of the Miami River, had a store which I believe sold whiskey to the soldiers at Ft. Dallas and he was keeper of the Cape Florida Lighthouse for a time. In the above file is a photocopy of his appointment as lighthouse keeper and the appointment of his son, Robert Fletcher, as assistant lighthouse keeper. The son fought with the Florida troops during the Civil War and was killed in Tennessee, I think.

See mention in Miami, The Magic City, Parks, pp. 34 and 38.

FLETCHER, R.R. DR

1840's

Miami

Parks, Anna M: Miami in 1876, Toquesta XXXV: 89
145, 1975

P98: "In the late 1840's Dr. R.R. Fletcher opened
a store on the south bank of the (Miami) river
... " No other detail about Fletcher.

See legal-size papers on The Civil War Record
of his son ROBERT F. FLETCHER who was
hospital steward c the 4th Fla. Infant.
(Surgeon: H.M. WEEBON) and who was

left behind & wounded @ Stone's River,
McFreesboro, Tenn., captured and died in
prison camp, Camp Butler, Ill. Mar 11 1863
Record gives no details of his birth -
says he enlisted @ Duval, Fla. Apr. 28, 1862

Dr Straight

2-16-83

Mrs Willie Pearce left
these info for you
P.O. → Duval established

didn't
designate
the county

June 15, 1881

Discontinued Oct., 17, 1881

Re-established Oct., 12, 1887

Discontinued JAN., 15, 1910

Fletcher gave Duval as his
address, I think

Dr. Johnson
30 min
Max Hince
1:45

CYTOLOGY
Mrs. Max Wilson
1:15

HARRY KRAVITZ
1:00

LUNCHON 12:30
1881

HYMAN KOHN
12:00
1881

TODAY
FEBRUARY 15, 1963
WMS
12:10

History from David on his
character of him

Fletcher, Robert, M.D.

1840's - 1874

Loc: Miami

Ref: Reminiscences of Rose Richards - see transcript in Dade
County material

On the following pages of this reference are brief comments about Dr. Fletcher who was living on the south bank of the Maimi river near the present Miami avenue when Rose Richards came to Miami as a six year old child in March 1858.

Pages: 5, 10, 39, 42, 43, 47, 52 (cites location of his home-
stead and the members of his family), 65, 91, 118.

S. MILLS FOWLER

Fowler, S. Mills comes to Miami Aug 27, 1897

Mia. Metropolis Aug 27, 1897 p 5 col 5

"A New Doctor in the City"

Notes that S. Mills Fowler, a prominent homeopathic physician and late professor of theory + practice of medicine at the Durham Medical Homeopathic College of Chicago has located in Miami with offices on the 1st floor of the Hotel Miami.

Oct 28, 1898

Miami Metropolis Vol 5th 25, Oct 28, 1898, p 7

Note that Dr. S. Mills Fowler "now
has rooms at the home of his daughter, Mrs.
Harry Tuttle. "The Doctor requests the
Metropolis to state that he will ^{not} attempt
except in urgent cases to make calls. He can
always be found at his office at Fort Dallas.
His charges will be reasonable but nothing
but cash business will be attended to."

In the Dec 23rd issue is an article
saying he is leaving for Phila. for
surgery for a chronic liver condition

Also see Under the Jim Jackson file

Account of Fowler's arrival 8/27/97

Also see: Peters: Miami 1909, pp. 14 & 15, for some detail about Dr. Samuel Mills Fowler and his wife, Dr. Corrie Harriet Fowler. Samuel Fowler (and his wife were homeopaths) and had first come to Deland in 1882, then to St. Augustine in 1888 where he became Henry Flagler's personal physician. They came to Miami in 1897. Their daughter, Carrie, married Harry E. Tuttle.

According to Thelma Peters, Dr. Corrie Harriett Fowler was sick with yellow fever in the Miami Hotel on the night the hotel caught fire and burned - see p. 15. Indeed, it was the kerosene stove in her room that exploded and set the hotel afire.

March 31, 1871

Mia. Metropolitan 4 # 21 March 31, 1899 p 2

Note that Dr. J Mills Fowler who had
practiced in Miami "about 18" months
died @ the home of Wm ~~Fowler~~ Fowler
in Chicago "on Tuesday last."

See in manuscript file "Dade Cty Doctors"
"Chief Math of Semingles played Lead In
Favorite Story of Tuttle Family"
Copied from The Miami Herald, July 28, 1946 and
found in Welsh Scrapbook, Miami Vol 36 p. A.

Harry Tuttle says his Mother, Mrs HE (Corie)
Aunt Faye Fowler Cunningham, ⁷⁰⁺ dtr of
H. Mills Fowler, the homeopathic physician
Phone N.E. 5-7426

She can verify the site of the original
Everglades Hotel

Dr. Franklin

Ref: Memoirs of Mr. Richard T. Mitchell (5/12/68)

Mr. Mitchell also fondly remembers Dr. Franklin who had an office in Larkins (now South Miami - just west of the highway on Sunset and just south of Sunset). Dr. Franklin lived on Ingraham Highway one street south of the Kampong. He remembers Franklin first driving a horse and buggy then later a Model T which was particularly good for traveling over sand roads because it stood high and missed the stumps. He also had heard the account that Dr. Franklin drank excessively as did also his wife. He also has heard that Dr. Franklin may have committed suicide but he cannot verify this.

FRAZIER, J. M.
(NEGRO)

Frazier, S.M., M. D.

The Daily Miami Metropolis, Oct. 24, 1904, p. 3, Cols. 2 & 3

Issued a license to practice medicine by the County Judge and Tax Collector of Dade County for the year beginning October 1, 1903. The price was \$10.00 for the state license and \$5.00 for the county license.

Frazier, S.M., M.D.

1904

Ref: Interview with Dr. S.H. Johnson 2/5/81

Johnson believes Frazier come to Dade County in 1904 and was the third black physician to practice in Dade.

Filed in folder "Other Dade City Hosp."

Frazier, Solomon, Dr.

1904

Location: Miami

Miami Metropolis, September 4, 1904, Second Section, p. 3, Col. 4

Mentions a dispute between two railway employees which resulted in one of them getting his skull crushed by a shovel. His injury was dressed by "Dr. Frazier, colored." This seems to be a reference to Dr. Solomon Frazier who practiced in Coconut Grove and then Miami.

There is another mention of him in Vol. 9, No. 12, p. 1, Col. 1, September 2, 1904.

MARY FREEMAN

Biographical sketch in DePuis' book p 33

Freeman, Mary

Loc.: Perrine

JFMA 22:430, Mar., 1936

Obituary: Died from injuries sustained in an auto accident Feb. 2, 1936. Born in Christian County, Ill. April 27, 1868. Invalided by injury and measles at age 28; at age 40 came to Dade County to regain health; graduated from Medical College of South Carolina at age 44.

Practiced in Perrine until her death. No picture.

Freeman, Mary: The Importance of Conserving Vital Powers in

Rendering First Aid, JFMA 8: 45-46, Sept. 1921.

(I didn't read this brief article but catalogue it for future
reference)

Freeman, Mary (Perrine) comments

May 1933

Ref: Discussion of "Some Problems of Medicine" by
H.C.Dozier, JFMA 20:393, Mar. 1934

Details the poverty of her patients and the
difficulties in collecting at Perrine in 1933.

Reminiscence of Mary Freeman

Ref: Telephone conversation with Mrs. Julia C. Peters on 4/7/68

Dr. Mary Freeman was the physician to the Peters' family. She remembers Mary Freeman not only doctoring their ills but bringing soup to their family during the flu epidemic of 1918 when they were all too ill to feed themselves. She describes her as a tall, big woman who dressed very simply and was totally engrossed in her profession. She took no part in politics or women's organizations. She was a devout Methodist and later went to an Episcopal church in South Miami. She remembers her as a determined individual who made the patients mind what she told them. Mary Freeman apparently did medicine and general practice and delivered babies (she delivered Mrs. Peters last baby) but did no appreciable surgery. She referred her surgery to Dr. DuPuis. She remembers Mary Freeman as attending medical meetings in Miami and states that Mary Freeman was the first doctor in "their neighborhood." Mrs. Peters moved to Peters, Florida, in 1912 - prior to that she lived in Little River. She remembers that Mary Freeman drove an automobile and was killed instantly when a car that she was driving was hit by another automobile. Mary was apparently always pleasant and

Author

Subject

Title

Journal

relatively easy to get along with.

Doctor Mary Freeman

1916

Ref: Interview with Mabel Sparkman, 1/1/66

Details her reminiscences about Mary Freeman who took care of her family at times.

Mary Freeman

3/11/63

Interview - Mr. Edson Freeman, PL 7-7600 (Age 72)

Mary Freeman was his 1st Cousin

Born in PAXTON-LODI area of Illinois
~~born~~ As a young ♀ had measles followed
by an kylosis of cervical spine - even walking
was painful. She came to live in Edson's
family about 1901-2 or 3. Dr. J.G. DuPuis
gave her medication to dissolve the calcium
then massaged her neck "and got those
rock bone separated." After this she went
to Medical school in ? Charleston, S.C.

Without hospital training she opened her office in Perine - short distance S. of Richmond Rd. Right across street from a large shopping center - in corner of a street intersecting the highway - west side of highway.

Frame house - recently torn down. Practiced there until killed in auto accident about 1935-36. She was about 65 yrs old then. Got her first auto about 1913 or '14. Never married. Doesn't think he has any pictures. Has uncles & nephews in Tacoma, Wash. who might have pictures.

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Mary Freeman

Interview - Edson Freeman 3/11/63

Write to:

Dr. Robert Freeman

2119 S. Mildred St.

Tacoma, 66, Wash.

for further info.

Surgery in City Hospital

From Minutes of DCM A meeting Nov 2, 1916
DCM A Minute Book 1915-1925)
(copy)

"Dr. Freeman reports case of woman who was struck with iron shoe last by parhand cutting very large hole in head from which 30 or 40 pieces of bone were removed in the hospital by Dr (Em) Jones, Patient was insane and is doing very well." (copied exactly incl. the omissions + misspells - matter in () added).

N.B. at next meeting 12/7/16 Dr. North reported her death.

Dr. Mary Freeman

Ref: Memoirs of Mr. Richard T. Mitchell (5/12/68)

Mr. Mitchell also recalls the name of Mary Freeman who took care of his brother Frank's family but he does not remember Dr. Freeman herself. He does remember her as a good physician who could "get along with them niggers as well as any man."

Freeman, Mary

Loc. Perrine

Interview (per phone) of Joan Conier Yarborough 4/19/96

She was delivered at home by Dr. Freeman
Mar. 30, 1926. Her family lived in what is
now called South Miami, near Snapper Creek
between where N Kendall crosses US 1 and
Red Road.

Says Mary Freeman was killed when a carload of
Blacks sideswiped her car. Joan Yarborough
says there was talk of getting up a posse to
get the blacks but nothing came of it. Joan
agrees with the description of Freeman given by
Julia Peters.



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St. Augustine, Fla.,

November 10, 1924.

Dr. Mary Freeman, L. S.,
Perrine, Florida.

Dear Dr. Freeman:

In reply to yours of the 5th instant, I beg to advise that the question of transportation to New Orleans for attendance at the meeting of the Southern Medical Association will be taken up with the General Manager at once, and, when his decision has been rendered, you will be advised. I am in hopes that we will be able to get this transportation for you.

With kind personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

J. N. Fogarty
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