

WEYMOUTH DOCTORS 1826 – 1937

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Dr BELA BRONSON CLARK 1826-1842. Bela B. Clark Was born in Connecticut October 1, 1796 to Mary “Mollie” and John Clark Jr. He studied medicine there, and attended lectures under Drs. Hosac, Francis and Mott in New York City in 1817. He came to Medina in April 1818 with his brothers Ransom and John L Clark, and was married to Sophronia/Sophia Pomeroy Searle (daughter of Rev Searle of Weymouth) on October 28, 1820. In 1824 Dr Clark was elected secretary of the Cleveland Medical Society, serving as president 1826-1828. He came to Weymouth in 1826 because he thought the county seat may move there. He practiced medicine in Medina County twenty-four years, removing to Columbus in 1842. During his medical practice he received a diploma from the fellows of the Connecticut medical society in 1817; also one from the nineteenth medical district of Ohio in 1824; licenses from the third judicial court of Ohio and the Medical Society of the eighth medical district of Ohio in 1818. In 1841 the Willoughby Medical college conferred an honorary degree of medicine upon him. The doctor died August



20, 1859, aged about sixty-three and was called “an accomplished physician, a zealous advocate of education, and always active for the public weal”. This medicine bottle held Dr Clark’s Anodyne Cordial, advertised in 1839 ‘for children and mothers, for colds, coughs, lung and nervous complaints’.

DR ABEL CLARK brother of Bela B Clark was born July 12, 1812 in Waterbury CT. He came to Ohio in 1818 with his parents Mollie and John Clark. He read medicine with Dr Wilson in Weymouth about 1830. Dr Clark attended medical college in Cincinnati, located first in Groveport, then to Medina in 1839-1840. He suggested the name of Groveport in 1847 and served as Greene County clerk 1847-1853. He died in Xenia May 10, 1870 with Dr Wilson his old Weymouth preceptor in attendance.

DR O. S. ST JOHN 1832-1833 Orson Swift St John was born in 1810 in Buffalo, NY. He attended academy there, then studied with Drs Marshall & Trowbridge to 1827. He attended 3 winter quarters at Fairfield NY graduating in 1831. He practiced some time in buffalo, then came to Ohio in 1832 by stagecoach. He ‘put up a sign’ in Brunswick in 1832, and for 1½ years practiced into Hinckley, Strongsville, Grafton, and Weymouth. He was one of organizers of the Medina County Medical Lyceum in 1833, serving as treasurer and censor. He moved to Cleveland in 1833, read law and was admitted to the bar. In 1837-38 he reviewed medicine at Pennsylvania University and Jefferson Medical College. In 1850 he was living in Willoughby with wife Louise and five children. In 1881 they were living in Lincoln, Nebraska. Dr St John is buried in Willoughby.

Dr JESSE SCOTT WILSON in Weymouth by **May 4, 1829**, lived in a house built by Dr Bela B Clark. He was born September 24, 1799 to Quakers Stephen and Martha Scott Wilson in Loudoun County, VA. In 1825, Jesse was at the parade and celebration for General Lafayette held in Leesburg, VA during Lafayette's tour of America. He attended Burlington Seminary in New Jersey and the University of

Pennsylvania Medical School, graduating in 1827. He married Elizabeth Foster Richards in 1828. In 1839 he bought a lot in Clark County, Ohio for \$1000. In 1842 he and wife Elizabeth were one of the founding families of the town of Selma, Ohio, a stop on the UGRR named by Elizabeth. Jesse laid out the town in 60 x 160 lots and served at the town's first postmaster in 1845. They had one child, George Stephen born in Weymouth July 25, 1830. Dr Wilson died January 7, 1881. Both Quaker meeting houses still stand in Selma.

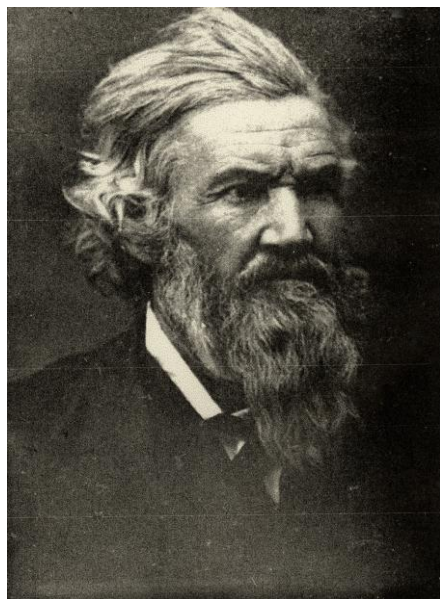


1843 Hicksite meeting House



Orthodox meeting House

Dr ALMON E EWING practiced medicine in the Granger/Sharon/Medina area 1840-47. Born in



Canada in 1816. Dr Ewing attended Medical College in Vermont in 1836; graduated from Dartmouth College in 1840. He began practice in Granger 1840-1843, then to Medina 1843-1847. He joined the Medina County Medical Lyceum in 1845. He married Eunice N Oviatt and moved to Hillsdale, Michigan in 1847, where he practiced medicine and was editor of Whig newspaper. He returned to Richfield in 1849 and followed his profession until his death in July of 1894. According to a Dartmouth College Necrology 1898-1899, "He was a man of wide interests and reading, thoroughly read in literature, and awake to all movements of science. He enjoyed writing, and was the author of a book of verse and a contributor to many periodicals". His son George was also a doctor.

Dr PHILETUS E MUNGER physician and surgeon 1838-40. Born 1796 in Connecticut. In 1822 PE and wife Olive went "west" (western NY). Dr PE Munger practiced in Weymouth from 1838, then moved to Medina in 1840. Dr Munger's house and barn burned in the 1848 fire. Olive died in 1874, Dr Munger died age 78 in 1875, both buried in Old Medina Cemetery.

Dr JOHN JOSEPHUS McALMONT 1845-1850. Born Dec 19, 1821 in Hornellsville, NY to Daniel and Samantha Dunham McAlmont. He left home at age seventeen, earning money by teaching school. At twenty-one, he entered Geneva Medical College in NY and completed a course of lectures in medicine in April 1843. He established his practice the next year in Kendall Creek, Pennsylvania. In 1845 he moved to Weymouth. His practice thrived, and he returned to New York for his promised wife, former pupil Martha Jane Gregg, whom he married October 1845. Daughter Myra Cordelia was born in Weymouth in 1846. Daughter Mary Cresida was born February 29, 1848 in Weymouth, died March 29, 1849 and is buried in Weymouth cemetery. In 1848, McAlmont attended lectures at Western Reserve Medical College Cleveland, graduating in 1849. Intrigued by enthusiastic descriptions of the climate in Arkansas, the

family left for the pioneer West by steamboat, arriving in Little Rock in March 1850. He acquired a drugstore in Little Rock and continued it until 1883, when he returned to the full-time practice of medicine. In the late 1870s, McAlmont became associated with a group of physicians in the Medical Department of Arkansas Industrial University, now the University of Arkansas Medical College. He was the first surgeon to perform the successful wiring of a broken kneecap. McAlmont was professor of pharmacology and therapeutics at the school and served as treasurer. He was active in many professional organizations in pharmacy and medicine, along with a number of civic duties. The town of McAlmont, Arkansas is named after him as well as McAlmont Street in Little Rock; he served as trustee of the Arkansas School for the Blind, Arkansas Female College, St. Johns' College, and in 1866 was elected mayor of Little Rock. He was still a professor in Arkansas at the time of



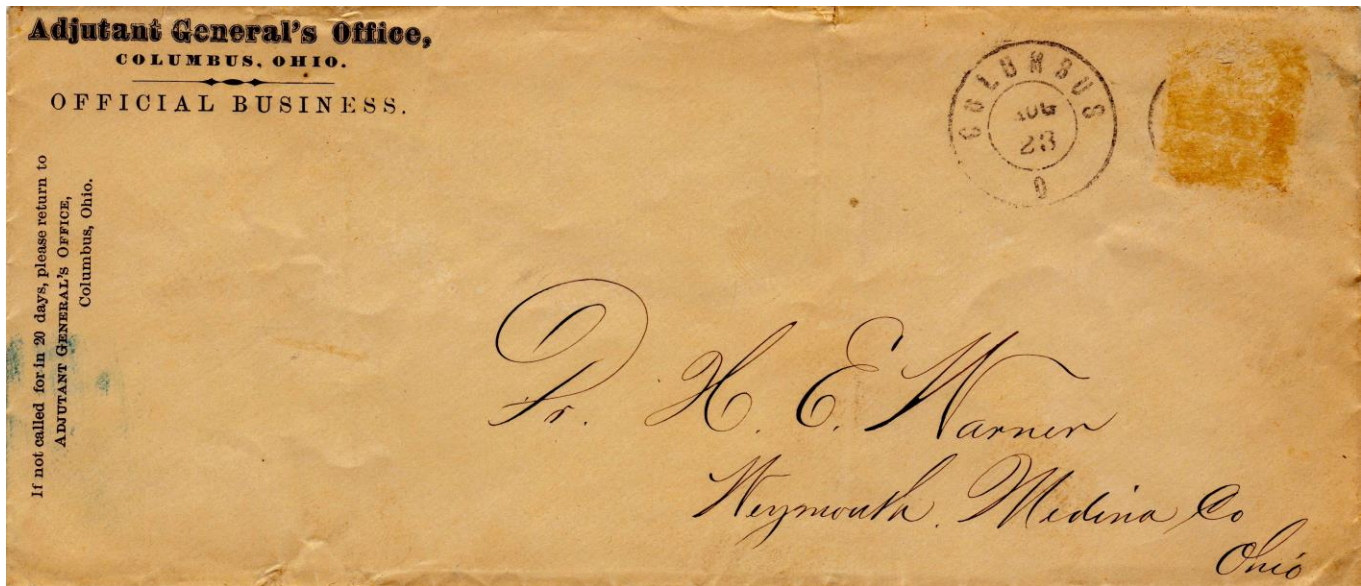
his death Sept 23, 1896.

Dr HENRY TIFFANY 1831? to 1850. Dr HENRY TIFFANY 1831 to 1850. Dr Henry Tiffany was born on September 8, 1807 in Connecticut, to Joel Tiffany and Hannah Wilder Tiffany. He came to Medina Township with wife Lydia in 1831, bought heavily timbered land at \$5 per acre, and built a log cabin. He went to Western Reserve College in Hudson 1848-1849, and graduated from Cleveland Medical College. In 1850 he settled in York, then in 1866 bought Dr Spillman's drug store in Medina with son Henry, Jr. They manufactured Tiffany's Condition Powders, sold by traveling wagon, until their shop was destroyed in the 1870 fire. Henry died in 1864, age 57.

Dr LEWIS D TOLMAN 1848 to 1849. Lewis Tolman studied 13 months with Dr Harvey Putnam Tolman in Onanadaga County, NY. He moved to Medina 1850 to practice medicine and open a drug store.

Dr WILLIAM H PAINTER 1850 to 1856. Dr Wm H Painter was born on a farm in Weymouth in 1822. He was a student at Norwalk Seminary in 1845. He practiced in Peninsula until 1849, then attended medical lectures at the Cleveland Session of 1849-1850, graduating in 1850. He then came to Weymouth for 5-6 years, "a successful practice in Weymouth 1850-1862, income \$3000 a year". He served as pastor of the Weymouth Methodist Episcopal Church 1857-1881. He rode horseback to seven charges (congregations). His widow Mrs Phoebe Barnes Painter was born in Watertown, Connecticut in 1823, emigrated to Weymouth in 1835, married in 1845, was a fervent members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and died in 1889. Both are buried in Weymouth cemetery.

Dr HENRY E WARNER 1858-1860, 1863-1872. Henry Warner was born in Brunswick in 1834, son of Rev Lorenzo Warner. He moved to Weymouth 1858. In 1860, he was 25, living in Weymouth with wife Mary and daughter. During the Civil War, he was Assistant Surgeon of the 88th OVI. In 1863, he was at Camp Chase in charge of the rebel prisoners. His medical bag and instruments are at the Medina County Historical Society. He returned to practice in Weymouth after the war. In February, 1872 Dr Warner sold his property and practice to Dr Frank Young of Granger. Ill with consumption since his return from the war, the doctor died May 25, 1873 and is buried in Brunswick. Below: A letter from the Adjutant General to Dr Warner in Weymouth about 1866.



Dr ALBERT WOOD 1895-1932 Albert Wood was born in England in c 1860, came to the US with his family in 1880 and was married to Louisa in 1882. According to an undated history of Brunswick, "Brunswick had two doctors who made house calls, Dr Wood and Dr Hawkins. One also pulled teeth. One fellow said that the doctor pulled a tooth for him while he lay down in the furrow he had just plowed on his land, and that he helped to shovel snow from Brunswick to Weymouth one winter so Dr Wood could see a patient there." On April 17, 1930, the Delphos (Ohio) Daily Herald published that in Brunswick, "Fear crept into the daily life of this typhoid-ridden community today as two new suspected cases were reported by Dr Albert Wood, village physician. Two young mothers died yesterday. Twenty others are afflicted. Four of these were said to be in a serious condition. Dr Wood is carrying on a heroic fight to keep the death toll down and prevent further spread". Dr Wood left his practice in 1931 and went to California for his health. He did not improve, but returned to his Brunswick practice and died February 19, 1932.

Dr WILLIAM ALEXANDER STANLEY was born in Pennsylvania August 10, 1867. In 1888 he married Lena Coddling of Granger. He graduated from Cleveland Medical College in 1895. He later attended Harvard Medical College. Dr Stanley served as an Army doctor in the Phillipines during the Spanish-American War. **Dr Stanley had an office in Weymouth 1904.** He opened a private hospital at 653 West Liberty in Medina in 1916, hours 9-11, 1-3, 6-8. Dr Stanley died January 28, 1924, and is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery.



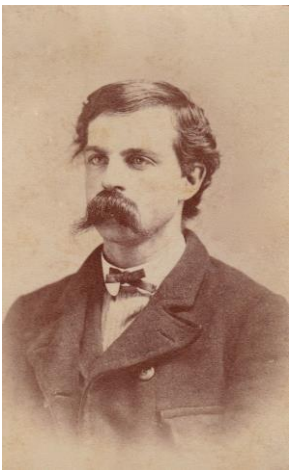
Dr ASA AMBROSE BIGELOW Dr Bigelow the Cleveland dentist has an office in Weymouth every



Monday 1899. Asa Bigelow was born October 5, 1853 in Van Wert, Ohio. Dr Bigelow, a traveling dentist who generally resided at Cleveland, died in Newark, Ohio November 14, 1900. His ad in the *Plain Dealer*, July 3, 1900 reads: “Dr. Bigelow the popular Cleveland Dentist and painless extractor, 309 Arcade. You get painless work there every hour of the day in each week, but Wednesday P. M. You get reductions. Try him for one tooth free. His picture appears with the ad.” He died November 13, 1900 in Toledo.

Dr CHESTER JEFFERSON WOLCOTT 1872. Born in 1843 in Granger to Simon P Wolcott who came to Coddingtonville in April 1820 and married Nancy Coddington in September 1835. They lived south of Granger Center on the Smith Road. Chester graduated from the Homeopathic Hospital College Cleveland in the 1871-1872 class. Dr Wolcott advertised his homeopathic office & residence at EC Carrington’s in Weymouth in 1872. In June 1873 he located in Rawsonville, Ohio in “lucrative and increasing business” with Dr Gaius Jones. He died May 16, 1898, and is buried in Lorain.

Dr FRANK YOUNG homeopathic physician Weymouth 1870- 1895. Franklin M Young was born to



Abigail ‘Abbie’ and Robert G Young in Granger in 1843. In 1862-1865 he served in Civil War from Michigan. He married Hattie Lendsay/Lindsey in 1865. In 1869 he attended two full courses of lectures at Cleveland Medical College with Dr Barley of Cleveland, graduating in the spring of 1872. That year he bought the property and practice of Dr Warner in Weymouth and had a house built by Collin Ferriman on the NW corner of Remsen and Old Weymouth. “Doctor Wolcott of the ‘little pill’ and Dr Young of the ‘big pill’ schools (homeopathy was about giving smaller, but more effective doses) will locate here in the spring” of 1872. On Thanksgiving 1891 their only child Sadie married Charlie Blakeslee at their home. 100 attended. “The supper was too good and there was too much of it. Elegant silver tea service a gift of the bride’s parents. Wedding presents bountiful, only the usual count of butter knives. The young couple will live with the bride’s parents as they

would not be willing to part with their only one”. Sadie died age 24, leaving a son 4 weeks old. Hattie and Dr Young moved to Lorain where he served on Board of Education 20 years and was well loved: the schools closed the hour of his service. He died in 1921 and was brought to a vault in Spring Grove until the roads became passable to bury him in Reid Hill Cemetery, Granger. After 1921 his widow Hattie received a Civil War pension as an invalid widow.

Dr. ORA HARLAND CUMBERWORTH was born at Bennetts Corners in 1876. He graduated from Ohio State University Starling Medical College in 1901 and immediately set up practice at Remsen Corners. He served the residents of Remsen, Weymouth, Granger and Hinckley from the same office/residence for 36 years, from **1901-1937**, where he earned the “high esteem of his neighbor friends”. He delivered Jay Einhart in Weymouth in 1922, Bob Hummel in Granger, and many other local children. He was survived by his wife Ida Louise Coddling and two children, musician Starling Cumberworth and Mrs Louise Morse. He was the last community doctor in our area. Dr. Cumberworth's home still stands on the east side of Route 94 at Remsen Corners, just south of Stoll Road.



Dr. PAMELA M NEWTON Born in Illinois in 1846. Although she never practiced in Weymouth, Dr Webster was here with her husband, the minister of the First Congregational Church, from 1881 to 1885. While living in Weymouth, she studied medicine and got a degree from the Cleveland Homeopathic College. She practiced in Long Beach, San Bernardino and Los Angeles, CA, and received an honorary membership in the Southern California Homeopathic Medical Society in 1910. She died August 18, 1911 and left a son George, also a doctor.