

Rasmussen, E.L., M.D.

1912 -

Loc: Ft. Myers, Coral Gables and Miami

Ref: Rasmussen, E.L.: Medical Nostalgia, Pageant Press  
International Corp., New York, 1970.

(see copy in library of W.M. Straight, M.D.)

Born in the midwest, studied one year at Detroit Medical College, two years at the University of Michigan, and six months at the University of Illinois. Studied osteopathy at Kirksville, Mo. and took "a post graduate course" at the Palmer School of Chiropractic. Started practice in Ft. Myers in 1910 as "Osteopath, Homeopath, and Chiropractor" because he couldn't pass the medical boards. He calls himself M.D. but doesn't say where he acquired this degree. Older physicians who knew him in Miami tell me he was considered a quack here. His book cited above is sensational and colorful, if of doubtful truth at times. It does supply some notes on travel conditions, kitchen medicine and surgery and folk remedies - these appear in the chronological file.

He was apparently living in retirement in Ft. Myers in  
1971.

**Rentz, Lyman Ulysses**

**Loc: High Springs, Brooksville, and Coconut Grove**

**Ref: American Biography, A New Cyclopedia, Vol. XLI, New York  
The American Historical Society, Inc., 1930**

**See photocopy of his biographical sketch in Manuscript file ? R "**

Rentz, Lyman Ulysses

Loc:

Richmond, Samuel H.

Loc: Cutler

Ref: Am. Biography, A New Cyclopedia, Vol. XLI, New York,  
The American Historical Soc. Inc., 1930, pp 181-183.

See photocopy of biographical sketch in Manuscript file "R"

Rivers, Dr.

before 1904

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

Dr. Johnson believes the first black physician to practice in Dade County was a Dr. Rivers (can't recall the initials). After practicing here a short time he moved to some place on Florida's West Coast.

Roche, Charles Frederic

Loc.: Miami Beach

Ref: Obituary, JFMA 34:614, April, 1948

Notes that Roche "the first physician to open an office in one of the few scattered buildings comprising the famous resort at that time" (Miami Beach), came to Florida in 1922. He died of a heart attack on January 18, 1948, at the home of a patient in Ft. Lauderdale.

He was born in Bay City, Michigan, in 1888; and received his M.D. from the University of Michigan.

There is much more detail.

Rogers, Hunter B., M.D.

1984

Ref: Obituary in manuscript file "R" for Rogers

Born in 1904 and died 11/8/84, in Miami. A past president of the DCMA. Practiced cardiology and internal medicine ~~frs~~ in Miami for 37 years then worked with the county health department for a while. See obituary for more detail.



W. B. Rust

Founder member of DCMA

Loc: Miami

Ref: See his thoughts about living with cancer - he died of colon cancer. See manuscript file "R" for Richardson

A true gentleman and a very devout Episcopalian. He practiced nephrology in the hospitals of Miami often seeing patients in consultation for me. His death makes it very difficult for me to believe in an omnipotent God who cares for his children. Certainly no one ever served God and his fellow men more devotedly.

Miami Metropolis Vol 7<sup>#17</sup> ~~16~~ <sup>Part 5</sup> ~~Aug 29~~, 1902, p2

Kind words for Dr. Rush

"The Oakland Correspondent for the Times Union & Citizen sent up the following item: "Dr. W. B. Rush and family left on the 19th inst. for Miami to reside permanently and practice his profession. Dr. Rush was one of our oldest and most valued citizens, both as a builder up and improver and as a physician and all-around good citizen. He will make his mark in Miami and his

influence ~~will~~ felt for all that is good.  
His friends all turned out and bade him  
goodbye at the railroad depot."

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N.B. his odd appears in this issue and  
in former issues.

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

He recalls Dr. W.B. Rush who lived in Miami and had the first automobile in this area, he thinks. Rush would drive to the Mitchell house on occasion to make house calls - Mr. Mitchell thinks Rush may have delivered one of his sisters. Rush drove a red roadster - single seated with a convertible top which was attached to the front head lights by two inch wide leather straps. The head lights were kerosene. He remembers a curled brass horn with a big rubber bulb on the side which went, "boop, boop." Mr. Mithcell thinks he saw this automobile sometime around 1906 or 1908. He also thinks it had a wooden axle. He thinks it took Rush about 2 hours to drive from Miami to the Mitchell's house and of course 2 hours back. For this Rush received \$10.00, Mr. Mitchell thinks.

Miami Metropolis Vol 7 # " July 25, 1902, p 5

Miami Meice meat

" Dr. W. B. Rush of Oakland, Orange County, was  
has this week perfecting plans for moving to  
this city where he will locate.... His office  
will be located in Dr. J. B. Severin's drug store....  
... He was formerly railroad surgeon for the  
Plant System."

His advertisement under "Professors"  
appears in the Vol 7<sup>th</sup>, July 25, 1902 p 7

Dr. W. B. Rush  
office 12th Street between B & C.  
at Drug Store Miami Fla

N.B. Jas. M. Jackson's add in this issue doesn't  
have an "M.D." in it. Jackson's office then  
was Hotel Biscayne, Block, Ave. D.

Miami Metropolis Vol 8 # 20, Oct 2, 1903, p 9  
(Second Section)

Dr. Rush Slightly Disfigured

Rush "on his way hurriedly to see a patient at the Pioneer Hotel" was knocked off his "wheel" and kicked by the horse of a hack driven by a negro hackman. Right cheek "put through to the bone, making an ugly & painful wound".

"Both drivers and wheelmen turn corners too rapidly and too close to the walls."



Dr. W. B. Rush

1904

Miami Metropolis, Vol. 9, August 12, 1904, p. 5, Col. 4

"Dr. W. B. Rush wishes to have the error made by someone of the local papers as to his removal corrected. He is now living at number 208 9th Street and his office is at the same old place on 12th Street."

Dr. W. B. Rush dies

Sept 14, 1918

Mia. Herald, Sept 14, 1918, p 3

Reports he had suffered a stroke of paralysis  
"several months ago and has been confined  
to his bed." Died in Lake City @  
his home — exact date not given