

Kennedy, Thomas S., M.D.

1859 - early 1900's

Loc: Broward County while it was still part of Dade County

Ref: Autobiography as it appeared in the Broward Legacy VI:  
Winter/Spring and Summer/Fall, 1983. See photocopies  
in manuscript file "Kennedy"

This doctor came to Florida and settled at Ft. Lauderdale on Oct. 2, 1899. He is one of the founder members of the Dade County Medical Association. He lived at Ft. Lauderdale until his death, the date of which I don't have at the time I'm typing this card. His autobiography is very colorful and at times, I suspect, a little embellished.

In fn #34, Part II, p. 48, it is noted that Kennedy "was educated in medicine at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn." and enrolled there in 1900 at the age of 38. According to The Miami Metropolis, Jan. 10, 1902, he returned to Ft. Lauderdale with his bride, Mary Dent of Mars, Georgia soon after his

his attendance at medical school (suggests 2 yrs. of school).  
In the Metropolis, Sept. 4, 1904, he is noted as having returned  
to Ft. Lauderdale after some post graduate work in New York.

In fn 72, p. 48, Part II, it is noted that on the 1910 census  
Thomas S. Kennedy is listed as 50 years old, married to Mollie,  
age 43 and having a son, William age 7, and a son, John age 4.

On p. 43 of Part II, he describes being rear-ended by a "heavy  
Hudson car travelling 60 miles per hour" and "it broke me all  
to pieces, very near." He was brought to the Miami City  
Hospital (this occurred on Jan. 14, 1922). He came out of that  
with a lift in his shoe and a cane by says" I am now nearly  
~~76 yrs. old~~ 76 yrs. old (1936) and still going strong."

Kershaw, A.J., Dr.

1920's

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

Dr. Johnson recalls Dr. Kershaw as one of the black physicians associated with the first Christian Hospital at Miami. This hospital opened some time in the 1920's.