

PATENT MEDICINES WERE A FAMOUS TUSCOLA PRODUCT

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The building once housed the S. A. Richmond Patent Medicine Company which stood where Jarman Hospital was later built. Among other medicines produced in the building was “Nervine,” a “medicine” good for many ailments.

The city of Tuscola thrived in the 1880's and 1890's, with eight ice cream parlors, five buggy and carriage dealers, four dentists, six boot and shoe dealers and three cigar manufacturers. There were also four blacksmiths, six barbers, eight grocery stores, four hotels, seven lunch rooms and eight restaurants. For those who were sick, there were nice physicians, four drug stores, and a National Inebriate Asylum. For those who wanted a cure for ailed them, there was the S. A. Richmond Patent Medicine Company. Dr. Richmond's company was a booming business located at 624-626 N. Main Street, the block now which Jarman Hospital stood. Dr. Richmond lived at 608 N. Main Street (the street addresses are no longer the same as they were in 1890.) Richmond was from St. Joseph, MO. He came to Tuscola in 1890 after leaving a colorful history of success and failure behind him.

The doctor began advertising Nervine medicine on a large scale. The Saturday Journal newspaper printed 3,000,000 copies of Richmond's large eight-page circular telling the wonders of Nervine, and all the other “super drugs” produced by the local patent medicine company. For \$1 dollar, one could purchase “Epileptine,” a miraculous cure for St. Vitus Dance, poor blood, purple lips, faint spells, hot flashes, labored breathing, gout, urinary complaints, nervous disabilities, and “all disorders not organic.” A supporter of the temperance movement, Richmond hastened to reassure his readers that “Epileptine” was a purely temperance medicine, free of Opium and all alcoholic stimulants. Richmond also sold, “King of the nerves,” a cure for depressed spirits, failing memory, appetite loss, exhaustion, asthma, etc. The properties it embodies soon work in glorious renovation in the debilitated system and the clouded mind.” The cost was \$1 dollar per bottle or six bottles for \$5 dollars, a bargain considering it was also a remedy for loss of voice, hysteria and female weakness. “No epidemic can take hold of a system thus forearmed. The liver, the stomach, the bowels, the kidney and the nerves are rendered disease proof by this great invigorant.”

Dr. Richmond also advertised a cure for sexual problems. “A perfectly healthy man should be able to beget his species until he is at least 80 years of age. In these days of exhaustion, early decay, excesses and abuses, most men begin to lose their power at or about 40. This is not right and can be remedied.” Advertisements for Richmond's Sexual Pills also stated, “They strengthen a man's sexual passions, drive away bashfulness, build up and strengthen the nerves.” They were also good for “lost womanhood” and were to be taken two or three times per day, just before eating.

For the delicate, weakly child, Dr. Richmond suggested that mothers should keep “Rheumatic Lighting” in the house at all times. It was also advertised as good for domestic pets. For a headache, one could purchase Dr. Richmond’s “Liver Pills.” Sick headache, produced from indigestion, wind on the stomach, biliousness and nausea, will find prompt and speedy relief by a thorough cleaning out by the use of Dr. Richmond’s Liver Pills.” All this for 25 cents! For red, cracked bleeding hands, facial blemishes and any form of skin disease, Dr. Richmond’s “White Rose Cream” was the cure. Dr. Richmond’s “Eye Salve” healed “every form of disease that afflicts the eye.”

The medical laboratory was mentioned in a March 31, 1893 issue of the *Tuscola Review*. “His business has increased so rapidly that he found it necessary to erect a new building to keep pace with his already large and increasing business. His new medical laboratory is one of the largest of its kind in the nation. Today, he occupies the grandest building in the city, more commodious and inviting than any in the West. His reception rooms are models of taste; the immense mailing department, the spacious laboratory for compounding roots and herbs, which has made the doctor famous all over the land; the great packing and store rooms, are all marvels of excellence and worthy of a visit from every person who comes to Tuscola. The great printing department is one of the largest, best, and complete printing offices in Central Illinois, and will give employment to dozens of printers, binders and pressmen. The hum of numerous presses and click of type rarely cease.”

The S. A. Richmond Company was incorporated in 1899 to manufacture and sell medicines, conduct a general wholesale and retail drug business, to own and run a sanitarium for the care and treatment of the sick, to own and run a florist business, to do a general printing business, and to conduct the manufacture of bottles. The commissioners were Thomas R. Orr, Robert Kerr and Edgar L. Hance. The capital stock was \$30,000, with 300 shares at \$100 per share. The place of business was changed from Tuscola to Chicago in 1906. Richmond supposedly died destitute and left his widow and children to fend for themselves.

John W. Laughlin purchased the building August 24, 1900. Mr. Laughlin was the grandfather of Mrs. Eugene Randolf of Tuscola. She remembered her grandfather establishing the American Hindoo Medicine Company in the Richmond building. He sold bottles of Wonder of India, Cough Cure, Corn Killer and Herb of India. The company also made toilet articles – tooth whitener, Hindoo Cologne, and toilet soap.



**PATENT MEDICINE
BOTTLES FROM
TUSCOLA**

**The Richmond/ Laughlin building was
torn down late summer of 1915 and
made way for the building of Jarman
Memorial Hospital.**

TUSCOLA ONCE THE HOME OF THE REAL “DOC” OF DODGE CITY

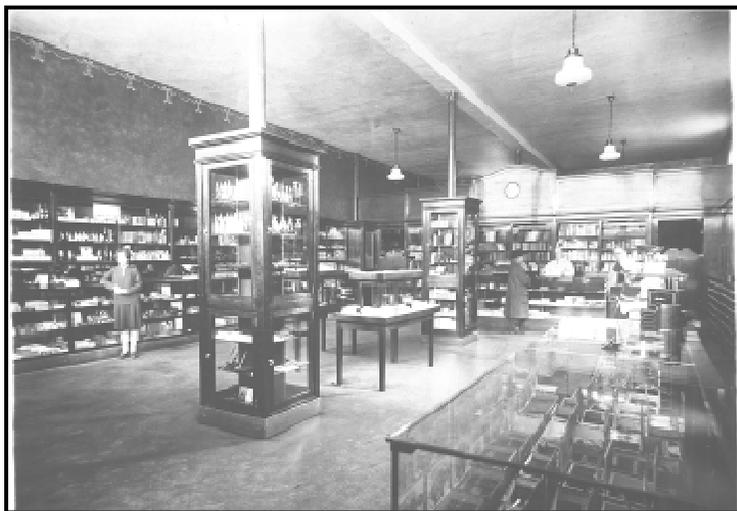
The real “Doc” of Gunsmoke and Dodge City fame lived in Tuscola as a child. He was Dr. Thomas L. McCarty, son of Elijah McCarty and Elizabeth Sherril McCarty. Dr. McCarty was born in Tuscola in 1848. He graduated from the Jefferson Medical College Philadelphia, PA. While he was en route to Denver, CO, to establish a medical practice in 1872 and they stopped over in Dodge City, Kansas. During the evening, there was a cowboy shooting and Dr. McCarty was pressed into service to treat the injured man. The people prevailed upon him to stay and he never got to Denver. In Dodge City, he served as the first coroner; he established the first drug store and was an organizer of the city council. He built the first opera house and was instrumental in bringing many fine cultural attractions to Dodge City. He promoted bicycle races and also accomplished much in making Dodge City a stop-over point between the east and west. McCarty stadium in Dodge City was named after him.



While Dodge City was essentially a frontier town, Dr. McCarty always observed the social niceties of his background. He and Mrs. McCarty were served tea each afternoon at four by their Chinese houseboy. His son, Dr. Claude Elijah McCarty, joined with him in establishing a private hospital in 1903 and they were instrumental in the building of St. Anthony Hospital in 1922. Dr. Thomas died April 2, 1930. Dr. Claude continued his practice with much distinction in the medical field until his death May 24, 1950.

Dr. Robert E. Burns was born in 1898 on a farm near Auburn, IL. He started having severe headaches and after going to medical doctors and eye specialists; he was not helped. He tried a chiropractor and after having good results he decided to go to chiropractic school at the Palmer Chiropractic School in Davenport, IA. After practicing in Girard, Carlinville, Virden, and Charleston, IL, he opened an office in Tuscola on October 10, 1928 upstairs in the First National Bank Building on the west side of Main and North Central St. then upstairs in the Flesor Building, later to the basement of the Hotel Douglas on Main and Sale St. and finally to 703 N. Niles St. During World War II, Dr. Burns worked in a defense plant in Dana, IN. He also worked at Villa Grove in the roundhouse greasing locomotives during the war, still holding office hours at night. Dr. Burns was first married to Mildred Matter of Girard. They had two children, Dale and Ruth Ann (Cannon). Mildred died in 1934. In 1938 he married Lucille Coolman of Crawfordsville, IN. They had one son, Thomas.

M. F. Stacy and Bros. owned what was probably the largest stock of drugs and one of the best equipped drug stores found in Central Illinois. M. F. Stacy was born in Clark County, IN 1853. He came to Tuscola in 1896 and was followed by his brother, A. C. Stacy, who was born also born in Clark County, IN 1856. E. E. Stacy, junior member, was the son of M. F. Stacy b. 1882. He graduated from Tuscola schools in 1900 and from Northwestern University school of Pharmacy in 1903. The firm had an up-to-date soda fountain. In addition to the stock of drugs they carried a complete line of stationery and full line of magazines. The stock included all goods that could be expected to be found in a first-class drug store. The firm owned the store building and a stock that would probably be invoiced at over \$25,000.



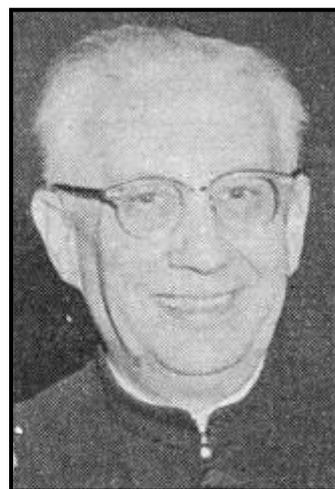
McNeill's Drug Store

L. R. McNeill b. Herrin, IL 7-16-1888

Dr. McNeill purchased the former Eskey Drug Store in 1913 and added to the stock in most complete stock. He had a full line of drugs, sundries, school books and a news stand at which was found the daily and Sunday papers.

He was very active in community work and instrumental in the Chamber of Commerce.

Burl H. Mills began work as manager of the Aiken Walgreen store on Sale Street in 1936. Seven years later, he became owner of the store. In 1946 he purchased the L. R. McNeill drug store at 104 N. Main St. and combined both stores at the latter location. Bobbie L. Weaver became manager of the store in 1954.





Ray Dunn owned and operated Dunn's Drug Store first located on Sale Street and later located on the SE corner of N. Central and Main Street.

Austin E. Baker was an optometrist in Tuscola on Main Street. He married Mary C. Garber and had two children, Eugene and Joanne. They lived at 412 E. Van Allen Street. Dr. Baker was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Rotary International, and Illinois Optometric Association.





Dr. Garber and Dr. A. R. Baker Optometrists

Dr. Myron Boylson came to Tuscola in 1929. He made the fifth physician: the others being: Dr. M. E. Lollar, Dr. J. O. Cletcher, Dr. W. C. Blaine and Dr. George Fuller. Dr. Boylson was a native of Mason City, IA. He received his Doctor of Medicine from Rush Medical College of the University of Chicago. From 1942-1946 he was in the service in World War II at Vandenberg station hospital in California and with the 313th general hospital in the Philippines. Upon his return to Tuscola, he had his office in the Star Store building until 1949 when he moved it to 303 S. Court St. Dr. Boylson was married to Jeraldine Dierken of Reedsburg, Wisconsin. Mrs. Boylson was a nurse. They had three children: Pat, Kathleen and Larry. Dr. Boylson served as County Coroner and on the school board. In 1965, Dr. Boylson accepted a position as senior grade physician on the medical staff of the Veterans Administration hospital in Marion, IL



Dr. J. V. Fishel, Arcola, practiced at Jarman Hospital



Dr. John Otis Cletcher was born May 23, 1887 in Polk County. He graduated from Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery in 1912. After practicing medicine in Cisco, he came to Tuscola in 1923. Dr. Cletcher died March 24, 1968.

Dr. Hugh Irving Conn, Newman, was born May 24, 1891 in Danville, IN. In 1915 he graduated from Loyola University Medical School and was in intern at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Danville, IL. Dr. Conn assisted in the delivery of over 2,000 babies at Jarman Hospital. Dr. Conn lived and practiced in Newman.



Margaret Nuccio was a registered nurse at Jarman Hospital for 35 years.
b. October 15, 1917 d. August 30, 2000



Dr. M. E. Lollar,

b.-3/23/1878 d.-1956.

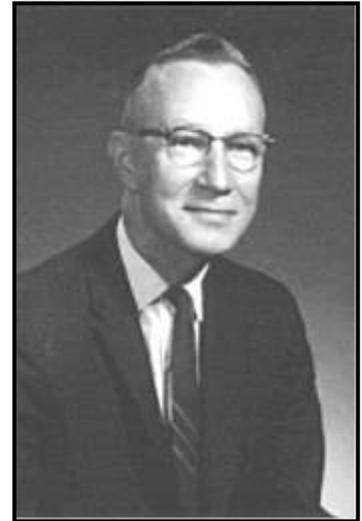
Outstanding Physician and Surgeon in Tuscola from August 13, 1913 until his death in 1956.

Graduate of the U of I medical school in Chicago.

Also served three terms as a member of the general assembly. WWI veteran.

Dr. Melvin Lossman was born in 1905, Chicago, IL the son of Frank and Minnie Lossman. He graduated from Loyola Dental School in 1934 and decided to come to Tuscola in April 1935. He married Miss Alice Lukey of Blue Island in October of 1935 and took over the dental practice of Dr. Boyce. Dr. Boyce worked with Dr. Lossman until Dr. Boyce passed away in 1937. The office was located on the second floor of the First National Bank building then located on the NW corner of Main and North Central St.

Dr. and Mrs. Lossman had two daughters: Caryl Ann and Barbara Jean. Dr. Lossman was a member of Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Masonic Lodge and Methodist Church. He retired in 1977.



Dr. Dana Mattix bought the Dental practice of Dr. Melvin Lossman in 1977 and remained in the office located in the former First National Bank Building until the summer of 1988 when K. O. Lake built new offices at 113 E. Pembroke.

Dr. Mattix died August 5, 1997 at the age of forty-four.

Dr. George Rotramel now practices Dentistry at the 113 E. Pembroke address.



William R. Smith DDS
Oct. 1962 – Dec. 2004



Associated Chiropractic Center – 207 S. Main St. - 1986
1st row: Barb Kerns, Brinda McCumber, Judy Beasley
2nd row: Barb Utterback, Dr. James R. McCumber, Dr. Bob L. Beasley



Dr. Phillip F. Deaver was born March 16, 1920 on a farm near Sidney, NB. In 1945, Dr. Deaver graduated from the Chicago University of Medicine in 1946. He came to Tuscola in 1947. Dr. Deaver was instrumental in the Jarman Hospital Building Fund. On July 1, 1964, Dr. Deaver was killed in an automobile accident.

Dr. Ricardo Izquierdo practiced in Tuscola in the 1960's for about thirty years.



Dr. Humberto Mondul practiced medicine and surgery at Jarman Hospital from 1967-1994.



Dr. Brad and Paige Mathias and Dr. J Riley and Darla Hays
Mathais and Hays' CompCare Medical Facility – 300 N. Main St.



**Dr. and Mrs. Morris Galey and son,
Vince. Old Fashioned Days - 1963**



Dr. John (Jack) Cunningham



Betty Cunningham



Dr. Bill Cunningham, Dr. Jack Cunningham and Theresa Cunningham



Donna Dean, his nurse for 24 years

Dr. John Newport Cunningham was born July 18, 1918 in Villa Grove, the son of Dr. Charles John and Nell Newport Cunningham. He married Betty Jane Hunt, July 6, 1946 in Tuscola. They were blessed with eight children: JoEllen, Bill, Mike, Susan, John, Theresa, Jeff and Dan. Dr. Cunningham began practicing medicine in Tuscola in 1946 after serving in the Marine Medical Corps in the South Pacific. He attended Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kirksville, MO. The doctor served on the staff of four hospitals: Jarman, Cole, Mercy and Burnham. Dr. Jack retired in 1997 and passed away March 7, 2001. Betty passed away December 4, 2003.



Dr. Walter G. Steiner graduated from Drake University in IA and was a 1950 graduate of the Chicago Medical School. He was born August 11, 1921 in Villa Park and married Sylvia P. Gorajewski January 9, 1944 in Chicago. Dr. Steiner was a veteran of World War II and served as a pharmacist mate 1st Class. He was a physician and surgeon in Tuscola from 1951 until his retirement in 1988. Dr. and Mrs. Steiner have three children: Walter G. Steiner, James R. Steiner and Erica P. Steiner. Dr. Steiner passed away in 2006

DOCTORS AT JARMAN HOSPITAL

Dr. Robert Arrol
Dr. H. I. Conn
Dr. Max Johnson
Dr. Walter Steiner
Dr. Phillip Deaver
Dr. Ramon Climaco
Dr. Raymond Gillogly
Dr. Adkisson
Dr. Gordon Messmore
Dr. Lewis Adkins
Dr. Carlton R. Smith
Dr. George Fuller
Dr. Laidlaw
Dr. E. J. Gross
Dr. Travis Lee Hindman
Dr. Edward M. Tanous
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Dr. Colin Ross
Dr. Kohon
Dr. Jose Sansaricq

Dr. Norris
Dr. Wallace Nakagawa
Dr. Edgar Weir
Dr. Hilgenberg
Dr. J. H. McCain
Dr. Humberto Mondul
Dr. Blair Ellsworth
Dr. England
Dr. Adams
Dr. Walter C. Blaine
Dr. Myron Lollar
Dr. Myron Boylson
Dr. Mohr
Dr. James Taylor, Jr.
Dr. James Taylor, Sr.
Dr. R. W. Taylor
Dr. Grant Jones
Dr. Elmer Allen
Dr. Flynn
Dr. John O. Cletcher

Dr. J. M. Christie
Dr. J. N. Cunningham
Dr. M. H. Fortney
Dr. Groves
Dr. J. V. Fishel
Dr. Chusid
Dr. John Hill
Dr. Fox
Dr. Maurice Reilly
Dr. Fred Yamanoto
Dr. Edmund Kahan
Dr. Francis Brown
Dr. Viola Beck
Dr. Harry Messmore
Dr. Colyer
Dr. McKinney
Dr. Barlow
Dr. Volburn
Arthur Zuter (Hospital Adm)

NURSES, AIDES AND STAFF AT JARMAN HOSPITAL

Francis Craft	Viola Wickham	Lois Pannel	Alice Hawkins
Myrtle Barnes	Betty Graham	Nellie Wakefield	Linda Kimball
Pauline Flocker	Mary Swinford	Virginia Conn	Betsy Leonard
Albert Hanner	Sharon Strab	Thena Rollings	Mrs. Helmick
Mrs. Tingley	Cora Long	Harriet Kinney	Hali Burton
Harriet Wilson	Helen Simmons	Betty Cox	Wanda Barnes
Ruth Fuller	Margaret Nuccio	Joyce Martin	Rita Hunter
Donna Dean	Mary Fleming	Ms. Donovan	Rose Connor
Sandra Otto	Joan Fleming	Pat Lindenmeyer	Mrs. Barnes
Jeanne Reeves	Donna Lamb	Melissa Martin	Mrs. Hendrix
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Mary Lucas	Rita Ashley	Mrs. Little	Mary Lou Little
Jan Hastings	Ms. Mahlon	Roberta Sodaro	Vera Helm
Mable Edgar	Marie Moore	Miss Dudley	Ruby Lawrence
Lois Keith	Naomi Davidson	Jo Hartman	Arlene Arbogast
Francis Helmick	Alberta Munson	Mrs. Baker	Doris Owens
Pauline Dolder	Bettylu Price	Sharon Strack	Gladys Collier
Pauline Cox	Ann Brewer	Valorie Janson	Mary Melton
Elizabeth Whetstone	Betty Ogden	Geraldine Summers	Florence Ewing
Cathleen Hawkins	Marie Williams	Joan Hellman	Ada McGuire
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Barbara Kellogg	Helen Davis	Jean Jolly	
Kristine Junkins	Mrs. Bell	Rachel Smith	