

Facheco, Ferdinand, M.D.

Loc: Miami

Ref: "Multi-Faceted Physician," M.D. Magazine, Nov. 1973,
pp 86-91.

See tear sheets in Manuscript file "P"

A.R. PARROTT

Parrott, Archie Roscoe, M.D.

Loc: Miami

Ref: Am. Biography, A New Cyclopedia, Vol. XLI, New York,
The Am. Historical Soci Inc., 1930, pp 35-36.

See photocopy of biographical sketch complete with portrait
in Manuscript file "P"

The Miami Herald Vol 14[#] 122, Mar 26, 1924, p 1

\$1,2000 of Radium Found by Four Boys

Element Lost Early in January is Recovered
by Miami Physician

account of loss of radium by Dr. A.R. Parrott
Found on vacant lot @ Flagler = NW 11th Ave

Ref: The Miami Herald, May 11, 1924

"Dr. A.R. Parrott Dead As A Result of X-ray Shock... His Head Touched High Powered Wire of X-ray Machine"

"Dr. A.R. Parrott, shocked Wednesday morning in his office at 142 East Flagler Street while making an x-ray examination of a child, died at 6:40 Friday morning at the Jackson Memorial Hospital from the after effects of the shock. He had been unconscious since Wednesday afternoon when a hemorrhage resulted and a blood clot formed on the right side of his head in the region near the base of the brain. " The article goes on to state that initially it was thought he had not been seriously injured but then he lost consciousness and on Wednesday night a craniotomy was done by Dr. R.O. Lyell, Dr. John C. Turner and Dr. E.K. Jaudon to remove the blood clot which had formed. Dr. Parrott came to Miami in 1919 after discharge from the Army Medical Corps, was vice president of the medical staff of Jackson Hospital, and was a member of D.C.M.A. and other organizations. His full name was Archie R. Parrott and he was born in Americus, Georgia in 1884. Graduated from the Atlanta Medical College and served an internship

at Grady and Presbyterian Hospitals in 1905 and 1906. He practiced in Georgia for 2 years, moved to Jacksonville where he practiced until 1918 when he entered the medical corps as a first lieutenant. He was discharged as a major and came to Miami. The article gives his overseas duty. He was associated in Miami with Dr. W.S. Gramling and did both medicine and surgery. He married Miss Annie Hamilton and had three children. He was buried at Woodlawn Park Cemetery.

PERKINS, Franklin Aborn, M.D.

Copied in toto from: Men of the South, A Work For The Newspaper Reference Library, Southern Biographical Association, New Orleans, La., 1922, pp 353 and 391. (Loaned me by Mrs. J.W. (Margret) Casey, 1/26/63.)

Franklin Aborn Perkins, M.D., was born at Medford Mass., December 12, 1884. He is the son of the late Judge Chas. E. Perkins, and Helen C. Aborn, daughter of a shoe manufacturer at Lynn, Mass. His borthers are Dr. Roy S. Perkins, X-Ray Specialist, Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass., and Dr. Hamilton C. Perkins, South Boston, Mass. Both served as Captains in the recent World War as Xray Specialists.

"He received his education in the public schools of Dover, N. H., graduating from the High School in 1906. He entered Tuft's Medical School and graduated in 1910. He received hosptial training in the Boston City Hospital and the House of Good Samaritan. He passed the Massachusetts state board of the practice of medicine, and later the Maine board, and practiced in Portland, Main , for two years. On account of his father's health, he came to Jacksonville, Florida, where he passed the state board examination and practiced in that

city for eight and one half years, until 1920, when he came to Miami and opened offices in the Graylynn Hotel to ~~resume~~ resume the general practice of medicine.

"Dr. Perkins is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Elks.

"During his career in Miami he has given his best efforts to the city and is regarded as one of the valuable men of Southern Florida.

"He was married to Leah Helen Hutchins, February 26th, 1914.

"His business address is the Graylynn Hotel, Miami, Fla."

Article includes a photograph (portrait) which I did not copy.

Dr. F.A. Perkins

July 22, 1922

Dr. Perkins Gives Up His Miami Practice
Miami Daily Metropolis, July 22, 1922, P. 1

Notice that he & family leaving Miami.
Says that a few weeks prior he had
been victim of an assault & kidnap
threat on N. Bay Shore Dr.

HENRY PERRINE

Maine Metropolis Vol 2 #12 Jan 29, 1897 p 8

The Indian Key Massacre

Newspaper account of Pomine Massacre
~~is~~ published at the time and republished
here.

? Reprint Metrop. Vol 2 #17 Mar 5, 1897 p 3

Miami Metropolis Vol 1 #7 June 26, 1896, p 6

Letter from Henry ^{S.} Penne

This is a letter dated Buffalo June 16, 1896
from Penne's son about an article that
appeared in the Lake Worth News & was
copied in the Metropolis June 5th - says
the article was full of errors. Also states
he was at Ft. Dallas August 1840 to
interview a negro who had worked the
govt. about the proposed raid, but whose
warning fell on deaf ears.

Miami Metropolis Vol. 1, ^{no} 9 July 10, 1896 P 2

Letter from Henry E Penne to Chas. Loma

Apparently at least 2 letters pointed -

I did not read these, but note them for
reference.

Mia. Metropolis Vol 8 # 26 May 4, 1900, p 4

"Written in 1840"

Prints a letter of Henry Perrine to a

Dr. Ralph Gloner in N.Y.C. July 7, 1840

This is large and ~~is~~ I haven't read it.

Written 3 wks before massacre (Aug 7, 1840)

Discusses various plants he is working with
or has introduced, mentions his memorial to
Congress and his grant of 5000 acres. Urges
colonization of Keys promptly. Says he will
settle on the mainland "this very summer or at
the very latest period next fall."

Repts that settlers can protect themselves w/
help of U.S. Army if they are furnished guns.

Author

Subject Fl. Med. Assn.

Title

Journal

Mr. W.L. Philbrick, Sr. has in his possession
a certificate - undated - certifying that his
father, DR. E.W. PHILBRICK, is a member
in good standing of THE COMPOSITE
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA.

It is signed by Pres.
? PUYL E. MATTON

Jamuel D. Miller B.D. M.D. Sec'y
The Drew Press 443010

This was possibly a forerunner of the
FMA. There was a seal, ⁱⁿ a red ribbon
but only a small remnant of the seal
remains.

Dr. Philbrick practiced in Tallahassee for
many years then moved to Miami to
practice 4 yrs. before he died in ? 1926

Philbrick, Edward Edwin, M.D.

Loc: Tallahassee

**Ref: Am. Biography, A New Cyclopedia, Vol. XLI, New York,
The NE American Historical Society, Inc., 1930, pp 356-7**

**See photocopy of the biographical sketch in Manuscript file
"ep".**

JWR PHUMMER

Visitor & landowner in Lemon City -
I doubt that he practiced in Miami

Plummer, Joseph W.V.R., M.D.

Loc: Lemon City

Ref: See letter of Thelma Peters, Oct. 14, 1973 in ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXX~~ file of references for further search.

"Joseph W.V.R. Plummer purchased 20 acres in Lemon City from John Thomas Carey and his wife, June 20, 1892 (County Deed Book "F", p. 125)"

This doctor lived principally in Key West - see the biographical file under his name for considerable information about him.

Dr. Horace P. Porter:

"Porter settled there (Coconut Grove then known as Jack's Bight) in 1873, cleared a tract of land and planted many trees, including a large coconut grove. He established the Coconut Grove post office, presumably through the influence of some of his friends in the government service, and it was in service until February 3, 1874, when his interest was diverted. The disastrous hurricane of 1876 destroyed all but two of the coconuts and by 1882 the forest had overgrown and hidden the remnants of Porter's plantation."

He gives a portrait of Porter and the following information about him: Graduated from Yale Medical College, 1861. Enlisted in the Union Army as an assistant surgeon of the 7th Volunteer Infantry and was later made Surgeon of the 10th Conn. Vol. Infy. He was surgeon at the hospital at Beaufort, S.C. (had 9 doctors, 100 nurses - Clara Barton the head nurse - and 2000 sick in his care although he was the youngest doctor

on the staff). After the Civil War he was incharge of a hospital at Fort Casper, Wyoming, and at one time he was the Surgeon General of the G.A.R. He died Sept 23, 1912.

Munroe, Ralph Middleton and Gilpin, Vincent:
The Commodore's Story, Ives Washburn, (no city), 1930,
pp. 116-117.

He is not listed in my directory of physicians
by Atkinson, W B dated 1878
Also see Update Vol 4, # 5, June 1977 — "Ned
Beasley and Coconut Grove" by Anna M Parks

Porter, Horace, M.D.

Loc: Coconut Grove

Ref: Reminiscences of Rose Wagner Richards - see typescript in
the manuscript file under Dade County material

In the above reference are two brief mentions of Porter:
pages: 73 and 87

Porter, Horace, Dr.

Ref: Parsons, G.W.: Manuscript diary, See transcript in the Manuscript file "P" for "Parsons Diary."

- p. 7: Nov. 21, 1873: When Parson's came from Key West on his initial trip to Miami in the mail boat (Governor Gleason) he landed first at "Dr. Porter's" - later mentions trips there to get the mail.
- p. 15. Dec. 19, 1873: Parsons spent the night at Porters, "slept very little (sand) fleas were so bad."
- p. 16. Dec. 21, 1873: Notes, "Henry (Barn s) feeling rather unwell & wanting some medicine at Porters" they went there in Carl Whitner's boat. On the same trip they got the mail "as there is a P.O." there.
- P. 19. Jan. 2, 1874: Mentions a panther around the clearing at Dr. Porter's, "the Dr. never went out after dark minus a gun."

Author

Subject

Title

p. 22. Jan. 19, 1874: Apparently Dr. Horace Porter left
Dade County for good on this date.

Journal

R. B. POTTER

Possibly the oldest practicing MD in Dade Cty
of Commodore Monroe's note

Founder - Member DCMA

For pictures of Sturtevant - Tuttle

See H.E. Tuttle
1910 NW 18th St.
Miami, Fla

From library exhibit 4/4/64

This is Mr. Harry Tuttle, Mgr. of the Graylynn
Hotel's mother's address - the exhibit was
arranged by his wife.

Population of Dade City

From: The Florida State Gazetteer and
Business Directory, 1883-1884, Jacksonville,
Fla, Cushing + Appleyard, Dec. 1, 1883.

729.

<u>1880</u>	<u>1870</u>	1860
257	85	83

Notes that boundaries with Brevard and
Manatee changed in 1874

N.B. I suspect this is the source from which

Tracy Hollyisworth obtained his statistics
at least they jibe precisely.

Book loaned me by W.L. Philbrick 4/18/64

Miami

1883-1884

"Is the county seat, and is a small settlement on Biscayne Bay.

Brickell, Miss A.A., postmistress

Barnes, Wm. F., assessor

Brickell, W. B., Gen. marse. "

The Fla. State Gazetteer & Bus. Dir., 1883-1884,
Jac. Fla., Cushing & Apple yard, Dec. 1, 1883
p 150 (page number missing)
loaned me by W.L. ~~Battle~~ Philbrick 4/18/64

① Outline:

Introduction:

Miami 1874 - Hosea letter Apr 7, 1875
Townsend quote ^{Apr.} 1874

Picture Description of Potter as a child

Potter's life prior to coming to Biscayne:

Born - Groton Mass, Jan 15, 1845

Parents -

Siblings - Geo. W., Bernard, Mulder (adopt), Ellen

Moved to Cin. - Father's business - Mach., do.

Antioch Coll. - 1861-63 (catalogue)

② Orthia
Med. Coll Ohio - ? to 1866
(Now Med. Dept. U of Cinc.)

House physician Commercial Hosp. Cinc. 1866-67
Practice in Cincinnati 1867-1873

Judge entries
Geo's Orthia - selection of S. Florida
from Cinc. to Biscayne (? 100 fare) - Potter diary

③ Outline

Biscayne Period

Arrived Jan 1874

Entered

homestead - 80 acres - N. of Little Riv.

Expired out homestead Feb 18, 1879

Didn't get patent until 1887

Sold it

of Sept 20, 1882

Picture

Log hut @ site of 8500 NE 10th Ave

1 Room + loft

Only 1/2 acre of ground cleared by Sept 1876

Ward on Potters light Jan 21, 1878

④ Outline:

Occupations:

Put
factored
receipt
check this

Starch - Method

Mill 1877

Shipping costs - Aug 24, 1879

→ Got 4-8¢/lb ~~for~~ - dealers got up to 50¢/lb

Sick of Coontie - Aug 13, 1878

Farming - May 16, 1881; 1875

Turtling - Freeman's story

Hunting & Fishing for food

Customs Inspector - Apr '75 to Spt '76 Salary \$3/da
(? W.H. Hunt rolled him)

(5) Dutline

Picture

Deputy U.S. Marshall - May 1875 → Oct 1876

Clerk of Circuit Court - Apr 9, 1877 → Feb 10, 1879

(1st mill in Dade Cty Actm. before him Apr 2, 1878)

Wrecking - the Marlin

Medicine:

Andrew Price (negro) Feb 29, 1876 - \$200

Ephraim T. Stoutant - Aug - Nov. 1879

(? 1st civilian surgeon)

Vaccination of Indians

Pulled Mettger's teeth - Freeman acct.
(Nearest dentist Sanford or Key West)

Over!

Diseases & Remedies:

Yellow Fever - constant threat

Digitalis - July 28, 1878

Iron - Oct 30, 1881

Quinine - Sept 20, 1878 also ltr. to Sybil Jenkins

Strychnia - 1879 - ordered from Cash

Jalap - July 10, 1884

Syrup of iodide - May 26, 1884

Turpentine - Cruise of Bunker - Spring 1885

Keeping up a medicine
of Sept 14, 1879
Dec. 18, 1881

⑥ Outline

What they ate + wore @ Biscayne

Food + supplies from Cinc.

Times conspicuously tough

Staples bought from:

Buckell, Cash, Ewan

Prices - of a/c @ Buckell 1878-80

Food, starch - ie barter

Game + fish + turtles - of 1876 - Mettner + ^{Indians}

Home made + bought clothes from Cinc.

Burgans @ \$2.00 / pr.

⑦ Outline

Modes of Travel

Walking the beach
Sailboats + Canoe
No horses

Home life

Ella Hosea

Broke engagement early in 1878
Father tried to force payment for
Biscayne House

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Dutline

Debating Move to Lake Worth:

25 residences on Biscayne Bay 1878-79 (Handbook p107)

Lake Worth community ? begun 1876 (cf Handbook p89)

Growing more rapidly

Father urges not abandon Biscayne

Geo ~~long~~ homesteaded Bch strip @ Lake Worth

Feb 1882 - Richard came ^{to} May 22, 1882

Mother urges Richard not to give his services

Biscayne place deteriorated - of Aug 11, 1892

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Outline:

Potters' Political Life

Represent state legislature 1881 + 1897
(Ran on republican ticket)

Clerk of Election

Justice of Peace (July 1884)

Clerk of Circuit Ct. (Nov. 17, 1892)

Lake worth community grew - Palm Bch 1887 (Travers)

By 1887 - pop. of 400 (Mia 150) (cf card 1887)
Unimproved land \$1.25/ac.

also cf card mar 17, 1892

Mar 1893 - Hagers 1st visit

Travel improved - ~~Ry to Lake~~ Steamer to Titusville
2 Celestial Ry to Juno - Loop to W. Palm Bch

Found bones
1886-1893

(10) Outline:

County Rd. Completed Jantama to Lemm City
late 1892 (cf. Stouts letter 4/1/63)

Stage Coach - 1892-93 (cf Nov. 24, 1893)

1st auto Dado City? Feb 23, 1893

Stagman "Lake Worth" 1887

* - Potter the Quartermaster

Practice of Medicine:

Potter initially lived on Geo's Beh Homestead

Picture

1893 - bought land from Eben on west side

Descript. of W. P. Beh 1894 (cf 1895 cards)

1894 - W. P. Beh incorp.

(11) Outline:

Father travelled on foot - (Elyl Jenkins acct 1886)
Sail boat - black catboat (Jan 26, 1893)
- Bought Naphtha launch (Mar 20, 1893)
Bicycle
(Never owned horse & buggy or auto)

Picture

Medical Titles held:

Pres. Dade Cty Bd. Health
Charter Member DEMA Sept 4, 1903
2nd Vice Pres. Dec 4, 1903
FMA, JMA, Ins. Examiner
FEC by Surgeon

(12) Actual Practice of Medicine

Area so
healthy
(Apr 14, 1892)

↑ House calls a foot \bar{c} med. & food in fragment -
Jenkins acct. ~~1889~~

Kitchen table Surgery - Ole Man Moore, 1886 (Jenkins)

Put up his own Rx in back room - (Stewart & Voss letters)

Calls @ June (cf Aug 18, 1892)

Obstetrics - Mayor Reese, others -

Millie Gilberstone

? City hosp @ W. Palm. Bch (cf Van Lindingham)

Patient

Indian patients

⑬ Outline:

Keeping up with Medicine:

Books & Instruments (May 26, 1884)

Gross on Surgery (Sept 21, 1884)

* Telling the Business man

Shipped "Pines" May 26, 1892

Board Directors Dade City State Bank (1893)

(14) Outline:

Father's death -

Cancer - 2d ap. in Jax July 12, 1909

Father's death Dec. 2, 1884 - Circ.

Mother's " Jan 18, 1907 - Lake Worth

Geo

Ben

Ellen

Material left to Bill Atkinson
on 4/8 or 4/9/63 for copying.
Re: R B Potter

- 1) Large portrait of Potter
- 2) Certificate as clerk of Court, Del. Ct.
- 3) Photo of grave @ Biscayne
- 4) Sketch of house @ Biscayne
- 5) Receipt for stock 7, Nov. 1878
- 6) Naptha launch
- 7) Potter - like in front of office
- 8) Potter's mother
- 9) Potter's father - ♀ arm
- 10) " " - ♀ arm

Forward me by
Mrs. Ben Samuel Stewart

Townsend says communication between Key
West & Miami. in 1874 was every 2 weeks
by mail cutter

In some of the Potter letters mention is made
of the schooner W^m M Gleason which
hailed freight between Key West &
Miami weekly c 1875-80

Methods of travel:

Down Mississippi to New Orleans, then
to Cedar keys, then Steamers 2x/week
to Key West. From Key West to
Biscayne 1x/wk

To New York, then by Mallory Packet to
Key West then Key West to Biscayne
(Mallory lines ceased carrying mail)

Antioch founded 1853 (Quaker Diet)

NICHOLS 154 CRLEY POTTER, JR
Interview c Mrs. Ben Crowell Stewart
505 S. County Rd. Palm Bch. 4/7/63

Born ? Groton, Mass. ~~1845~~ Jan 15, 1845

of Luther Fitch Potter & Lydia Ames
Sister Elley Elizabeth, Geo. Wells, ? son who
died in infancy; adopted Ben Miller
(never legally adopted) was known as Ben
Miller Potter (also taken when to live c
Dr. Po mo. & father) was less than 1 yr old.

Moved to Cincinnati 1864 - father had mercantile
business
For schooling, might have attended Lawrence Academy
Attended Antioch College, Yellow Springs
Ohio (Mrs. Stewart has a text with Potter's

name in it and the date Sept 6/61

The text is "A Treatise of Human Physiology
By John C. Dalton, Blanchard & Lea 1861.

Dr. P always practiced
Geo. Potter had asthma all his life tho benefited
by Fla - Used Dr. Tucker's spray, died in 1924
at 72 (almost 73) - died of ? heart failure - went
to Ashville N.C. & died 1 wk after. Had 2 strokes

Geo. Potter illustrated a book: Camping and Cruising
in Florida, James A. Henshall, M.D., Robert
Clarke & Co., 1884. A diary of a cruise

from page 4
of

② Interviewing Mrs. S

Mrs S has note book - indicates left Cincinnati
Came down Miss. Riv. around Gulf shore to
Cedar Key then Key West & Miami.

Mrs. S doesn't know if he homesteaded @ Biscayne

Mrs S. has a letter of recommendation of Dr. R.B. Potter
to ? "CONV G Hosp" - stating that Dr P.
had ~~worked~~ "performed his duties acceptably
to us" as house physician at the "Commercial
Hospital" - doesn't have a city and isn't dated
Signed by 8 doctors W.H. MUSSEY one of them

JAS GRAHAM

→ I AMI GRESHAM; M.B. WRIGHT, THO. WOOD,
✓ C.G. COMEY & P; W.W. DAWSONS, H.S. FOUTE,
JOHN DAVIS (E)

In Lake Worth area - 1st lived on Goo Potter's
homestead on Bch side. In 1893 moved to
west side & built his office.

was Pres. Board of Health of Dade Co.

Dr. Potter delinoid: Mrs. Ben C. Stewart, Claude
D. Reese, Howard Dymick
c. 1897

Mrs S remembers him freezing her skin then sewing
up a cut in 1907 or 8.

(First hosp a little frame house on ? 5th St
3 blocks N. of Courthouse) - this became Good Samaritan

Mrs S. says he never owned a car - walked, bicycle,
boat. She doesn't recall horse or buggy.

He took care of a Mrs. Henry Wood Davidson for years -
even fed her

③ Interview - Mrs. S. (She was born 1897)
Mrs. S. says he had a library & did read journals
Spent much time reading.
He was friendly yet kind to himself; wore glasses
Wasn't a dandy - see pictures
Smoked a pipe. Was a teazer, loved joke;
Serious minded; generous; didn't press people
for fees; seldom went to parties; in early days
a hunter - not for sport but for food.
Made his own medicines in little room in back.
Office a sealed wooden (tongue in groove) - bin on
it side (facing it), office where he saw pts -
on left side a study, lived upstairs.
Sterilized instruments by boiling.
Doesn't know if he attended church - may have
been a Congregationalist (church burned down)

Dr. P's father died Dec 1884 in Cincinnati
after abd. illness & a ~~skin~~ wound - age 70+

Dr. P's mother died Jan. 18, ~~1876~~ 1907 @ 93 (Bn. May 11, 1814)

Geo. P. died 1924; Ben Potter ?

Dr. P. died in 1909. July 12 of some abd.
trouble in Jacksonville @ ? Hospital.

Mrs S. has some letters he wrote back about it

Buried at ? Woodlawn Cemetery, W. Palm Bch

Telephone interview - Edna Mettair Barrett, dtr
of Dade's first sheriff 3/7/63 @ 515 NE 83rd St

Sheriff Mettair came to Dade Cty about 1869
knew Potter - lived - him for ~~off~~ a period
Mettair died in ~~18~~ 1934 @ age 84

Edna Mettair Barrett, PL 7-4371

only recalls her father mentioning the name
She can't recall any specific anecdotes

Mrs. Barrett says the correct spelling of
her daddy's name is METTAIR - was originally
MATTAIR but it was once written "METTAIR" in a deed &
was henceforth spelled "METTAIR" 6/12/64

Prince, dapple gray, Mettair owned him ~~all~~
from age 6 ^{mos.} until he got too old to ~~go~~ walk to
the water trough - Chiroformed by Dr. Edgar
Peters before he went to Medical school.

Prince was Arabian stock, won all the races -
could open single hinged gates, gentle c the
children.

Mettair is variously spelled: Mattair, Mattaur,
& Metaur. On a receipt to Dr. Potter he
signed "METTAUR" - cf Potter file.

Chas E Oxar, 1051 NE 92nd St PL 1-5427, 9/14/63
Bn June 6, 1875

Father Mitchell Oxar - a German - Father fighting
Confederate Army - came to Miami to work for
Wagner - "at beginning of 2nd Indian War."

Lived on Allapattah Prairie then between 13th & 14th
street NE, & the bay - Chas Oxar was born there.
Mother buried their best china there to avoid
humiliation - navy could find it.

Lived there until 1914
When he was 5 yrs old was carried by boat
to Dr. Polter who said he had had a
stroke

Oxar dug Goutie & made starch - dug roots &
grubbing hoe, Peeler (cage of slates - turned
rubbing outside off) took outside off

Took for a book of the Seminole Indian War
by John Canova of St. Augustine

Mentioned p65

Business Directory Guide and History
of Dade Cty Fla. 1896-97

In possession of Mr. H. J. Burkhardt, W. Palm Beach

② Chas Oker

9/14/63

Ground in similar cage \bar{c} broods - then
washed it & soaked starch out.

Made about $\frac{1}{2}$ barrel / da
Coontie, found in pine land.

Farmed sweet potatoes, cabbage, peas, mango,
citrus, egg plant, squash, blackeyed peas.

Fished & hunted. Raised chickens & hogs

Recalls leachcombing & salvaging - Salt, Sugar,
& soap & rice - No good after being in water.

Cheese, bacon & other things could be saved.

Thinks Biocayne P.O. was at Gordon's pt - ? 99th St

Next doctor he recalls was Dr. Jackson
Says E. Dixie was originally ~~the~~ County Rd.
Jenon. City originally on bay shore.

Billy Mettauer worked c Mr. O'Kar - tall
rough looking man - strong as a mule - rode
sweat, lassoed hog, got into fights. Married
had 3-4 children - was Ku Kluxer - had
blacksmith shop on Miami Avenue.

Says he wasn't much of a story teller.
Remembers Andrew Rice - worked for O'Kar's father
then, further - says he never owned a boat -
worked on them. May have run a boat for
Mr. Egan.

③

Chas. E. O'Kar

9/14/63

First auto he remembers - he can't describe it.

Belonged to a Mr. Michler - father of Mrs. Tamm

John Oliver built house on corner where Urney Hotel is - Mrs. O'Kar bought this house & moved it to NE 2nd Ave + 13th St. - then lived

④ Fate Schaeber - Mr. O. got malaria & moved back to Miami. & soon after lived ~~to~~ where they are now.

Dr. R. B. Potter

Interview - Mrs. W.E. Van Lendingham (Phone) 7/14/63

Dr. Van L. came to W.P.B. in 1918

Mollie Gilderstone, colored midwife who accompanied him & helped deliver babies - Picked her up in response to a blast on his boat whistle

Hospital in W. Palm Bch in ~~at~~ 1914 (Mrs. Salt Ezzell 609 Gadenia) Had only 6 beds approx - treated T.B. pts in tent out back.

Hosp located on 5th St. near present Ry station

Mrs Rowan remembers it in 1918

Mrs Ezzell has newspaper (Palm Bch Sun)

Jan 1, 1901. account of R.B. Potter 201st M.D. - sounds like one I read in Florida Coll. @ Mia. Pub. Library. Says Mrs. P died 1898.

This article mentions Belle Dimick breaking
her arm + being taken 140 miles to City
Point to Dr. Holmes - Dr. Van Land - preceptor
Mrs Dean - came 1893 - Dr. Potter + Millie
Gildersome delivered all 3 of her children.

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Mrs Dea^m Deans: 833-6921 or 322-6232
~~Mrs~~ Claude Reese, atty, may know

Dr. Van L. + Dr. Leon Ashley Peck moved the
furniture from old hospital + to Good Samaritan
Hosp.

Says Dr. W.L. Shackelford occupies
the bldg. that was the original little Hosp.

Mrs Mackey - had hospital where all the
babies were delivered; directly across from G.S. Hosp.

Telephone Interview - Mrs. Sara M. Dean 7/14/63

82 - came to W. Palm Bch @ age 12

He was particular & considerate - Used to go S. on the lake every day - that somebody awfully sick - turned out he went to fineapples!

He should have married Mrs. Dandam when they were young people - but she married

"Paid no attention to his practice after Mrs. D. came here" She doesn't know who Mrs. D was. - Potter pushed her in wheel

Chair
Always neat, store bought clothes; Lydia Potter best seamstress in state.

She was always allowed to sail -
Ben Potter - saved her cat who fell
in the water.

Potter's father:

L.F. Potter Dealer in Steam Engines, Boilers,
Shafting, Hangers, Pulleys, etc

Iron and Woodworking Machinery

Also agent for:

No 88 E. 2nd St. Cincinnati

New England Mutual Life Insurance Company
(Incorporated 1835)

From letter head of letter Jan 15, 1877

~~Rush~~

R. B. Potter

Interview = ~~with~~ Lily Pierce Voss, 516 N. Seacrest

Blvd. Boynton Bch, age 84 3/14/63

she
was

Born ^{Aug} 1876 @ House of Refuge at Dalkey Bch -
her father was 1st Keeper of this House of Refuge.

No doctor presided over her birth. When Mrs. V.
had her 1st child in 1896 on Hypoluxo Island

~~the Potter~~ her husband went up on the train to
get Dr. P but he said baby would be slow
in coming so he ate & bathed then came in
his little black launch arriving too late.

Mrs. V's father, Hamibal, Pierce, homesteaded
Hypoluxo island
Bellingham

Doctor Potter wore coat always - "you were
out several pairs of pants before you wore out
a coat."

Where Potter lived ^{was} @ Figulus (about 1 mile south of
Palm Bch.) - on the ocean side - first -
~~was~~ later he built in what is now W. Palm Bch.

Says the Potters lived 1st in Quotam, Mass. then
moved to Cincinnati then to Fla.

Potter was always correct - wore a mustache -
"was strong in his friendships." Never remembers
Potter barefooted.

Bernard Potter was the adopted son of Dr. P. B. Potter
D. Potter never used horse & buggy - had a bicycle
he used often, walked, had boats

Interview - L P Voss.

Says there was a stage (mules & a wagon) -
carried mail - ? Jupiter to Juno. She doesn't
know the dates of operation

Horses came into general use the 1890.
Potters' sail boat was a black cat boat. -

money took courses

People in the early days ate much fish, deer
(my uncle Will shot 7 deer in 1 wk) - smoked
the meat since no refrigerator. Also chickens,
quava, squash. Early shipped ice from Titusville
got canned butter (size of 1 lb coffee cans) - made
for Cuban trade.

Pattor treated her for ulcerated sore throat (1894-5
myitor) - saw her several times - waited for
abscess to open - didn't lance it. "I don't think
he was any top doctor."

Remembers her last visit to his office (? 1903-4)
dark room filled - drugs on shelves

She had piece of shell in her eye - he called it
an abscess - gave her nothing - the next
day she removed the shell - a heated pin.
(avoid Robert L. Cook's account of early days - it's
inaccurate)

~~Also~~ Pattor was a man of few words - didn't
tell stories, honest, sober, friendly. Were no
churches.

Interview c Lily Voss

Beloford Bros. came from Zenia Ohio, distinguished people. Their daughter married Dr Hood - Mrs. V. doesn't think they were happy

Says she doesn't think Dr. Beloford practiced medicine - explains the receipt by saying more probably bought patent medicine from him.

Mrs. V. doesn't recall any other MD's prior to Potter. She thinks Potter collected cash - never sent bills.

Sand on West side of lake always high pine land - a strip of Muck land along lake Hypoxis south - about 100 yds. wide.

In early days few people swim in Ocean - swim in Palm Sch. Inlet.

See also the letter from July Voss
in the file folder dated 3/2/63

Dr. R. B. Potter

(Statements of Jybil Jenkins, age 94, taken at
Palmetto Nursing Home 12/19/62 - Born in Orlando
1/29/1869 - Moved to Lake City (Lake Worth)
May 26, 1886)

Knew Dr. Potter who was then practicing at Lake
Worth "He was the only doctor there for years and
years." Mentions a family from Chicago named
Peterson who kept a boarding house in an old
stern wheeler which had drifted ashore. They
all got sick - Dr. P not only doctor'd them but
carried food 15 miles on his back from Lake Worth
to feed them at Jupiter (at that time, 1886, consisted
of light house & life saving station - people coming

(1)

down inland waterway might have to stay 2 wks
before they could get out thru the inlet)
Potter, his brother George, his mother, sister
Miss Ella Potter (never married). Ges. married
Frank ~~P~~ Dimmick's dt. Ella. Dr. Potter
never married to Mrs. J.'s knowledge
(she moved to Miami 5/16/1898 and thus lost
contact w/ Dr. P.)
All Potters had "ugly features" but Mr. ~~Potter~~ ^{Parker} said
(Parker was a friend of theirs) said, Dr. P. was
"so damned good he forgot how ugly they were."
Whole family interested in helping people.
In 1886 only 12 families in 22 miles around
Lake Worth.

12/17/62 - Cyril Jenkins

Dr. Putter made his rounds on foot & medicines ⁽²⁾
in a knapsack. Operated on an old man (Moore)
(an old sea captain) on Lake Worth - operated
on him for bladder trouble - had Mrs. J. holding
the lamp but she fainted - put a tube in
the old man's bladder but it slipped out on 3rd
day and he died. She dates this 1886.

(Don't think any anesthetic was used)

Mosquito's plentiful - had to brush self off &
palmetto leaves before they'd let you in the house

Dr. P delivered her youngest child (2/22/1893),

Jos. Paul Jenkins, who died of C.A. in 1955.

He delivered the baby in the house - at Hypoxo

She was "badly torn" - bled a lot - had blood poisoning afterward. (For her 2nd delivery 1/20/1890 had colored midwife - delivered @ her homestead in Lake Worth - he died 1960 @ age 70 - First child delivered at Orlando by M.D. from Ga. who charged \$10 - 6/24/1888)

She can't recall whether Dr. P charged anything for the delivery. Hypobess was 29 miles from the homestead of Mr & Mrs. Jenkins - she went to Hypobess so that a lady there could take care of her. Dr. Potter known for his willingness to come at any time, day or nite - often charging. Gave her husband quinine for his rheumatism & arthritis.

Dr. Potter had already "prowed up" (laid on it
6mo, planted a few trees and pay \$1/acre or
live on it 5 yrs and get it for free) on his
homestead - just below what is now W. Palm Bc
"Must have had 160 acres - that was the limit -
Homestead land was getting scarce. [July 1886].
Most people lived in Palmetto Shack. Potter lived
in on his brother George's homestead in a 2 story
wooden house - this was on the beach side -
"E. Palm Beach"

Potter never had buggy or horse during the time
she knew him - too many mosquitos. He travelled
in a small sail boat (no motor in it) often

becalm'd. First "motorboat" brought to Lake
North in 1889 - by C.I. Craigie.

Dr. P. way too busy to visit much - people - she
thinks he was an educated man and "very friendly".
Even tempered.

all his clothes were hand made - no suits -
Pants made of a dark woolen goods - shirts
blue for every day + white for Sunday. "Man worked
12 hrs /da for \$1.00. Shoes came from Jax. -
all work shoes - no dress shoes (even Dr. P.). Wore
black felt hat. Didn't smoke or drink
(There was nothing to drink except when rum washed
ashore from passing ship)
She knows of no other doctor in the whole
country - thinks there were none.

12/19/62 Sybil Jenkins

Mrs. J. husband farmed, fished and managed
boats - died shortly after they moved to
Miami 1898 of the "Army measles", also had
heart trouble & arthritis - Jas. M. Jackson
treated him. (24)

Only living Mrs. Emma Jenkins
1823 S. Bayshore Lane
Miami

Mrs. J. Maiden name Sybil Long - Husband
Jas. Samuel Jenkins

Commodore Munroe states: "When I arrived here I found a Dr. Potter and his brother, George, living at the mouth of ~~the~~ Little River in a neat two-story cottage. I think they were from Cleveland, Ohio, and had come to benefit, if possible, the health of the brother. Shortly after their establishment, the Lake Worth colony succeeded in opening up communication from the North that began to draw settlers and winter visitors to a small extent, and later on appealed to the Potters so forcibly that they migrated to what is now West Palm Beach. This left us without any medical or surgical assistance whatever,....."

Munroe, Ralph Middleton and Gilpin, Vincent:
The Commodore's Story, Ives Washburn, (no city), 1930,
page 208.

When we came to ~~Miami~~ and Coconut Grove in
Sept 1877 - Mentions visiting the mouth
of Mia. River. Wm B. Brickell lived on the
S. Bank. then. (P 70)

His second visit was in the fall of 1881 (p 109)
with his ill wife & sister in law.

From the text I suspect the Potters were here
in 1888, but he doesn't say so specifically
Might find something in papers or books of
W. Palm Bch @ the time

No mention of them in Atkinson's, Phys & Surg. of US 1878

POTTER, Richard B.

In the Miami Public Library clipping file, Dade # 1, p 76, is an excellent article on the Potter family written chiefly about Bernard Miller Potter, the (? adopted according to H.J. Burkhardt) brother of George and Richard B.

Quoting Bernard, "my two brothers R.B. Potter and Geo. W. Potter, came to Florida ahead of me in 1873." He goes on to say that R.B. was the pioneer physician of Biscayne Bay. He mentions R.B. using a sailboat for transportation. He says that brother George had asthma and R. B. picked south Florida as the best climate for him after a study of the climates of the U.S. Mentions that George was president of the first bank in W. Palm Beach. He says that when he (B.M. Potter) arrived there were about 100 people within 100 miles and the majority of these were located on the east side of ~~the~~ Lake Worth. Captain O.S. Porter and Geo. Potter established the first real estate firm in

W. Palm Bch. Sister Ellen E. Potter sold 60 acres of her property to Henry M. Flagler for the townsite of Palm Beach.

R.B. POTTER, M.D.

Interview with Mr. Edison S. Freeman, 7801 N.E. 4th Ct. phone, PL 7-7600. He was born Sept. 1889 in Dade Cty. His father homesteaded 88 acres extending from the railroad to Biscayne Blvd. and from 72nd St. to 79th St. The house his father built still stands on ? 76th street.

Freeman states that Dr. Potter's house stood almost if not precisely on the ~~site~~ site of a house built about 1900 by Arthur Griffin at 8500 N.E. 10th Ave. At that time the bay came much closer to the property than it does now for it was very shallow and has been filled in for the present real estate development. Indeed, Freeman says this arm of the bay on old maps (before 1925) was called Potter's Bight. He mentions a severe hurricane of Sept. 7-11th 1878 - says that the Coast Guard has a log of this that was transcribed by his brother and stored in the Coast Guard Archives at ? Elizabeth City, N.C.

N.E. 12th Ave., he states, was the old government trail - ie. the road made by the army to move troops from Ft. Lauderdale and points north to Ft. Dallas.

When he was a boy Little River, which runs through his father's homestead, began at the bridge over ~~river~~ Little River at N.E. 2nd Ave. - it had five tributaries. that made a sort of funnel from the glades into the river and down to the bay. High pine land such as his father had and prairie land adjacent gave way to marl and this to everglades. Near the above noted bridge was a rapids of hard rock that maintained the water table in the glades and during the high water season the current here was so swift you couldn't ascend them in a boat without pulling yourself along by the trees on the bank. At the foot of the rapids - approximately opposite the indian mound in El Portel - was a "boiling spring" in the Little River that had to be skirted lest it overturn your boat. The water was crystal clear when there was a good flow from the glades but became murkey when stagnant. During the spring rains he thinks as much as 100" of rain would fall in several months. Near its mouth the Little River was 20' deep. Sherriff Billy Mettair (pronounced Metaw) named Humbuggus - the prairie between what is now 17th ave. and about 79th St. west to the Hileah Race Track - because his boys were trying to farm a part of it and ate so much he was paying more out in food for the boys than they were producing for him. Mettair had a blacksmith shop at N.E. 62nd St. just west of Blvd

R.B. Potter (3/11/63)

Interview c Mr. Edson Freeman PL 7-7600 page 7.

Old Potter homesite was later owned by Arthur Griffin - old stone house still standing fronted on bay about 1 mile North of the mouth of Little River. Marsh in front of it - this has been filled till now & the house no longer on water. House just east of

Old Dixie Ave (approx. on NE 10th Ave @ 87th St.) 2 story coral rock. Potter lived there "several years." Now "Biscayne Gardens."

Sheriff William Mettair (he pronounced it "Metau") was a friend of Potter & Mr. Freeman. Remembers stories Mettair told about Potter. They used to go turtle hunting - on 1 trip, Geo. Potter, felliped over a bear which he mistook for a turtle - the bear was down in the sand digging a turtle nest.

Freeman's father came in 1887 - he used to say there were only 6 white families between Lake Worth & Elliott's Key and 1 colored family Andrew Price.

R. B. Potter (3/11/63) telling of Potter

Freeman recalls Mettair, pulling a tooth
for him.

Mettair, 5'10", 170 lbs, stout, vigorous,
friendly, "drank considerably", smart, not well
educated, came to Dads 1872, was a
great story teller, wonderful memory. One
shooting scrape in fall '94-'95 - Texas
gambler had moved in to get money of
Ry men. Sam Lewis the Texan got
into a shooting fray @ Lamon City Pool Hall
Lewis shot 2 men over a 10¢ bet; Freeman's

father deputized + Mettair + hunted
Lewis down. At finish a Mr. Macgregor
was shot - intestinal perforation - Cared for
by ? Eleanor Gault Simmons - he died.

Jewis was jailed @ Palm Beach but mob
lynched him + hung him from telephone pole -
shot his body full of holes.

Freeman did not know Dr. Potter - only recites
stories Mettair told.

POTTER, Dr. R.B.

"... has been a resident of the county a number of years, coming with the first settlers and locating on Biscayne Bay. He afterwards bought property on the lake, a distance south of the present location of West Palm Beach. For many years he was the only practicing physician in the county and has taken many long and tiresome jaunts both on foot and by boat to reach patients. He now has for his Lake practice, a swift, handsome cabined launch made especially for the purpose and fitted up with every possible convenience."

Above copied from an unidentified newspaper clipping in the Florida collection of the Miami Public Library, entitled Dade #1. page 26.

Also appears in:

Gardner, C.M. and Kennedy, C.F.: Business Directory, Guide and History of Dade County Florida 1896-97, The Tropical Sun Print, West Palm Beach, Fla., (No publication date), pp 120-1. (copy I saw in the possession of H.J. Burkhardt, W. Plm. Bch.)

Dr. R.B. Potter

The Weekly Lake Worth News, Christmas Number, Dec. 1900
p. 22: (seen at H.J. Burkhardt's, W. Palm Bch. 2/9/63)

"Dr. R.B. Potter is one of the earliest settlers in Dade County, coming here from Cincinnati, Ohio, with his brother, Geo. W. Potter, in 1875. He first settled on Biscayne Bay, having entered a homestead in the neighborhood of the present town of Lemon City. In 1880 he was elected to the legislature, and from the outlook at that time concluded to go further north to meet the advancing tide of improvements, moving to Lake Worth, again with his brother, in 1881, where he has since resided. He was elected again to the legislature in 1896, when he succeeded in having the No Fence Law enacted, which has been a great boon to the fruit and truck growers of Dade county. He has practiced his profession ever since his arrival in the county, and has endured all the hardships incidental to a doctor's life in an unsettled region, frequently sailing

all night in stormy weather to get to a patient, or walking the beach, which in former days was the only method of communication between Biscayne Bay and Lake Worth. He, at present, lives in West Palm Beach and is interested largely in orange and pineapple culture, having a large acreage of pines and some orange and grape-fruit trees a few miles south of the town, and also a young grove of thirty acres of oranges a few miles west of Jupiter, which he is improving in company with E.N. Dimick, Geo. W. Lainhart and other citizens of Lake Worth. Dr. Potter is one of Dade county's most prominent physicians, a member of the board of directors of the Dade County State Bank and has one of the best personal followings of any man in this section. He is one of the most charitable of men, going about doing good quietly, unassumingly, and it is only thorough accident that the public finally learns of some of his good deeds, while many are known only to the recipient and to Him who said "Let not your right hand know what your left hand doeth." A physician of rare professional skill, and enterprising citizen, a true and honest friend, R.B. Potter is a man of whom it may well be said "the world is better because he lives in it."

Interview = Henry J. Burkhardt 2/9/63
5802 N. Dixie Hwy. (age 73)

Recalls Dr. Potter putting stitches in his knee
about 1898

Burkhardt's moved from Phila. in Jan ~~1893~~ 1893

Says Potter lived in an alley just S. of
Fern street (Fern street then the southern
city limits)

Geo. Potter lived near him - Neither of them
lived on the Bel side

1861-2

Antioch College

Took a partial course - see Catalogue in
file for interesting details re: Course,
teachers & Cost of Room & board.

Also see letter from Miss Cape Antioch
Taborian for several more bits of information

1866

Dr. R. B. Potter graduated from
The Medical College of Ohio in class
of 1866

cf. Polko Medical Directory, 1908

Deaths: JAMA 55: 1571, Oct 29, 1910
(~~the~~ photocopies of these in Potter file folder)

In 1897 The Medical College of Ohio became
the Medical Department of the U of Cincinnati

R.B. Potter Medical Student 1863-1866
at Medical College of Ohio

His preceptor was Dr. J.F. Potter (Letter from
Manian H. Luntars 9/17/63)

J.F. Potter an eminent surgeon of Cincinnati
and member of St. Luke's Hosp (

staff along w/ C. G. Conroy, Wm H. Mussey, et al
J.F. Potter died in 1868

Had a vigorous dispute w/ R.D. Mussey

? Related to R.B. Potter
cf. Daniel Drake and His Followers, Otto Justner,
Harvey Publishing Co., Cincinnati, 1909 pp 91 & 415

J.F. Patten was connected to the Ohio College
of Dental Surgery. ~~founded Nov 1845 & graduated~~
(founded Jan 24, 1845, began lectures Nov 1845 &
graduated 1st class - 4 students - Feb 1846).
Patten taught dental anatomy & physiology starting
in 1847.

1863-1866

Medical School Days

George Carter Blackman - Professor of Surgery

during Father's days there.

By far the most brilliant surgeon of the west at that time. Recommended for the position by

S.D. Jones.

He was a brilliant, irascible, bold & indefatigable

man. The readability, acute physically, excellent

imprints he speaks. No patients & hand down

lectures - spoke & preparation. No patients & after

case - liked the brilliance of the operators

room. He was highly regarded by the leaders
of the profession here & abroad & widely quoted.
Important in worldly matters he died in
poverty.

1866 he charged BARTHOLOW - plagiarism &
started a bitter "serio-comic" controversy in which
Bartholow said "Bookman" had plagiarized - everybody
including "God Almighty." cf p 233
Justus, Otto: Drake et al, pp 227-235

1863-1866

Medical School Days

Marmaduke Burr Wright

Professor of Obstetrics & Dis. of women

A man of action, initiative, fearless, persevering

Active in ^{the} State legislature & well & teaching & practice.

Introduced bill to set up state hosp. for the insane. Introduced cephalic version

1854. Wrote widely & brilliantly

1863-1866

Medical School Days

Theophilus Parvin - Prof. of Materia Medica
and Therapeutics beginning 1864

Cultured, scholarly gentleman - excellent teacher &
author of the widely read text of the day.

Pres. of Prof 1879. Later became author of
an outstanding treatise on OB-Gyn.

Highly religious - see quote p 260

Justus; Drake et al pp 259-60

1863-1866

Medical School Days

Robt. Bartholow - Prof. Physics and Medical
Chemistry

a cold, reserved man - no intimate friends -
a brilliant mind ready to accept the truth
from whatever source if it could stand the test.

Vident adversary of Blackman.

Perhaps the 1st to stimulate the human brain
- needle electrodes (1872) in pt. dying of an
epithelioma of the ~~scalp~~ scalp - brain exposed
Later prof. of Materia Medica & Therap. @ Jeff. DeCoster

Justner, Drake et al. pp 260-267

Medical School Days

1863-1866

Bodies were still supplied by Resurrectionists until an anatomy act of 1880

This anatomy act was speeded by the finding of the body of John Scott Harrison, son of John Henry Harrison, "Old Tippecanoe", and brother of Benjamin Harrison, in the dissecting room of the Medical College of Ohio.

c.f. Justinas, Otto: Drake, et al. pp 395-397

In this chapter is the account of a grave-
robbing trip of Prof. M. B. Wright told
in his own words.

? 1866-1867

Commercial Hospital where R.B. Potter
served as house physician later became

Cincinnati Hospital (cf Atkinson, W^mB;
The Physicians & Surgeons of the U.S., 1878.

Phila. Chas Robson page 631 under Wright, M.B.

Apparently the men who signed the recommendation
for Potter were outstanding in Cincinnati - 4 appear
in Atkinson - see ✓ on notes from Mrs. S. interview

C. G. COMEGYS p 688 seems to have been an outstanding teacher - emphasized bedside teaching of medicine, translated French history of medicine, active in politics. Was son of governor of Delaware & married Ohio governor's dtr. Much interested in medical education

All of these men taught @ Ohio Medical College
possibly Potter attended there
Several of them taught @ Miami Medical Coll.

Ohio National Guard

May 10, 1864

Mustered in as Pvt. Co. E, 137 Reg't Ohio Natl.
Guard. Age 20; height 5'10"; Eyes Hazel,
Hair: Brunet; Complex. Light. Occ. "Student"

Mustered in for 100 days

Mustered out Aug 19, 1864

cf: Photocopy in Potter file.

Commercial Hospital

1866-1867

In the palmy days of the old Commercial Hospital, a picturesque character was in charge. His name was Absalom Death. The medical students insisted upon calling him Absolute Death. Mr Death was a stickler on proper form and was fully imbued with the dignity and importance of his office. He had a weakness for

technical terms and a wonderful facility for
mispronouncing and misapplying them.
He was a good manager and very popular
with the people of the town.

Justhor, Otto: Drake, et al p 411

N.B. He ceased to be superintendent in 1861

J.C. Mackenzie^{MD} superintendent 1866 + 1 mo of 1867

David Schwartz 1867

1867

W.T.G. Morton gave a demonstration of
anesthesia @ Great Junction Hospital,
Cincinnati - Is did Potter attend

Justus, Otto: Daniel Drake, p 415

1868

Commercial Hospital rebuilt and name
changed to "Cincinnati Hospital" &

The physicians & surgeons of the Commercial
Hospital were the faculty of the Medical
College of Ohio.

The O.R. of the Commercial Hosp. witnessed
some of the "most brilliant surgery of those days."
Commercial Hospital of far more than merely

Local importance - refer to medical journals
of that day. History of University Hospital began 1866 +
The building occupied Jan 1869
Myrnie Duke Barr bought the entire
of education
Jennings, Otto: Duke & Fellowship pp 403-406

June 22, 1867

Earliest entry in Potter's ledger:

" 1867

Ingraham

June 22

To Visit

1.50 "

The next earliest entry is Aug 4

" 1867

C Bruce

" Aug. 4

To visit at mts

5.00 "

Apparently initially he charged 1.50 for house
call ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ daytime and "office advice" but
within 2 wks he was charging \$2.00 for
these

1867-69

Jedger in possession of Mrs. B.C. Stewart
Begins Aug 19, 1867 - practicing in Cincinnati
Jedger details his practice receipts

Recd \$1.50	for office visits
\$5.00	for notes "
2.50	for dressing a fracture
Varied his fixed pts.	fee to \$2.00 office calls on better
11.00	delivery (May 12, 1868)
11.00	"operation & visit"

If a dressing was done - ie "dress a fracture"
he got \$1.00 in addition to usual office or house
charge

For servants charged $\frac{1}{2}$ fare at times &
full price at others

Many "operations" @ \$2.00 (? lancing boils)

On p 19 "John Gates Dec. 20, 1867, To visit
and stay all night \$10.00

Surprising number of "To washing eyes" price
varied from 25¢ to \$2.50

1867-1873

Pattar's ledger:

often notes "credit by cash" but at times
"Cr. by gift" indicating he was paid in
produce

Frequently notes "vac" - apparently made no
charge for vaccine as did 4 vaccinations for
\$2.00, his routine office visit

1868-1873

Physician's fees:

Pattar's fees were very similar to those set forth in the "Code of Medical Police and Rules and Regulations" with the founding of the Cincinnati Medical Association, Feb 21, 1821.

cf. Jewettner, Otto, *Denial Drake* - , pp 95-97

N.B. Pattar made more on office calls but most surgery was the same

Cincinnati Academy of Medicine 1867-1873

Founded 1857 by Robt. R. McAlvaine and
after 1860 it reflected the life of the local
profession

cf. Justner, Otto: Probe, et al p449-451

? Was H.B. Potter a member

Mar 9, 1842 Brown-Sequard spoke to the
Academy on Experiments in Epilepsy

Outstanding supporters were:

Blackman, Batholow, Parvian and Comagyp,
Cold, dignified & always a commanding figure

Post office founded 2 miles north of
Little River and 3 miles South of Arch
Creek Oct. 14, 1869. Initially called
"Miami" but on June 10, 1870 changed
to Biscayne. Discontinued Mar. 12, 1888
of letter in Patter file.

Dr. R.B. Potter county clerk of Dade County, 1870 according to: Writers Program, W.P.A. in State of Florida; American Guide Series, Miami and Dade County, Bacon, Perfy, and Daggett, Northport, N.Y., 1941. This book is in the Florida collection of the Miami Public Library.

However, this is probably incorrect for B.M.Potter says R.B. came to Florida in 1873, and the Secretary of State of Florida says (cf. letter dated 1/30/63) he was appointed Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dade County on April 9, 1877 and served until Feb. 10, 1879.

Could there have been two different positions or terms of office?

1870

Total area of Dade County 4,424 sq. miles
" population " " 85 (whites + Negroes)
" assessed value of property \$14,935

Dade has 13 children of legal age, 3 attended school (outside the city) only one could read ^{or} ~~and~~ write.

Cash. W. T.: The Lower East Coast 1870-1890,
Tequesta # 8; 57-71, 1948

1892

Number of qualified voters in Dade Cty.
was 36. Taken from Election returns
in Custody of Secty. of State.

Appears in: Hudson, F.M.: Beginnings in
Dade County, Travels 1:1-35, July 1943
(this item is on page 24)

Jan @ S. Fla. Hist. Museum
See Census record under Miscellaneous

See this article for an amusing story
of vote fraud to keep a republican
from getting into office - ie republican
ballots dropped on the floor.

Oct 16, 1873

Patten's Ledger p 85 (In possession of Mrs. B.C. Stewart)

Last entry for professional services (apparently
in Cincinnati for office visit
Oct. 16, 1873

Dec. 1873

Captain "Stearns" name is probably
misspelled in Geo. Potters diary
I suspect it should be STINE

cf Gould, E.W.: Fifty Years On The
Mississippi or Gould's History of River
Navigation, Long's College Book Co., Columbus,
Ohio 1951, p 728

N.B. This was 1st published in 1889.

I could find no mention of the steamboat
Texas. The I did find brief mention of
the Jas. Howard (p 436) saying it burned
@ the wharf on March 13, 1881

There is also brief mention of The Great Republic
(More mention of the "Grand Republic")

Extensive mention of the Robt. E. Lee - emphasizes
its speed + race - the Natchez in 1870
Original R E Lee built 1866.

3 Dec ~~1872~~ 1873

Diary of Geo. W. Potter for trip
from Cincinnati to mouth of the
Mississippi Rv. - see transcription
in Potter file.

By taking the notations at the end of this
diary: "Wednesday, Dec. 31" and "Friday,
Dec 26.", and referring to the perpetual
Calendar (World Book Encyclopedia, 1953,
PP 1119-1120 - Vol "C") I calculate this trip

was made in Dec. 1873. Thus he
arrived in Florida in Jan. 1874 as
on Dec. 31st he was just entering the
Gulf of Mexico

1873

Lancet and Clinic

Founded 1842 as the "Western Lancet"
1858 Combined = the "Medical Observer"
1873 merged = "Clinic" which had been issued
as a weekly since 1871 by Faculty of ~~the~~
Medical College of Ohio — thereafter known as
"Lancet and Clinic" or later "Lancet-Clinic"
1886 - lost much of its prestige
Juetner, Otto: Drake, pp 482-483

Potter, Richard B.

1874-1875

Loc: Biscayne Fla (Little River)

Ref: Parsons, G.W.: Manuscript diary - see transcript in the Manuscript file "P" for "Parsons Diary."

- p. 36. Jan. 21, 1874: Parsons went to see "old gentleman Hunt... were introduced to Dr. Potter and his invalid brother of Cincinnati (George Potter)
- p. 54. Mar. 16, 1874: Col. Carl Whitner became incensed over an unsatisfactory letter received from Dr. R.B. Potter "about the Mayor James Place" and apparently organized a posse (Parsons and five others) who went by boat to Potter's place prepared to "take forcible possession if necessary of the property, pullind down the house and taking it away." At first "the P's" were "inclined to be obstinate" but later they paid \$ 67 in cash and the matter was closed. (Wonder if this was for the cabin thye lived in - the one depicted by George Potter?)

- p. 62 Comments of Dr. Potter to Parsons re the death of the Brickell daughter.
- p. 182. Feb. 19, 1875: mentions visiting Dr. Potter "the deputy" to get a legal document acknowledged - implies Potter lived about a mile from Hunt.

Feb 18, 1874

R.B. Potter entered his homestead (Entry #470
Sec 8+7, T. 53 S, R+2 E.)

His 5 yr residence expired Feb 18, 1879
He had 2 yrs to file for patent by
entering proof of residency:

cf: letter from U.S. Land Office, Gainesville, Fla
Nov 4, 1879 in Mrs. B.C. Stewart's possession

April 1874

DESCRIPTION OF MIAMI:

"... a grove of cocoa-nut palms came into view marking the entrance to the Miami river, the mouth of which is concealed by the nature of the ground.

"Sailing up to a hundred yards from the cocoa-nut grove we dropped anchor in ten feet of water, and pulling in the gig some few hundred yards up the Miami river, landed at a rough landing place on the left bank, where we saw a negro lying asleep. It was some time before we could arouse the darky, but at last we got him on his legs, when he announced himself as cook on the Fort Dallas estate, and though sick, he went at our bidding to inform the manager of the estate of our arrival.

"Throughout Florida the settlement of Miami, on Biscayne Bay, is represented as a sort of terrestrial paradise,..... It is in reality a very small settlement on a ridge of limestone, rising from five to thirty feet above the sea, with a loose sandy loam over it, only a few inches in depth, but tolerably fertile. The climate is equable but very hot, the scenery is pretty but never approaches magnificence, while the

multitude of insects makes life hardly endurable.

"At Miami there are four houses, two on either bank of the river. On the right bank overlooking the bay, stands the house of an English settler, Mr. Brettle, well situated on a bluff with gardens and terraces, carefully kept and planted, making it about the prettiest residence in South Florida, and the only one with any claim to taste in the laying out of the grounds..... Near it is a store kept supplied with necessaries from Key West, which does a considerable trade with the Indians who resort thither for whiskey and beads.

"On the left bank of the Miami river lives the gentleman in charge of what is called the Fort Dallas estate, owned by a company of which our fellow-traveller the Doctor (? Dr. J.V. Harris - couldn't find his name in the book on quick scanning) was one. The estate consists of six hundred and fifty acres of land, about twenty of which have been cleared and planted with coconuts, guavas, orange and other fruit trees, but now form a wilderness hardly distinguishable from the forest. There are some stone remains of the old Fort Dallas, occupied by soldiers during the Indian war, and a row of stone-houses or out-buildings now falling into ruins.

April 1874

Description of Miami, cont.

"A great objection to settling at Miami is its isolation, the only communication it possesses with the outside world being by a little mail-cutter which sails twice a month to and from Key West; but a greater objection still, in my opinion, are the winged insects, two species in addition to those we met in the rest of Florida attacking us the moment we landed.

One of these was what the natives called a horsefly, about the size of a very large blue-bottle, and with the buzz of a dozen of them.... the other fly was considerably larger, resembling the striped hornet-fly...

"A great deal is said by Florida land-agents about Biscayne being made the terminus of a railway to be constructed from Jacksonville, via the town of Enterprise and St. John river to Miami, and from thence to reach along from key to key on tressel work as far as Key West.... Beyond the fact that the track is marked in the maps of Florida published at Jacksonville, there is no reason to suppose that such a line is ever likely to be built as long as Florida remains in her present bankrupt and impoverished condition.

"At its mouth the river Miami is about eighty yards in width, with a depth of eight or nine feet. It has a rocky bed, and shores fringed with mangrove. Ascending the river in the schooner's gig, we found the tidal water reached about three miles from the bay, the slope of the river's bed being greater than in most of the Florida rivers. Winding along between mangrove-clad banks, the haunt of herons, bitterns and alligators the river has an average depth of ~~five~~ four feet for a distance of seven miles further up, when the navigation is barred by what are called the falls of the Miami, some five or six feet high, the highest in South Florida, where the river breaks through the rocky brim of the Everglades, about eight miles above Fort ~~Blackney~~ Dallas.

Townshend, F. ~~Tam~~ Trench: Wild Life in Florida with A Visit to Cuba, London, Hurst and Blackett, 1875, pp 235-243.

(loaned me by the South Florida Historical Society)

1874-1881

House @ Biscayne, Fla

Penned on the margin of Gen. Potter's sketch
of the cottage @ Biscayne is the legend:

"House 25 x 12 ~~ft~~ with 12 foot (?) posts

Freeman says it stood on the site of the
present residence at 8500 NE 10th Ave.

Pottar's ledger

People who worked for RB Pottar:

Geo H. Albury - June 29, 1877 to Feb 19, 1878

A. F. BRACKLIN - June 27, 1876 to Sept 5, 1876

John HARNER - Jan 22, 1876 to May 7, 1876

W. METTAUR - Jan 25, 1875 to Aug 1875

(further individual entries to June 2, 1882)

Fred MEYER - Feb 27, 1880 to May 19, 1882

Andrew PRICE - July 20, 1875 to Sept 28, 1875

(p 352 he is "Capt Andrew Price" apparently buying things for Pottar Aug 6, 1878 to Dec 14, 1879)

Journal RHODES - May 16, 1876 to Sept 8, 1876

Nov 14, 1876 to Mar 15, 1877

J. I. Sharp - July 28 (?1870) to Aug 15 (?1870)

N.B. According to Edwin S. Freeman Andrew Price
was negro - a "fine colored man."

1874-75

Prior to 1864 there was the
Jacksonville, Pensacola & Mobile Ry.

In 1864 this linked \bar{c} the Atlantic and
Gulf Ry

In Sept 1879 H.B. Plant purchased the
A + G and reorganized it under the
name: Savannah, Florida & Western Ry.

No mention of Ry to Cedar Keys

Pettengill, Geo. W. Jr.:
The Story of the Florida Railroads 1834-1903,
The Railway & Locomotive Historical Society, Inc.
Boston, Mass. July 1952

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Starch manufacture

"Koonti or Comptia is a cycad of the genus
ZAMIA \approx 4 species in Florida."

Stem pounded to a pulp & washed in a
straining cloth to remove poison — poison known
to have killed several soldiers during the
Civil War — when properly prepared, makes a
finely palatable cake or pudding — was the basis
of the Seminole indian softki-pot until
superseded by grits.

(over)

The red water washings were poisonous to animals + the refuse "contaminates the air with a genuine stink." Refuse made a "valuable fertilizer." Pioneers fed on Kootie starch while clearing his land

Gifford, John C.: Five Plants Essential to the Indians and Early Settlers of Florida,

Toquesta #4: 36-44, Nov. 1944.

Seen @ S. Fla. Hist. Assoc. Museum

1886
Starch manufacture in Dade County

Starch manufacture apparently began before 1851 (cf. deed mentioned p 31 of reference below) and was undiminished as late as 1886.

Of 17 persons listed in the business directory of 1886 ~~in Dade~~ of Florida, quoted by Mr. Cash 7 were "in starch."

Hudson, F M; Beginnings in Dade County,
Tequesta 1: 1-35 (cf p 31), July 1943
Seen @ S. Fla. Hist. Museum

of Toquests 1952 ~~#~~ XII

Articles by Mrs. Henry J. Burkhardt - in

→ Ernest J. Gearhart, Jr. ← Report
stop paper file

state business started before 1840 and
continued operation (last mill @ Kendall)
until 1925 or '26.

1875

Letter: R. Hovea to Richard

Mentions fare from Cincinnati to Bischoff
as \$100

1875

Pattar's ledger p 351

"Planting Time of 1875"

Indicators he planted:

Water melons

Musk melons

Squash

Paw paw

Musk melons

Jan 28th	(on prairie)
Feb 4th	(side Hill)
Feb 1st	} @ house
Feb 4th	
Feb 1st	} (on prairie at HUNTS)
Jan 30th	

Jan 25, 1875

Potter's ledger p 305

at \$10. per month

Mattair, Willie - Commenced work Jan 25th 1875

Lost one day Jan 29th

Billy Mattaur in a/c with R.B. Potter

Apparently Mattaur worked for Potter from
Jan 25th 1875 to Aug. 1875 regularly

after that Mattaur did various errands for
him & Potter for Mattaur up until June 2nd
1882

N.B. a receipt signed by Mattaur
carries his name W. METTAUR

Dade County Officials in 1875 (appointed by governor)

County Commissioners: W.B. Brickell, Andrew Barr,
John A. Addison, and Charles of Lake Worth.

County Judge: T.W. Faulkner

County Clerk: Dr. R.B. Potter

Tax Assessor: A.C. Richards

Sheriff: William Metaur

(Dade Cty. extended from Caesar's Creek to a point north of
Jupiter - a distance of more than 150 miles)

Hollingsworth, Tracy: History of Dade County, 1936, p 31

Secty. of State's records disagree with this (cf. letter in
Potter file folder) stating that Potter was commissioned
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dade Cty. on April 9, 1877 and
was succeeded by P.W. Faulkner on Feb. 10, 1879.

M. A. HERALD
JAN. 11, 1963 P. 10C, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

1st Sheriff

John Frohock, who died at 90 a few days ago, was called "Dade County's first sheriff."

"Not so," corrects Joseph Faus, a real old-timer. "He was, I think, the first elected Dade County sheriff in 1899."

"But the real first sheriff was William Mettair, a two-fisted, gentle-hearted resident of old Lemon City, the cradle of civilization of Southeastern Florida, founded in 1869. Mettair was appointed sheriff in 1882 by Gov. William Dunnington Bloxam. The territory needed a tough man to ride herd.

"Internal Improvement Board of Florida bought 500,000 acres of South Florida land in 1881. This opened Dade County for development. Commen followed the merchants and farmers. Bandits often held up the Lantana-Lemon City stage coach and vanished into the Everglades.

"Sheriff Mettair had a gun and a famous horse 'Prince.' He rode the trails from Fort Pierce Southward. He wore a badge of courage. His gunplay was spiced with oratory. He had nary a notch on his gun but he established respect for the law."

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The latest?

Tuesday, April 7, 1875

Letter: Robt. Hosea to "My dear Doctor"

Apparently Hosea has been visiting Potter at Biscayne and is now on his return trip to Cincinnati. He writes this from Key West. He left Biscayne Apr. 4th, boarded a vessel at Miami (mentions "exploring the mounds, hearing Brickell huge tales, dining & supping with Lovelace & reading scalawag in the evening to Wm Fogg, Mrs. L. & the rest, Ewan Day, Peacock, Parsons, etc. Went on board schr- at 11 P.M.) Says he will "get the Wilmington, now at Havannah, on Thursday morning for Cedar Keys. (?) & Savannah Montgomery (?) Ry."

Apparently Mr. L.F. Potter was at Biscayne for he says:
"Your Father had better not stay too late if it gets sickly as he will be quarantined at N.Y."

He goes on to state his feelings about Biscayne Bay county:
"Sell out your place, shake the red ants & scorpions out of your boots and come up to a civilized land. This will do to visit but as a steady diet, is a little too mixed. To live at Biscayne a man has to become a Koonty digger or else sell

whiskey to the Indians & get their trade as Brickel has.... All the people of Biscayne seem in a chronic state of cussedness. Brickel talks of Hunt Sturdevant Gleason, etc Rhodes & Fogg (?) & ladies live in a nettle patch and they all unite in cursing Hunt & he seems to take his revenge in returning the compliment. The lower end of the bay curse youraend & your end ignores the lower end. This seems about the conclusion of Day & Ewan & I would leave the crowd & not waste my energies in uselessly endeavoring to promote harmony.

"E. & D. seem to think every man who comes to B bay, has run off from Navy, Army or from civilization for some deviation from propriety. Brickel he says it is rumored may have been a convict at Botany bay as he hails from Australia & Sturtevant from Cleveland fro som Malfeisana etc,etc,etc. ad nauseatum."

This letter loaned me by Mrs. Ben C. Stewart of Palm Beach cf. Thermofax copy in Potter file folder.

May 1875

Pattor was Deputy Marshall

Commission was terminated Oct. 17, 1876

cf. letter in Mrs. Stewart's possession

Aug 19, 1875

Bill of lading from:

Tough and

indicating

Cincinnati

& Porter

merchandise

to Biscayne

(Building Materials)

shipped from

Totals \$ 935.00

~~Second bill of lading Oct 4, 1875 \$ 509.⁷⁰₋~~

Oct 3rd, 1875
Letter: R. Hosa to My dear Doctor:

Urges Potter to marry his daughter Ella
and details what he will do for them
(quite generous)

Mentions they could live in the log house
while building a new house

"George + Indian boy sleep down stairs + you
+ Ella upstairs, you could camp that
way very comfortably while building."

Oct 8, 1875

Pattas ledger p 350

Interleaved is a receipt from Andrew PRICE
for \$5.00 paid by Dr. R.B. Patter

" For one canoe "

Signed @ Biocayne, Fla

Dec 1875

Patton ledger p174:

" Jan 30 Amt received as Inspectors salary
for Dec 1875 25.20"

He apparently received similar sums for the
same occupation in Jan. Feb, Mar. & April 1876.
Then come item: also may

" May 1 Amt. received as Fees Deputy Marshal 40.00

Letter in Mrs. B.C. Stewart's possession indicates
Potter was Customs Inspector, appt. by the
Jcty. of Treasury. - salary of \$3.00 per day
"when employed, not to exceed in aggregate
\$300 per annum." Letter dated August 21, 1875
addressed to: Rich^d. B. Potter, Esq.

Inspector
Cape Florida

Actually was inspector from Apr 1, 1875 to Sept 1876
cf. Letter from Atty^g Cummings & Baker Oct 7, 1876

Jan 22, 1876

Patterson's ledger p 233

" John HARNER Commenced work Thursday, January
22nd, 1876. Contract \$40
May 7th 1876 2nd Contract 40. "

Then follows a list of food, & various items including
"Podophyllin logs" apparently bought & given
to Harner and/or "Cand E. Howe."

Feb 29, 1876
Pattar's ledger p 351 (in possession of Mrs. B.C. Stewart
Lalm Sch., Fla.)

First recorded medical fee in Dade County

"Feb. ²⁹ 1876 For Medical Service 2.00"

This was for medical service rendered
Andrew Price by Richard B. Potter

Apr. 14, 1876

Letters in Mrs. Stewart's possession
from U.S. Marshall's office authorizing him
(R.B. Potter) to call upon U.S. Coast &
Geodetic Survey ships, Commander, to assist
him in the arrest of an unmaned party.

Addresses Potter as

"Richard B. Potter
Dept. U. S. Marshall
Southern District of Fla
Miami"

April 17, 1876

Patterson ledger p 306

Interleaved and written on the back of a letter to the Pattersons from their father is a list of items headed "Capt of Boat"

The item opposite the heading is \$15.00 then follows a list of items & prices - ie blocks, line, jib rings, twine, canvas, etc.

At the bottom is the following inscription (over)

Judging from a letter from their mother
Feb. 20, 1878 I suspect Geo. bought this boat.

" Know all men by these present that I am indebted to William Mattaur in the sum of fifteen dollars the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged - to be repaid with interest at the rate of 10% per annums - three months from date in default of which my sheep which is placed in possession of said William Mattaur to be ~~returned~~ ^{retained} by him in satisfaction of this indebtedness.

In witness whereof I have hereby set my hand and seal this 17th day of April AD 1876

(Appears to be in RA Patten's writing but is not signed)

Seal

June 29, 1876

Re: check of Martin

~~check~~ write:

The Mariners Museum

Newport News, Va.

Rear Admiral Geo. J. Dufek, Dir

Patrol recd. \$34.55 on June 29, 1876

Jedger p 176

Aug 6, 1876
Letter to "My dear Richard & George"
from Pottor's mother

Indicates they were still building on
the Biscayne house & apparently working
on a cellar. (This was likely the house Hossa
had him build)
Perhaps George did the cooking.
Apparently the hired help had been living in
them in the Biscayne House until just prior
to this letter.

Enclosure in this letter from his sister
Ella, chides him about his plan to
run for representative & urges him to
devote his time to his farm.
Also it points out that since the house is
finished(?) Mr. Hosea will expect him to marry
his daughter & delay but he'll have
nothing to live on.
She chides him as being "too credulous."

Sept 27, 1876.
Letter to his mother to "Richard & Geo."

Chides him about losing some money of
anxiety that HUNT will do him "harm -
suggests that Hunt "deprived him of the doctorship."

Chides him that they've only $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land
cleared to farm "you had a man clearing
land for months."

Potter's ledger p 113

"Brocklin, A.F. Commenced work June 27, 1876
at \$1.50 per month - to Sept 5th"
interleaved is a receipt to Potter for 12.70 \$ "being
in full of all demands" & signed A.F. Brocklin

Potter's ledger p 175

Note he paid

Billy Mattauer

Fred Pant \$3.00

Young ~~Tray~~

Tommy Doctor

75¢ for wild turkey

" for repairing canoe

for fish 25¢

for varnish 12th 1.10

P 176

Received

7.1876

" for share in wreck of Marins 34.55"
- apparently he was wrecking too."

Oct. 19, 1876
Seven hurricane struck Biscayne
Bay area

cf Woodman, Jim: Key Biscayne
The Romance of Cape Florida, Miami,
The Miami Post Publishing Co., 1961

Also this year bark Three Sisters wrecked
dumping a supply of lumber -
Maybe Pottor salvaged some of this

1876

Number of qualified voters in Dade City
was 75 — see reference in similar
card dated 1872.

See census record under miscellaneous

Census Record of Dade Cty.

1840 - 146
1850 - 159
1860 - 83
1870 - 85
1880 - 527
1885 - 333
1890 - 861
1895 - 3322

Taken from: Hudson, F.M.:
Beginnings in Dade Cty,
Tequesta 1: 1-35 (p24),
July 1943
Jan @ S. Fla Hist. Mus.

Potter ledger p 74

1877

" Dr. R. B. Potter in A/c with Geo. H. Albany "

" Fee to finish work on house except Cellar
Stairs for 39. \$ "

Then follows notes of amounts paid to Albany
(apparently) between June 29, 1877 & Feb. 19, 1878

Also noted is

" June 4 By paid for tobacco, 1 lb @ Miami 1.25 "

Subsequent entries indicate $\frac{1}{2}$ lb tobacco @ 50¢

Jan 14, 1877
Letter: Mother → Geo & Richard (Richard was 32 y old)

"I am glad you have your mill, if you make Coontie be sure you rinse it enough to make it clear, and wash your nuts very clean before grinding them. The Coontie we had looked a little redish when cooking and was a little guttie, as if the sand was not all off."

Jan 23, 1877

Letter. Mother → Richard

She is troubled by a rumor that Richard is to be married to Annie Hoxa in 2 or 3 wks. His parents both utterly opposed this.

Mentions that Mr. Hoxa has sent Potter money "to build that house, and now thinks he owns you".

N.B. In all other letters the girl is "Ella Hoxa"

Letter Dr. O. D. Norton → Richard April 27, 1877
Re: L. F. Potters health

Describes dullness in rt lower lung, tender
hepatomegaly, inc. digestive secretions & tarry
stools - CA of stomach
Also severe intercostal

In undated letter ? 1878 mention is made
of L. F. Potters inability to hold his water.

1 Dec 2, 1884 of hemorrhage 3 wk

after surgery
Palm. Embolus

Aug 4, 1884

Letter from Joe (Visiting in Chic.) to Richard -
Martins "father's tumor is about the same"
-- Dr Connor told him he thought it could be
overcome by the thumb treatment Keeping a
constant pressure on the artery until a clot forms."

Oct 12, 1884 Letter Mother to Dick

Implies that tumor is an aneurysm &
Dr Connor doesn't want to do anything about
it.

Nov 12, 1884 "Father was operated yesterday noon -
ether anesthesia - operation a success - apparently
aneurysm was a traumatic one

Fowey Rock light built
June 15, 1878 light @ Cape Fla.
light house extinguished for last time
Keeper (? Joe) Frow
of Woodman, Jim: Key Biscayne

Jan. 2, 1878

Manuscript copy of a notice to Wm B. Brickell
attaching Brickell's sloop "Ada" for
non-payment of \$190 in ~~the~~ licenses
as a dealer in spiritous liquor, as a druggist
and as a store keeper."

this is attested as a true copy by ^{R.B.} Potter

Jan 21, 1878

Letter: Mother → Richard & Joe.

Details how hard times are - in business in Cincinnati, 1 business man shot himself in fit of despondency. Businesses closing up every day

Mentions Potter building a warehouse
Tenants moved out of parents house in Cincinnati to another place they could get for \$27/mo.
Bills hard to collect

First Recorded will in Dade County was made on April 2, 1878. It was "acknowledged before Richard B. Potter, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Dade County, Florida, on Tuesday * 2, April, A.D. 1878."

Mentions George W. Potter as a witness.
cf: Register of Wills, Book 1, Page 1.

Noted in:

Clipping file of Miami Public Library, Dade # 1, p 65.
(paper and the date of clipping are missing)

Letter ~~from~~ Secty. of State of Fla (1/30/63) in Potter file folder states Potter (Richard B.) was commissioned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dade County, on April 9, 1877, and P.W. Faulkner was commissioned to succeed him on Feb. 10, 1879.

Mar 13, 1878
Letter: Robt. Hosea to R B Potter

In phys that engagement of Potter & Ella Hosea
recently been broken & demands payment
of ~~the~~ \$1293.47 for materials he
furnished to build the house at Biscayne

June 13, 1878
Letter L F Potter to Richard & Geo.

Apparently Richard was indiscrete in writing to Ella tresa & Mr. H. was angry at Richard not marrying Ella. Mr. H claimed Richard & Geo. were living in the house he had paid to build @ Biscayne.

Some how L. F. Potter retrieved the letters Richard had written, burned them, and urged Richard to write no more.

Mr. H. rumbles about suing Richard for the
cost of the Biscayne house.

July 28, 1878
Letter: Mother to Richard & George:

Mentions Ellen sending Richard "that medicine -
digitalis" urges them to take sulfur & molasses
molasses pills & cream of tartar ~~every~~ 3 or 4x
a week. She notes that there is Yellow
Fever @ Key West.

Apparently she sent directions on the use of digitalis
to them also - I suppose Richard didn't know
how to use it?

Mrs P implies digitalis good for "malignant smallpox"
and scarlet fever thus it might be good in
Yellow Fever.

July 11, ~~1877~~ 1878

Letter Mother → Geo

"it was very strange your place should be selected for State land, after you had taken it up as United States land. Why is it that you can't have your papers for seven years, Mr. HAENEY ~~got~~ got his all right in five years?"

It isn't clear whether this refers to the Biscayne Homestead or Georges Palm Beach Homestead

In letter of July 9th, 1878 Mr. P raises the question that Mr. Hunt had a hand in this nefarious business.

In Aug. 15, 1878 letter she mentions that they had paid \$1.25 an acre for some of their land and asks why they didn't get a deed @ the time they paid for it? Incidentally this clearly refers to the Biscayne homestead & mentions their neighbor (Hunt) must have been involved.

Aug 13, 1878

Bill of lading on 3 barrels of starch
Shipped aboard Steamship TAPPAHANNOCK
from Key West to N. Orleans then Cincinnati

~~Total~~ freight rate 85¢/bbl.

Total cost 2.74 (added expenses 19¢)

Pattar's ledger p352

Sept 20, 1878

Note of "50¢ paid" Capt. Andrew Price"
for "gummi bought by him in Key West."
ie. Pattar bought this from Price

Sept 16, 1878

Received of Dr. Potter \$ 1.58
for pork - Mrs. W. B. Bickell
(Apparently bought by ? FAULKNER

7 Nov. 1878

Received this day of Dr. Richard B Potter
106 lbs of starch at 6 cents per pound
on account

\$ 6.36

22 lbs salt .66

34 .. corn 1.50

(This receipt in Mrs. Ben Stewart's possession -
I will try to photograph it)

Dec 27, 1878

Letter: Ellen to "Dear Baps".

Mentions Benny (Bernard Miller Potter)
Manning had his picture taken "hold(ing) R's
old soldier cap"

? Was Richard B. in the Union Forces or did he
have this cap as a present from some soldier?

1878-1879

Biscayne Bay country described by J.A. Henshall

Mentions R.B. Potter p107

cf photocopies of camping & cruising in Fla

Account of walking the beach from
Lake Worth to Biscayne Bay

25 residences along Biscayne Bay within 25 miles

Store & Post office @ Miami in the offices &
officers quarters of Ft. Dallas — run by
J.W. Swan & Chas. Peacock

On his trip in 1881-82 they were still there

Patterson's ledger: p 388

1879

EPHRAIM

List of professional visits on E. F. STURTEVANT

apparently "To Visit" is house calls from
Aug 31 to ~~Sept 17th~~ ^{Oct 8th}, 1879 at \$1.50 each.

on Oct 6 "To operation house \$1.00 Visit 1.50"

on Nov 2 "To medicine, 3 i SULF STRYCH 1.00"

In all he received \$25 from Sturtevant

was postmaster of
Patterson file

Ephraim T. Sturtevant was Julia Tuttle's father, some deeded land in the Junco City area about the time Wm B. Bickell bought deeded south of the river. Sturtevant came from Cleveland, Ohio. In 1872 he was Judge of County Court of Dade Cty.; Member of board of election inspectors, Senator from Dade Cty (by 2 votes) 1872-74

From: The East Coast of Florida, A History, Vol. I, Nance, Ellwood C., The Southern Publishing Co. Delray Beach, Fla. 1962. p 348

1879

Potter's ledger p 135 et seq

Evidence that Potter practiced medicine
Orders from W. D. Cash (W D Cash)

Gum arabic, strychnia, iod. potash
1/2 gal. whiskey 2.00

"Prescriptions 1.45" p 136

Verdigris 40¢ for 2 lbs

At times he ~~has~~ buys cigars, a ~~pe~~ clay pipe,
a "caddy tobacco" and finally cigarette papers.
Also plugs of tobacco.

It is of interest that he often bought white lead,
paint oil and once "yellow ochre".
What was he painting?

April 1949

Dr. J.C. Kenworthy of Jacksonville presented
a paper to the Florida Medical Assoc. Meeting
in Jax. on "Germ Theory of Disease."
This was just then receiving serious attention
of the medical profession.

Merritt, Webster: A Century of Medicine in
Jacksonville and Duval County, U of Fla. Press
Gainesville, Fla, 1949, p 127

Mother → "My dear boys: Aug 24, 1879
Mentions the difficulty they have shipping their
Oxymoot. "You are in such an awful out of
the way place.."

Also acknowledges receipt of a sketch of their
starch making apparatus and asks: "do you have
to lift the water out of the barrels after it
has been standing on the starch, if so would not
a faucet to drain off the water ~~help~~ be
a help to you?"

Mother → "Dear Richard" Sept 14, 1879
(Letter)

Chides him about letting so many hang around
his place for meals "or else make them
grind or dig roots"

Also chides him about not reading and studying
"these medical journals, and try to keep up
with the times, you will lose what
you have learned"

She also chides them about not bothering to repect
their know-noot to make it more presentable.

1878-1880

Potter's ledger p 114 et seq.

"Richard B Potter in ac with W.B. Bickell"

He bought: pork @ 15¢/pound; Molasses
(1 gal for \$1.00); Quits @ 10¢ quart; Coffee
@ 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢/lb; Soda @ 20¢/lb; lard @
20¢/lb; Flour 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢/lb;
Shoes \$ 2.00/pair; Crackers 45¢/lb.
Corn meal @ 75¢/lb; Baking powder
@ 25¢/can; Kerosene; Pencils 10¢; Matches 10¢
Pumpkins 15¢ ea;

Empty (James Cost 30 4/20)

Often paid for these items = "starch"
at 4 to 6 ¢/lb

One note "By paid by Wm Mattaur 4.55"

Once paid "To 2 days Surveying by J.W. Potter 5.00"

Introduced is a slip entitled:

RBP in a/c with R Hosea

also had acct.
- J.W. Ewan
Jan 1878 -
Jan 1879

~~PP 134 at 209 - Account = W^D Cash - also general
merchandise. Mentions "k oil" (? kerosene) 35¢/gal.~~

To 3 1/2 STRYCHINA 1.00 (Sept 6, 1877)

Evidence that he practiced medicine?

Dade County Population, 1880: 257

Hollingsworth, Tracy, History of Dade County, 1936, p 32

1880 - 1882

Patterson's ledger pp 309-315

Fred Meyer (Mayer) apparently bought
groceries from Patterson (also other items: Bogans,
nails, tobacco, etc) and repaid Patterson \bar{c}
starch ($2\frac{1}{4}$ to $3\frac{1}{4}$ /lb), barrels of roots (Coontie),
grinding roots and "By two months charge of
place from Dec 10 '80."

This extended from Feb. 27, 1880 to May 19, 1882

1881
Letter from Potters' father to Richard and
George (in Mrs. Stewart's possession) dated Sept 14, 1881
Advises them not to give up their place at
Biscayne. Apparently they were then trying
to the idea of moving to Lake Worth for he
suggests one of them go to LW & one stay @
Biscayne.

Apparently they were making Annaroot & shipping
it north & depicting growing coconuts for sale
This letter states he ~~received~~ ^{netted} \$176.17 for 5 ~~bags~~
bunches of Annaroot - got 84 or 74/llb

Also about this period he wrote the State
Dept. of Agriculture re: feasibility of growing
Castor beans for shipping out to make a profit
Mrs. S has this letter in her possession.

Records of the Office of Secretary of State of Florida show that Potter served in the House of Representatives from Dade county in the session of 1881.

cf. Letter in the Potter file folder from the Secty. of State.

Letter appearing in the Miami Public Library clipping file, Dade # 1, p. 58, from the Secty of State of Fla. to the Metropolis Publishing Co. verifies this and adds that he listed his residence as "Biscayne."

1881

Du Puis states in his book on page 19 that
"Dr. Richard B Potter, pioneer Miami Physician,
was a representative to the State Legislature
from Dade County in 1881."

May 15, 1881

Letter Ellen → Richard & Geo
Note @ bottom from mother indicates they
~~was~~ (the boys) were to buy 60 acres @ Lake
Worth. The add: "Do those people expect
to pay you as a physician, or do they think
you will give your services as you have at
Biscayne? . . . You must learn to be sharp
and look out for yourselves."

May 16, 1881

Letter: Mother to Richard and George:

Deals in selling of the Biscayne place and moving to Lake Worth. Mother asks them to draw a "picturesque" map of their place so that their father can show it to prospects in hope of getting a better price.

"a map of your buildings, and improvements, the canal, and trees set out, and number of trees in the nursery... show your orange orchard and banana, and pine apple, limes, figs, lemons, grapes, coconuts."

Letter: Mother to Richard & Geo: June 19, 1881

Implies they boys are hoping to sell the Biscayne property for \$2,000 and buy a "claim" on the west shore of Lake Worth for \$100. Mother wants them to offer less than \$100 to see if they won't come down if they're so anxious to have a doctor in the community.

Later she mentions she is sending Richard some more catheters "as your only catheter went with Sturtevant". She is also sending 2 ground glass stoppered bottles for alcohol & chloroform.

A letter from father June 20, 1881 indicates
the boys were to get \$1,000 of the \$2,000
recd. for Biacape land and Hosea the
other \$1,000. ^{Part.} However, the boys still had
no deed for the property.

Sept 14, 1881
Letter: Mother to "Dear Boys":

Apparently Geo. has bought the land on the
beach side of Lake Worth and one of
them plans to move there while the other
maintains the Biscayne property.

Sept 23, 1881

Father (J. F. Potter) to Richard:

Sends small pox vaccine

"I send you a package of vaccine points - that cost \$1.00. They are only warranted for three (3) weeks - but ~~these~~ ^{these} are fresh received here the evening of the 21 -"

"Better get a seal at once so as not to lose the vaccine. I suppose I might get something for the points after used

don't know certain as I did not think
to enquire ——— If you can get the
Indians at one dollar a head you
might make something."

Oct. 30, 1881 - Letter Mother to Richard & Joe.

Acknowledges receiving the used vaccine points
which father will try to sell to help pay for
"your forceps". Goes on to say that
"Dr C." says the doctors there no longer use
scabs at all since fresh vaccine can be
gotton daily.

Oct 30, 1681

Letter: Mother to Richard & Jo:

"I think this Linn will do you both good,
put some of it in Whiskey and sugar to
make it sweet, and take a spoonful before
eating, if it constipates your bowels chew
some of the sunna leaves and that will
move them. Also take quinine. You will
need some tonic to set you up, after so
hot a summer. Now will you do this?"

Dec 18, 1881

Letter: Mother to Richard & George:

Mentions their carelessness in forwarding
medical "magazines". Specifically mentions
"The Lancet & Clinic" as being renewed up
to Oct. and that they are sending issues
of it. Again urges Richard to keep up
with the advance in medicine.

Feb. 1882

Apparently George moved from Biscayne
to Lake Worth this month &
Richard joined him after a while
He stayed behind to try to sell the
Biscayne property

~~Jan~~ May 22, 1882

Last entry of supplies bought from W.D. Cash
after this he paid cash in June (no date)

Sept 20, 1882

Richard B. Potter recorded a patent (ie homestead)
(DEED BOOK C page 32, Dade City Court house)
on his land @ Biscayne, Fla.

North $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ th of Section 7
($\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ miles, ie 80 acres)

Patent filed, (ie. Potter recd. legal title to
the land from the US govt.) in 1887
Above information obtained by Mrs. Hilda
Eisenhart, realtor c O.J. Powell (phone 757-2511)
(over)

She in turn obtained this data from
Mr. Bell of the Security Title Co., Miami.
She believes that the whole detail of the
property at 8500 NE 10th Ave from Potter
to present owners.

Lake Worth ~~is~~

1883-84

Lists.

Potter, R.B., physician & justice of the peace
P137 Population not given

also mentions John N. Belsford, physician
same page

On p 327 lists R.B. Potter as owning 104 acres
used for "general farming & fruit raising
& fishing"

The Florida State Gazetteer and Business
Directory, 1883-1884, Jacksonville, Fla
Cushing & Appleyard, Dec. 1, 1883, p137 + 327
loaned me by W.L. Phillbrick, Sr. 4/18/64

Pattor's ledger: p 118

1883

W. N. Bishop

Apparently either R.B. or Geo Pattor
worked for this man & kept records ~~such~~
of what they did & charged:

To	Chaining down beach W. Sec.	3.00
To	ording dred	1.50
To	Planting 1000 Coconuts in nursery	3.00
1885	To Planting Coconuts 2 days	4.00

Jan 28, ? 1883
Letter Ellen & Mother to "The Boys"

Apparently, Geo. debating getting his teeth repaired
at Key West or Sanford.

He finally returned to Cincinnati for this.

May 26, 1884

Father to Richard: Letter

Recants sending books, instruments and medicines

Specifically cautions him to keep the

Syrup of iodide of Iron away from light
lest it "turn black as ink."

~~In the previous letter~~

July 1001
Patterson was Justice of the Peace
of deposition of Wm Lanehart in file of
Mrs. B.C. Stewart

Letter: Father to Richard: July 10, 1884

Mentions pending medicines:

Abstract of Jalap

Isinglass (Payson)

Couldn't find CHRYSAROLIN in the city

Sept 3, 1884

Letter: Geo to Dick (Geo visiting in Chic.)

Letter addressed to

R B Potter

Lake Worth, Dade Cty, Fla.

Thus they had moved to Lake Worth

Sept 21, 1884

Letter: Mother to Richard
(George in Cincinnati)

She mentions they plan to buy Gross on
Surgery @ 2nd hand boot auction - "Tables
scratched off."

Oct 12, 1884
Letter Geo to Dick (Geo in Cincinnati)

Mentions his father or mother, he estimates,
can live @ Lake Worth for \$50/mo.

Nov. 1884

First log cabin on west side of the
lake built by Rev. Elbridge Gale.

Traces: Hist P. Bch p 19

~~1885~~
1885

The last year of the "Bear feet
1886-1887 was carried by
Walker's

cf. *American History, Guide and History*
of *Beade County, Pa*
(Vols of H.J. Burkhardt)

(In possession of H.J. Burkhardt, W. Pa. (Vol 3 & 4))

This notation appears in the hand writing
of L.W. Burkhardt in the margin of that copy
See over

According to Nance - Douell - p 316

The barefoot mailman routes began Aug. 1885
= ER Bradley the lot contractor, & it was
kept up until 1883 when the hack lines
was established by Guy Metcalf over the
county road.

R. B. Potter

Spring 1885

In "Cruise of The Ship Boston" the author,
Charles William Pierce mentions that on
March 11th they "Stopped at Dr. Potter's place to get
some medicine, got laudanum and quinine, then
went on to the Belford's store"
Thus beats Potter on Lake Worth at that time.
Pierce, Chas. W^m; The Cruise of the Boston, Tequesta
#22, 1962, p7.

1886

First land seeking work around Lake
Worth

Texas: Mt. P. Baldy

1887

First steamboat on Lake worth -
was the steamer "Lake worth" built in 1886
in Fla. and used to haul passengers
between Titusville & Jupiter
(Capt Fred Voss - Lilly's husband - was skipper)
Travis: History Palm Beach 94

1887

Community of Lake Worth changed its
name officially to "John Beck" this year

Incorporated 1911 (05)

Truro: Mt. Rob. Bldg. 07

1887

Lake Worth (ie. later Palm Beach) had
a population of 400 \pm 42 pineapple growers,
1 store, 2 hotels & a machine shop.
Unimproved land \$100-200/acre

Miami had population 150, 2 stores, a
steam starch factory and 7 mules by horse power
Unimproved land sold for \$1.25/acre

Cash, W.T.: The Lower East Coast, 1870-1890,
Tequesta #8; 57-71, 1948
(See at S. Fla. Hist. Soc. Museum)

1887

Potter's patent for Biscayne, Homestead
renewed this year - ie he had
proved out his claim.

The Florida Star Aug 23, 1888, Vol IX # 18 p 8
(Tatusville Paper)

Quarantine Notice

Quarantine declared against Jacksonville
and surrounding points. "For the Board of
Health of Dade Co.

Richard B. Potter M.D Pres

Jacksonville Fla Aug 15, 1888

(Paper in possession of Mrs. Ben Stewart, Palm Beach)

Dade

County seat moved from Miami to Juno in 1888 and back to Miami in 1899.

Hollingsworth, Tracy, Hisotry of Dade County, 1936, p 32

1889

Florida State Board of Health organized
= Dr. J. Y. Porter the state health officer

Prior to this time each port had its
own board of health consisting of:
the mayor, a port inspector and a port physician
this system began in 1869.

cf Merritt, W: A Century of Medicine, pp 162-167.

1890

Dade County Population, 1890: 861

Hollingsworth, Tracy: History of Dade County, 1936, p 32

1892-93

STAGE COACH FROM LANTANA TO LEMON CITY

cf. letter from Wesley W. Stout in Potter file

The county road from Lantana to Lemon City was built by Guy Metcalf, publisher of the Tropical Sun, in 1892, and a stage began running between the terminals in January, 1893, with an overnight stop at Stranahan's New River camp. The stage continued until the railroad reached Miami in April 1896.

CELESTIAL RAILROAD

cf. letter of Wesley W. Stout in file of Potter

The Jacksonville, Tampa & Key West R.R. had a spur from Enterprise to Titusville, and in 1888 began operating steamers on the Indian River from Titusville to Jupiter to connect with its little Celestial RR. to Juno and connection with a small steamboat to Lake Worth settlements.

But the little narrow-gauge did not get going for a year or more and sometimes was out of operation for weeks at a time so passengers rode in a horse or mule-drawn stage to Juno, probably mules, less vulnerable to the ravaging horse-fly.

The Tropical Sun Vol V # 48 Jan 21, 1892 of
"Professional Cards"

Geo. W. Potter
County Surveyor
Palm Beach, Dade County, Florida

Tropical Sun Vol 8^b # 3¹, Feb 25, 1892 p 5
Advertisement

"The Loop

'William B'

will make Regular Trips between Juno and
Palm Beach, for Passengers and Freight,
at least three times a week, stopping at
intermediate points.

Your Patronage is Solicited
B.M. Potter

Tropical Sun Vol II #4 Mar. 17, 1892 p 4
Melbourne Martin

"River steam boat Captains should not make odious comparisons to passengers as to the land on one side of the river being worth \$500 or more an acre and that land on the other side not worth a ~~cent~~ ^{cent}. Owners of such lands do not appreciate such remarks - - -"

N.B. in an issue I no. prior I saw graded for land from the ocean to "within a few yards of the river at \$10 per acre."

Tropical Sun Vol VI # 6, Mar 31, 1892 p 1

Here and There

Mentions Dr. Potter finding "lung trouble,
complicated by serious weakness of the heart."
in a Mrs. David Masters. She died despite
strenuous efforts. Treatment not described

Tropical Sun Vol VI #6 Mar 31, 1892 p1
Palm Beach Breezes

Martins Commodore sailing his "Egret" from
Bixcayne Bay to Lake Worth. Left BB
~~about~~ at 6:30 pm - off Lake Worth inlet at
7 Am following day

Tropical Sun Vol VI #8 Apr. 14, 1892. p1
Palm Beach Breezes

"Dr Potter is growing better slowly. He is down at
Figulus trying to regain his strength".

Also just about this:

"Ben Potter has succumbed to the epidemic, and
is now nursing a swelled neck."
I have seen no previous mention of "the epidemic."

(over)

Also on this page 1 under Lake Worth Winkles
"Dr R. B. Potter, ex-member of the Florida legislature,
and now the standing physician of this section,
has been dangerously ill, but is now improving
and it is hoped will be seen attending his
patients as usual."

Tropical Sun Vol VIth 8, Apr 14, 1892 p

Healthfulness

Claiming the area extremely healthy - so healthy in fact, that when R. W. Gode, Esq sent the annual census report for Broad County for the year 1889-1890 he reported 8 deaths in a population of 1415 people. The report was rejected as probably incorrect as 21 deaths would have been expected. Gode had to get the signatures of several prominent people of the Indians River country attesting to its accuracy before Washington Census Bureau would accept it.

Tropical Sun Vol VI #9, Apr 21, 1892, p 7
Away Down in Dixie.

Description the Lake worth area - Mentions the many coconut trees, luxuriant ~~and~~ vines and fruit trees; plantations & settlers just "becoming a plenty." No roads - travel by boat - sail, steamer or masted launch - Each of plantations had well kept foot paths also wide, well kept paths along shore of lake

Most of original settlers on beach strip had
sold their land to "gentlemen from the north."
Speaks of pines, palmetto & Lilia rubber trees.
Mentions alligators, bear, wild cat & deer
all still "plenty in the wild woods"

Another description Vol VI # 10, Apr 28, 1892 p 2

Tropical Sun Vol ¹⁰VI, Apr 28, 1892 98

Palm Beach Breezes

"Dr. Pater is now going his rounds though
he is not yet 'quite himself again.'"

Tropical Sun Vol VI ^{II}, May 5, 1892 p 1

Notes from our Neighbors

Quotes the "Times Union" as saying in June 1891
there were only 7 homesteaders in 1 township on
Biscayne Bay. The govt. opened 20 sq. miles
to homesteading and in 3 wks 142 new homesteads
were entered by people from Florida and Georgia.

Tropical Sun Vol VI # 14, May 26, 1892 p 1
Here and There

"Dr. R. B. Patten shipped this week from his West Side pineapple field the first crates of pines from Lake Worth that have been branded with the trade mark of the Indian River and Lake Worth Pineapple Growers Assoc." "Goes on to state they were delicious fruit and to congratulate "the good doctor."

Tropical Sun Vol VI [#] 20, July 7, 1892 P1
County Correspondence

Article about H. J. Burkhardt describing how
"he sailed a horse from Boca Ratone Lake,
down the county road to Biscayne Bay."

Goes on to say that miles & miles of
the road were under water, due to the heavy
fall rains, also many bridges not built
yet and the approaching conveyance washed away.

Tropical Sun Vol VI # 26 Aug 18, 1892 98

'Round About Us

"Dr R.B. Patten is in town today on a professional visit"

(ie proves he made calls in June

another such mention Sept 15, 1892

Tropical Sun Vol VIth 33 Oct 6, 1892 p1

Here & There

Account of how "Little Tommie Booker" was
stabbed in the leg - a gig "inflicting a
long deep gash." - - - "the best boy was
taken down to Dr. Potter to have the
wound dressed."

Tropical Sun Vol VI #33 Oct 6, 189~~2~~⁷, p 4

Vital Statistics

A quote of the state law requiring the registration of all births and deaths on pain of \$1000 fine.

This is signed Fred S. Dewey,
Sec'y and RB Potter, MD, Pres't, Palm Beach

Fla. It implies that Potter was president of County Board of Health — doesn't make it clear — I suppose he could have been pres. of State Board of Health.

Tropical Sun Vol VI [#] 34, Oct. 13, 1892 p1

Compliment Appreciated

Articles about "the late Democratic Convention of Dade County" mentions Geo. W. Potter as secty. This is of interest for R B Potter ran on the Republican ticket - apparently Geo., his brother, switched parties

Tropical Sun Vol VI #34, Oct 13, 1892 p 8

County Commissioner's Proceedings

Lists bills presented, audited & authorized
payments

R. B. Potter, Clerk of Election \$ 2.00

In an adjacent column is a list of those donating
to Wade City Fund for World's Fair Exhibit
Geo W. Potter donated \$ 5.00 but R.B. not
mentioned - I've never seen him in any list
of donors.

Tropical Sun Vol VI^{##}, 36 Oct 27, 1892 p8

"Jake Wirth's fleet of naphtha launches will be quite imposing this winter. There are 5 here already with 4 steamers."

The Tropical Sun Vol VI # 37 Nov 3, 1892 ps

'Round About Us'

"The cells for the jail arrived this week and will be put in place as soon as possible."

The Tropical Sun Vol VI # 39 Nov 17, 1892 p 8

Mentions Surety Bonds on various county officials. Lists R.B. Patten at \$1,250 ~~but doesn't specify what office he held~~ ~~(???) Elections clerk~~ — apparently he and EN Drinick were Clerks of the Circuit Court

From: the Tropical Sun Jan 5, 1893 p 4
"County Court. Why Not?"

Indicates Circuit court had jurisdiction in all criminal matters & in civil matters exceeding \$100. Circuit Court met 2x/yr
Cites the long wait between sessions & inc. cost of holding criminal & in some instances statute of limitations runs out.

The Tropical Sun Vol VI. #43, Dec. 15, 1892 p1
Lantana

"At 5 o'clock in the morning, O. W. B. and the old man chair had a me round set to in the dark. The chair stood on its dignity, but the old man had the flow, Dr. Potter administered a poorus plaster and had him go and sin no more."

The Tropical Sun Vol V, # 43, Dec. 15, 1892, p 4

Sign the Petition

Announces the circulation of a petition for triweekly mail service between Santa and Biscayne Bay over the new county road. "It is desired that every person in the county over twelve years of age have their names appear....."

Also on this page is an appeal for more efficient administration of county affairs.

1893

Second land rush on Lake worth

Travers, Hist. P. Beh, p 5

1893

First Bank organized:

Dade County State Bank

Dr. R.B. Potter a director

Henry M. Flagler made his 1st visit
in ~~Apr.~~ ^{Mar.} 1893

Travers; Hist. Palm. Beh. p 5

~~1882~~ 1893

Description of W. Palm Bch as rough &
resembling an old-time Mining-Camp
when Potter established his resident-
office there

Traces: Hist. Palm Bch. p 8

The Tropical Sun, Vol VI #46, Jan 5, 1893, p4

"Only three postoffices have been established in Dade County this year: Potsdam in the upper part of the county, on the Indigo River; Tamara, at the South end of Lake Worth, and Biscayne in the Southern end of the County, on Biscayne Bay.

cf letter in Potter file stating this P.O. was in operation 1869 to 1883.

The Tropical Sun, Vol VI #49 Jan 26, 1898, p1

Sail Boat For Sale

"I offer my cat boat, well known on the Lake, for sale. 20 x 10, newly painted and in thorough good order.

R. B. Potter, M.D."

The Tropical Sun Vol. I # 50 Feb 2, 1893 p 8

Here & There

Mentions Dr. Potter of Palm Beach stopping
by the Sun office at Juno on
his way to Venus on professional business."

The Tropical Sun Vol VII #1 Feb 23, 1893 p1
Here and There

"Mr. Clark's Daimler motor is at J. F. Joyner's
heat shop, under going repairs."

I suspect this was an auto @ ~~the~~ Palm
Beach and if so it's the 1st mention since
seen of an auto in Dade Cty.

The Tropical Sun Vol VII ^{#5} Mar 23, 1893 p4

Advertisements: "Professional Cards"

"R. B. Potter, M.D.

Palm Beach, Fla"

This is the 1st time I've seen his ad
tho I've looked diligently. Only other
M.D.'s ad I've seen was Dr. B. L. Kiehl
of Titusville, which appeared in the
1st issue of the Sun I have seen.

Mills ad is only other MD's ad in this
issue

Patterson ad appeared in all succeeding
issues that I have seen

The Tropical Sun Vol VII #6 Mar 30, 1893, p 1
Here & There

"Dr. Potters' last patient - a nephthia launch, is improving with his finger on its pulse he is diagnosing the case with great accuracy. The vital action is improving and there is no longer danger of heart failure. His friends congratulate him on his skill."

1893

Dr. Patten lived @ his office - see picture
in Mrs. Stewart's possession.

Stood on west shore of Lake Worth ~~at~~ on
the north side of Gardinia meets the lake.
Ate his meals with his brother Geo
one block south on bluff on lake front

Patten's Seminole Indian pts would come
down to Geo.'s house to wait for the
Doctor - often sat on bench in front
of the house.

Nov. 10, 1894

W. Palm. Bch. became an incorporated city

Travers: Hist. ~~S.~~ P. Bch, p 8

Miami Metropolis Vol 1 # 21, Oct 2, 1896 p5

The Lake Needs Him

Mentions that a prominent Republican had refused to support Dr. R. B. Potter for representative to date legislature because community couldn't do \bar{s} a physician the 2nd he would have to be in Tallahassee. Democrats agreed
Quotes the Lake Worth News.

Over

However, Potter apparently ran and
in the Metropolis Vol 1st 22, Oct 9, 1896, p 1
it gives election results Potter recd. 330
votes & his opponent (Geo. H.?) MacDonald 311
Potter's greatest support came from Lake Worth
but he got 65 from Miami

Dr. Potter was running as a Republican
from "Dade" County
He was one of two Republicans in the
house @ that time (the other Dr. Ramsey of
St. Augustine)

(N.B. his brother Geo. had been secy. of Dade Cty, Dem. Convention 1892)

POTTER, Richard B.

1897

Records of the Office of the Secretary of State of Florida

show that Richard B. Potter served in the House of Representative

from Dade County in the session~~s~~ of 1897/

cf. letter from the Secty. of State in the Potter file folder.
dated 1/30/63.

Miami Metropolis Vol 2[#] 7 Dec. 25, 1896 p 8

Bicycle Road from Lake to Bay (Col 3)

Writer suggests that, although it will be
a good many years before a good paved road
suitable for wagons & carriages - can be built
from Palm Beach to Miami a good bicycle
trail is not unreasonable.

(NB A stage coach road opened from Lantana to Loxley
1892 - stage operating Jan 1893 to Apr. 1896 - c/
Potter file 1892-93)

1900

Dade County Population, 1900: 4,955

Hollingsworth, Tracy: History of Dade County, 1936, p32

The weekly Lake Worth News, Christmas number, Dec 1900,
p. 22 Our Professional men
(seen at H.J. Burkhardt's, W. Palm Bch. 2/9/63)

Lists as physicians:

R. B. Potter

H. C. Hood

L.D. Eaton

N.S. Burnham

short biographies of each of these appear along with
a picture of Hood and one of Burnhams house
Copied in toto the script about Potter and Hood.

Miami Metropolis Vol 6 # 36, Jan 17, 1902, p 1
In city Commission Meeting notes are listed
payments on bills owed by the county.

It mentions payments to Skaggs, Dubois
and a Dr. R. B. Potter - re: Fred Meyers,
a pauper \$10 and re: inquest, Jeffries \$10

I have not encountered this man's name
prior to this.

No mention of where he lived or practiced

N.B. A Fred Meyers worked for Potter @ Biscayne
See cards of 1875

Miami Metropolis Vol 7^{II} 36, Jan 16, 1903, p 10
Under County Commission Proceedings

Mentions: R B Potter, Medical services \$37.50

Also notes \$10 to P.T. Skaggs

Maine Metropolis Vol 8[#] 10, July 17, 1903 p³

List of County Commission Minutes

Dr. R.B. Potter - Attending the County Poor # 24.75

also a fee to P.T. Skaggs for attending a
prisoner.

Don't recall ever seeing Jackson's name
on such a list.

over

Potter was of West Palm Beach and
was a founder member of the DCMA
of notes of the organization of DCMA
in card file.

It seems quite possible this is the Potter
mentioned by Commodore Munroe as
living at the mouth of Little River.

Sept 4, 1903

R B Potter "of W. Palm Beh." enrolled as a
charter member of DCMA
Mia. Metropolis Vol 8 # 16, Sept 4, 1903, p 1

Miami Metropolis, Sec. Section, Vol 8 # 23 Oct 23, 1903, P 1

Victim of Fiery Flames

Story of ~~man~~ child badly burned in Lake Worth
Mentions attendance by "Dr. Potter"

Dec. 4, 1903

At regular monthly meeting of the DCMA (Thurs. P.M.)

R.B. Patten, elected vice president (he was the
2nd V.P. of the DCMA)

Mia. Metropolis Vol 8 # 29, Dec 4, 1903 p 3

1908

Listed RB Potter as a member of the DCMA

Dupuis Book p 16

(He doesn't mention Potter as a charter member of the DCMA but the Metropolitan does)

July 13, 1909

Dr. R. V. Potter, age 64, West Palm Beach Fla

Admitted to St. Lukes Hospital, July 8, 1909

and "discharged" July 13, 1909

Attending physician Dr. Rogers

Diagnosis: Carcinoma of Splanic flexure of
the Colon

Operation: Gastric Anastomosis

of letter from St. Lukes Hosp. 9/9/63

The Mia. Metropolis Vol 6 # 173, July 13, 1909. p 1
Dead Form Effects of Operation at Jacksonville

A laudatory article adding nothing I
don't already know except that his surgery
was performed Saturday July 10, 1909
Doesn't tell the surgeon's name, his medical
school or any but the briefest biographical
details.

July 14 1909

According to records in Clerks office in Palm Beach
City Potter died July 13, 1909 & was buried
@ 10 Am July 14, 1909 in Lot 4, Block 27,
Woodlawn Cemetery. Cause of death CA of bowels.
Age 64.

cf. letter of Florence Van Lindingham 7/28/63

Potter, R.B., M.D.

Loc: Miami and West Palm Beach

Ref: Reminiscences of Rose Wagner Richards - see typescript in
manuscript file of Dade County material.

The above reference contains two brief mentions of Potter and
his brother - nothing new - see pages 84 and 134.

Check the books on famous men of Florida
in the Florida collection @ City Library

Preston, Edwin P.

Loc: Miami Beach, Miami and Coral Gables

Ref: Interview ~~sw~~ with Dr. Preston, 11/13/84, at the Doctors Hospital, Coral Gables.

Ed Preston came to Miami as a young boy and lived here 1919-1921. He went to Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and worked for the Times Picayune to earn money for college. Went to ~~Miami~~ medical school at Tulane graduating in 1931. Spent a year as interne at the Charity Hospital in New Orleans then came to Miami Beach as the resident physician at the St. Francis Hospital in 1932. He has practiced here since, chiefly in Miami and Coral Gables as an Internist/Cardiologist.

E. W. PUGH

Founder - Member DCMA First Secy - Treas.

Biographical sketch Dupuis' Book p 31

E. W. Pugh, M.D.

Listed in business directory of W. Palm Beach
"Pugh, Dr. E. W., physician, est. Mar 1, 1896,
from Orlando"

Taken from "The Palm Beach Post-Times
Nov 6, 1949, Vol 16: No 41 P. 1-D
Special sections devoted to history of W. Palm Beach
(paper was established in 1894)

Dr. E. W. Pugh

Note in: "Business Directory Guide and History
of Dade County, Florida 1896-97, C. M. Gardner
and C. F. Kennedy, The Tropical Sun Print,
West Palm Beach, Fla., No pub. date noted.

P 109 Under heading E. W. Pugh states that
he was among "the first early settlers, having first
come here as manager of Capt. E. H. Dimick's,
afterwards E. H. Dimick's drug store, at the same
time practicing his profession. After staying
~~over~~ ^{over a} year, he was absent for a while, returning

in the fall of 1895. He is a graduate of the
Medical Department of Vanderbilt University
and stands high in the profession as a
successful practitioner.

Dr. E. W. Bugh

? 1894 - 1896

was a resident of West Palm Beach
(Name only given)

Travers, J. Hadsworth; History of Beautiful
Palm Beach p 9

March 17, 1899

Mem. Metropolis Vol 6 #10, Merid 17, 1899 p 2

"Dr. E. W. Engle who has been practicing
medicine at West Palm Beach for several
years, has removed north his mother's
home, where he will engage in
practice. The doctor has pleasant office
rooms in the Golden Block.

(entire article)

This ad appears ? for the 1st time
in May 5, 1899 issue.

Mia. Metropolis Vol 8[#] 36, July 13, 1900, p 4

Pugh - Allen

Announcement of the marriage of Dr. E.W. Pugh
to Miss Grace Allen in Dayton, Tenn.

Monday, June 9. On the return trip will
stop at the Drs. home, in Georgia
will arrive in Miami! about June 20.

Miami Metropolis Vol 5[#] 45, Sept 13, 1901, p 5

Miami Mince meat

"Dr. E. W. Pugh returned to Miami Wednesday night. He came direct from Oklahoma where he was one of the 200,000 applicants for homesteads in the recent drawing, who failed to get one. He expects to remain here and re-engage in the practice of medicine."

Also ~~in~~ page 1 of this issue the
account of President McKinley's death
on the date of the paper

Pugh's add doesn't appear as late as Dec 26 '01

Dr. E. W. Pugh

1904

Miami Metropolis, Vol. 9, No. 15, Sept. 16, 1904, p. 5

"Dr. E. W. Pugh has gone to New York to take a post graduate course in medicine and surgery."

In the next edition of the paper it mentions that he went via Key West and the Mallory Line steamers.

Ref: The Daily Miami Metropolis, Aug 2, 1905, p. 5, Col. 5

"Dr. E.W. Pugh and bride, Nee Miss Adelaide Austin, arrived in the city last night from DeLand, where the nuptial knot was tied last Sunday. Dr. Pugh is one of Miami's leading physicians and had been away for several weeks on his vacation. His marriage coming both as a surprise and a pleasure to many friends and acquaintances. Mrs. Pugh was one of the popular teachers in the Miami High School last term. She is cultural and accomplished and will be a valuable addition to Miami womanhood and society." A description of his marriage ceremony appears on page 1 of the Daily Miami Metropolis August 5, 1905.

Ref: Miami Metropolis, April 17, 1909, p. 1, col. 7

This is a fairly long article which states that Dr. Edwin W. Pugh died at 4:20 A.M. "this morning" after an illness of less than 2 days. It goes on to state that the death was due to tetanus and that Dr. Jackson had attended him and had called all the other physicians in the city into consultation. At the time of his death he had just been elected President of the Dade County Medical Association. It states that he was born in Perry, Georgia, "about 42 years ago" and had practiced medicine "in this city 12 years, leaving once for about a year, then returning here." He was a graduate of the Vanderbilt University in Nashville Tenn. and president of his class. Before coming to Miami he had practiced for a time in Palm Beach.

"His life here was spent in relieving suffering humanity, and a patient's call was never too late in the night or during too stormy weather for him to respond, and the

thought of remuneration was never seriously considered by him. It has been truly said that Dr. Pugh was a big hearted man and never spoke of another except to applaud some commendable trait of character. He was everybody's friend and all who knew him well, were his friends." It states that he was married on Aug. 1, 1905 to Miss Adeline Austin at her home in Deland, Florida. He was buried in Jacksonville at the side of his mother who died about 2 years prior to his death.