

Sawyer, W.B., Dr.

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

Dr. Johnson recalls the oldest physician (black) to practice at the first Christian Hospital in Miami was Dr. Sawyer. This hospital opened in the 1920's.

C.F. SAYLES

Sayles, C.F., M.D.

Loc: Miami

Ref: See letter in manuscript file "S" re: melodeon in the
Stephen Floster Memorial at White Springs.

Caldwell, Frank Hawkins, M.D.

Loc: Sanford, Jacksonville, Tampa

Ref: Am. Biography, A New Cyclopedia, Vol. XLI, New York,
The American Historical Society, Inc., 1930, pp 341-2

See photocopy of the biographical sketch in manuscript file
"C" for Caldwell

Mia. Metropolis #300 Dec 4, 1917 p1

Mrs. Shinholser Jues Dr. Sayles
For Big Damages

She claims he failed to remove "a piece of gauze which was said to have been jammed afterward by sloughing through the intestine, causing a serious condition." Jued for \$15,000 - Jury couldn't agree - ended in a mistrial.

Miss Mary Albert Horton 7/7/62

C. F. Sayles - Very bossy, ordered people around
none of the milk of human kindness -
Collected old silver - separated a widow
from her heirloom - tears - bragged about
it.

Was the grasping type - No bill went uncollected.

Inevitable, harsh voice, grated on other people

Very competent but not kind.

PT Skoggy's wife was fond of him.

g deq SCHUYLER

Founder-Member DCMA

Miami Metropolis Vol 8[#] July 24, 1903, p 5

Town Topics

Dr. J. de Grasse Schuyler, a first class physician, has removed with his family to Miami, having leased the Hahn residence on 13th Street.

Dr. Schuyler is from Tennessee recently, but has lived on the East ~~coast~~ before, being then located near Titusville. The doctor seems to think that people are distressingly healthy

in this community, but stands ready to
minister to any who may have need of
the services of a competent and skillful
physician.

His add also appears in this paper p 3

SCREVEN, J.B.

Shelton, Dr.

1909

Loc: Ft. Lauderdale

Ref: Autobiography of Thomas S. Kennedy, Part II, p. 42

Mentions a Dr. Shelton accompanying him to Dania to see two cases of suspected smallpox.

SHISLER, J.W.

Loc: Miami

Ref: Minute Books DCMA

Made application for membership in Society April 15, 1915.
Must have been accepted as his name shows up from this date on.
Elected to Board of Censors for year 1916.
Elected Vice President of Society for year 1917.

P.T. SKAGGS

Founder Member DCMA

Biographical sketch DePuis' book p 24

Miami Metropolis Vol 1 #6 June 19, 1896 p 10
Coconut Grove Photo (Col #1)

"Dr Skaggs is meeting with good success
in the practice of his profession, both as to
the amount of business done and the curing
of disease."

Main Metropolis Vol 2 #6, Dec. 18, 1896, P4
Coconut Grove (col 3)

"Dr. GEE and Dr. Skogges are
spending the day hunting"

Skaggs, P.T. M.D.

Feb 11, 1898

Joe. Miami

Ref: Mia Metrop. Feb 11, 1898, p 1 col 3

P.T. Skaggs, M.D. of Nashville, Tenn.
arrived "earlier this week" — intends
to make Miami his permanent
home.

On p 5 col 1 is noted he had a home in
Coconut Grove.

1898

The Miami Metropolis, Vol 4 # 14, February 11, 1898

Page 1

~~Dr.~~ P. T. Skaggs, M.D., of Nashville, Tenn.
arrived here the first of the week, and has
decided to make Miami his permanent home.
Dr. Skaggs spent some time last year at
Coconut Grove, so he does not come among
us as an entire stranger."

~~The date of his arrival is incorrect - should be
April 14, 1896. - went back to Louisville in early 1897
(over)~~

then returned to Miami, Feb 11, 1898

1898

Miami Metropolis, Vol 4, #23, April 15, 1898

p 1

Recounts death of 33yr old Mr. W W Pickford
after 10 day illness at his home 1 mile
west of Coconut Grove

"Dr. Stages was called in."

Your failures were publicized in those days

(over)

In this same issue ~~on the one point~~
~~it~~ is account of proposed fort @ ~~the~~
^{1/2 miles south of}
~~south~~ of the Mia. River to mount
2 10" and two 8" guns for protection of Miami
(will be located @ "the Tripod" 1/2 miles
below Mia River on the bluff.

Apparently PT Skaggs didn't advertise -
at least @ first when he came to
Miami.

1898

The Miami Metropolis Vol 5th 13, Aug 5, 1898
page 1

"Friends of Dr. Skaggs will regret to learn
that he is seriously ill in the meads"

Sept 23, 1898

Miami Metropolis Vol 5[#] 20 Sept 23, 1898 p 7
(this is the 1st add I've seen)

P. T. Skaggs, M.D.
Physician and Surgeon,
office Miami Drug Store, Miami, Fla.

From 6 p.m. to 8 o'clock AM
at residence, Coconut Grove

5-20-th i is 9

Jan 6, 1899

Mia. Metropolis Vol 6 #9, p1

Jan 6 1899

"Dr. T. P. Skaggs who has in the past made his home at Coconut Grove, and wheeled to Miami each day to attend his practice, has decided to make his home among us and may be found in rooms over the Miami Drug Store. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Skaggs to a position in the social life of Miami." (Entire article)

Sept 8, 1899

Mia Motrop. Vol 7 #18. Sept 8, 1899

p 2 P.T. Skaggs, Unwillingful Master
Mia. Temp #84 O.U.M. — (notice)

p 5 Ads of Jm. Jackson, Jr, Huddleston, Skaggs,
Pugh, Masters.

Mia Metroopolis Vol 8^{II} 9, Jan 5, ~~1899~~¹⁹⁰⁰ p 3

Dr. P.T. Skaggs moved his residence
from rooms over the Miami Drug Store
to the cottage on 13th St. first east of
the residence of Frank T. Budge
Retained his office at the old address

Mia. Metropolis Vol 8, #14 Feb 9, 1900 p 8

"Dr. P.T. Skaggs was elected physician to the pauper farm at \$4 per visit when called"

Mia Metropolis Vol 8 # 23 April 13, 1900, p 5

" Drs E. W. Pugh and P. T. Skaggs have
moved to their new offices at the rear
of the Red Cross Pharmacy ... "

Miami Metropolis Vol 8[#] 26, May 3, 1901 p 3

Miami News meet

"Dr Skagg moved his office into the new Townley Building" - continues to say the Red Cross Pharmacy will move too when fixtures are in.

Miami Metro polis Vol 5[#] 28, May 19, 1901 p 5

Miami Mince meat

"Will J. Gantier was taken suddenly ill last night, and but for the prompt skill of Dr. Skaggs the worst might have happened. He was up this morning but feels badly from the effects of the unexpected spell and serious fight."

Miami Metropolis Vol 5 #36, July 12, 1901, p 5

Miami Mince meat

"Dr. and Mrs P.T. Skaggs left Monday morning for the North" - will visit relatives in W. Va + Louisville, Ky then go to NYC where the Doctor will take a post-graduate course in one of the leading medical institutes of that city" - will visit the Exposition in Buffalo and return home the last of Sept.

Miami Metropolis Vol 5th ? , Nov 3, 1901, p 1

TOMOKA TRIBE I.O.R.M.

Reports the organization of the fraternal organization
"Improved Order of the Red Men" on the previous
Wednesday night at the K of P Hall

Medicine Men:

Dr. J. M. Jackson

Dr. P. T. Skaggs

Miami Metropolis Vol 5 # 48, Dec 13, 1901, p 5
Miami Voice

"Dr. P.T. Skagg's office at the Red Cross
Pharmacy has been greatly improved by
the addition of a handsome leather couch,
~~and~~ rocking chairs and carpet and is
now one of the cosiest and tidiest offices
in town."

Miami Metropolis Vol 6 # 37, Jan 24, 1902 p 5
Miami Mince Meat

"Dr. Skaggs has a fine blooded Kentucky horse,
which was recently sent down to him. He has
ordered a buggy and harness, and will
soon be well equipped for his extensive
practice."

Miami Metropolis Vol 6 #46 Mar 28, 1902 p 5
Miami Mince Meat

Dr. Skaggs is having a nice stable
and servant's quarters built on his Avenue B
lots. Later he will build a residence
The purchase of these lots appears in
the legal notices 2-3 wks prior to this
issue.

Mia Metropolis Vol 7 [#] 13, Aug 8, 1902, p 5
Miami Minicmeat

"Dr. P.T. Skaggs will leave in about a week
to join Mrs. Skaggs in Kentucky for a
needed vacation. During his absence Dr. J.M.
Jackson will have charge of his practice."

Dr. Skaggs Took In Borders

January 7, 1904

The Daily Miami Metropolis, Vol. 1, Jan. 7, 1904, p. 5, Col. 2

"Mr. John A. Titcomo of Brooklyn, New York, a retired business man of wealth and leisure, is located here for the winter. He has an elegant suite of rooms at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Skaggs and is delighted with both rooms and board, the table as supplied by Mrs. W. J. Gautier being splendid..."

Apparently Dr. Skaggs took in borders to help pay his way.

The Daily Miami Metropolis, Vol. 1, No. 49, Feb. 4, 1904, p. 8,
Col. 3

Operation for Herniatny

PUGH

Performed by Drs. Skaggs, Gramling and ~~Pieu~~ yesterday afternoon.

PUGH

"Drs. Skagg, Gramling and ~~Pieu~~ performed an operation known as herniatny yesterday afternoon upon Walter Weatherford, an employee of Correll's Livery Stable. Herniatny is a falling of the bowels into the scrotum and is a form of rupture or strangulated hernia, and with which the patient has suffered a number of years.

"The operation is a difficult and dangerous one to perform and was very serious in this case as the patient had been in a very bad condition for about 30 hours previous to the summoning of the physicians. This morning Weatherford was resting easy with a temperature of 99, and while he is doing as nicely as can be expected, his condition is serious,

though there is a possibility of recovery."

This is undoubtedly the operation cited by Skaggs in the D.C.M.A. Bulletin of ~~the early 1930's.~~ July 1934.

The paper of the next day mentions that the railroad had finally reached Perrine.

On Feb. 6th under Town Topics is the following notation:
"Weatherford improving - Walter Weatherford, the white man who was operated on Wednesday by Drs. Skaggs, Pieu and Gramling for a herniatny is improving and is likely to recover, though the operation was a very delicate one and extremely dangerous, only a small percentage of such cases ever recover."
- P. 5

Dr. Skaggs home town

August, 1904

The Daily Miami Metropolis, Vol. 1, No. 210, Aug. 15, 1904, p. 5,
Col. 3

Note stating that Dr. and Mrs. Skaggs are at the home of "Dr. Skaggs' people at Victor, West Virginia." They had apparently visited the exposition in St. Louis and after visiting with Dr. Skaggs' people would go to Louisville, Kentucky to visit Mrs. Skaggs' people.

Skaggs Buys Automobile

September, 1904

The Daily Miami Metropolis, Vol. 1, No. 243, Sept. 24, 1904, p. 5,
Col. 2

"Dr. P. T. Skaggs bought a fine automobile known as the American Stanhope while he was away this summer, and it is now in the depot here and will be in use by him as soon as the weather breaks enough for him to get it out."

"Dr. P. T. Steggs was the first physician
to use an automobile in his practice."

DuBois' book p 19

Skaggs' Automobile "Stable"

October, 1904

The Daily Miami Metropolis, Oct. 22, 1904, p. 5, Col. 3

"Dr. P. T. Skaggs has contracted with F. W. Hahn to build for him a two story automobile stable on the rear of his residence lot. The second story will be finished up for living rooms."

Miami Metropolis, Vol. 9, No. 26, December 2, 1904, p. 4, Col. 3

"Contractor Hahn is pushing the new cottage of Dr. and Mrs. P. T. Skaggs on Avenue C between 13th and 14th Streets rapidly ahead to completion. This home, when completed, will be one of the most convenient and attractive in the city and will have costed in the neighborhood of \$2,500. Dr. and Mrs. Skaggs expect to occupy it in sight of two weeks."

Skaggs Has Dengue

November 6, 1905

Ref: The Daily Miami Metropolis, Nov. 6, 1905, p. 5, col. 2

"Dr. P.T. Skaggs, who has been quite sick for a few days with dengue, is so far recovered as to be out today and expects to be able to see his patients tomorrow." In the Nov. 7th issue is a note that he had recovered sufficiently to make his professional rounds that date.

Ref: The Weekly Miami Metropolis 14: May 21, 1909, p. 1,
col. 2

"Office building will be started shortly by Drs. Skaggs and Enloe". The article goes on to state that Drs. P.T. Skaggs and Gillespie Enloe will begin the erection of a building about June 1st on 12th Street between the Housian Hall Hotel and the office of Mr. E.A. Wadell. It will be "two stories in height. The lower floor will be used by the owners of the building for their offices, laboratories and operating rooms, while the second floor will be rented for office."

Mia Metropolis #9 Dec 26, 1917 p1

P.T. Skaggs Chairman of the Medical
Advisory Board of this District

Appointed by Gov. Catto.

Other Members: Taylor, Brown (J. W.)

& J. G. Dupuis

P.T. Skaggs in Army
The Miami Metropolis, July 24, 1919, p 5,
col 3

Under "Society and Social Service" is a note that Mrs. Skaggs is in town and Dr. Skaggs is expected to be discharged from the Army soon. Mentions he entered the Army (active service) last Nov. and is assistant port surgeon receiving the wounded and ~~siding~~ has lately been

in charge of "the hospital train". He
held the rank of lieutenant @
that time.

Miami Daily Metropolis, July 28, 1921,
3rd ~~Section~~ section, p 11 col 2

"Dr. P.T. Skaggs Came to Miami Soon
after Graduation in 1896"

Shows a picture of him - high collar,
bow tie & pinch nez glasses
No new information.

SKAGGS, Peter Thomas, M.D.

Copied in toto from: Men of the South, A Work For the Newspaper Reference Library, Southern Biographical Association, New Orleans, La., 1922, pp351 and 391. (Loaned me by Mrs. J.W.(Margret) Casey 1/26/63.)

"Peter Thos. Skaggs, physician, was born in Nicholas county, West Virginia, March 6th, 1869.

"He was graduated from the University of Kentucky, March 30th, 1896.

"Dr. Skaggs is one of the leading physicians of South Florida and a prominent citizen of Miami. He enjoys a large practice and is held in high esteem as a citizen. His service during the World War was especially noticeable. He was commissioned a First Lieutenant of the United States Army, in September 1917. He was appointed a member of the Medical Advisory Board for the 4th District of Florida and served as chairman of this board until May, 1918. He was ordered into regular service United States Army, in October 1918, and was assigned to duty in the office of the Surgeon, Port of Embarkation, New York City, where he served until February 1st, 1919, when he was transferred to the Hospital Train Service, remaining in this service until discharge, December, 1919.

"Dr. Skaggs is a member of the Dade County Medical Society, The Florida State Medical Association, and the Southern Medical and American Medical Association.

"He was married to Kate Barger, January 29th, 1896.

"His business address is 145 East Flagler St., Miami, Fla."

Cohen, Isidor: Historical Sketches and Sidelights of
Miami, Florida, Revised Edition, Privately Printed,
Miami, 1925, pp 98-99

"Dr. P.T. Skaggs is one of Miami's earliest pioneer physicians - in fact the only surviving pioneer in the profession. Dr. Skaggs has made an enviable record as a physician and as a patriotic citizen. He has contributed generously to the welfare of the community. During the yellow-fever epidemic in 1899 he distinguished himself by his ceaseless ministrations to the stricken, regardless of compensation. His countless patients and innumerable friends hold him in the highest esteem. The next ~~and~~ oldest physicians are, in order mentioned, Dr. W.S. Gramling, Dr. E.K. Jaudon, Dr. A.L. Monroe and Dr. C.F. Sayles."

In Miami's 1st Phone Directory (unavailable)

68 Skaggs, Dr. P. T., Residence
(No office phone noted)

Taken from the facsimile produced by
the Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. for the 26th
meeting of the Hist. Com. of S. Fla. 12/16/47

Skaggs, Peter Thomas

Loc.: Miami

Ref: Peter Thomas Skaggs Obituary, JFMA 32:688, June, 1946

Born in Nicholas County, West Virginia, and died in Miami on April 2, 1946, at the age of 77. Graduated from the University of Louisville Medical School in 1896 and came to Miami soon thereafter. He became a member of the FMA in 1902, and was a founder member of DCMA.

There is considerably more detail, some of which is not correct.

SMITH, James Archer, M.D.

Copied in toto from: History of Florida, Past and Present, Historical and Biographical, Vol. III, pp 82-83, The Lewis Publishing Company, Chicato and New York, 1923. Loaned me by Mr. Norris Fredrick Baskin. 1/26/63 (he has only the one volume in his possession)

"James Archer Smith, M.D., is one of the successful and representative physicians and surgeons of Dade County, where he is established in general practice in the fine little city of Homestead.

"Doctor Smith was born in Madison County, Florida, in 1892, and in the same county was born his wife, whose maiden name was Ada Palmer. He is a son of James Archer Smith, Sr., and Dora (Walker) Smith, his father having long been one of the substantial exponents of farm enterprise in Madison County, where the Doctor was reared on the old home farm, his early education having been acquired in the public schools of his native county. In preparation for the profession of his choice he entered the Atlanta College of Medicine, in the metropolis of Georgia, and in this excellent institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1914. After thus receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine he engaged in ~~the~~ practice at

Punta Gordo, De Soto County, Florida, where he remained until he responded to the call of patriotism, when the nation became involved in the great World war. In the spring of 1917, almost immediately after the United States declared war against Germany, Doctor Smith volunteered for service in the medical corps and proceeded to training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, where he received commission as captain and was assigned to the Three Hundred and Third Sanitary Train, Seventy-eighth Division. With his command he crossed the Atlantic to France in June, 1918, and there he was in active service on the front line at St. Mihiel and in the Argonne Forest. Prior to this he had been selected to attend the army medical school at Longres, where he further fortified himself for the responsible service which he later rendered. He continued in service overseas for some time after the historic armistice brought a active hostilities to a close, and returned to the United States in June, 1919, which month likewise recorded his receipt of his honorable discharge at Camp Dix, New Jersey.

"Soon after the termination of his loyal service in connection with the World war Doctor Smith established his residence at Homestead and identified himself fully with the interests of

SMITH, James Archer, M.D. card #2

this prosperous and rapidly growing town, in the center of one of the finest agricultural and horticultural sections of Florida. Here he has built up a substantial and representative practice that attests alike his ability as a physician and surgeon and his personal popularity in the community of his adoption. The Doctor is an active member of the Dade County Medical Society, the Florida State Medical Society, and the Association of Military Surgeons of America and he is affiliated with the American Legion, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

See also:

"The Villages of South Dade"
Jean Taylor. A book published in 1980

See biographical sketch from Update of SFHS
in manuscript file "S"

Stanford, J.A., Dr.

1909

Loc. Ft. Lauderdale

Ref: Autobiography of Thomas S. Kennedy, Part II, p. 42

Mentions a Dr. (J.A.) Stanford accompanying him to see two cases of suspected smallpox at Dania about 1909.

Later on the same page he mentions that during a flu epidemic in the county (then Dade) in 1912, he and Dr. Stanford were the only doctors "here", meaning the Ft. Lauderdale area.

Stiles, Dr. Harry

One of the first six physicians licensed in Dade County -

1893 - 94

License fee was \$1.00 of ~~which~~ which Judge Allen E. Heyser was allowed to keep 25¢.

Clipping file of the Miami Public Library, Dade #1 *p16*

Doesn't specify his location