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Title: Joseph C. Keating, Jr., Collection on Claude O. Watkins

Dates: 1940-1987

Extent: 2 boxes (1 oversized)

Name of Collector: Joseph C. Keating, Jr.

Biographical History (Written by Corinne Florin, July 2004)

Claude O. Watkins, 1902-1977, Doctor of Chiropractic, earned his degree from Palmer School of Chiropractic in 1925. Born in Iowa and raised in North Dakota, Dr. Watkins set up his practice in Sidney, Montana, and practiced there for over 50 years. Despite living and working in such a rural area, Dr. Watkins rose to renown and influence in chiropractic circles through his writing and involvement in several organizations. His writings often stressed the need for more research in the field of chiropractic, but he also argued for stronger educational standards and clinical experimentation. Dr. Watkins chose not to follow totally the philosophy of B.J. Palmer, believing instead that chiropractic should continue research, develop a clinical data base to support claims that chiropractic makes, and stress education more, ideas that Palmer did not agree with. Due to the research and workings of Joseph C. Keating, Jr., Director of Research at NWCC, Northwestern College of Chiropractic posthumously awarded Dr. Watkins an honorary Doctorate of Humanities in 1987. His widow accepted.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of writings, photographs, transcripts of oral interviews, correspondence, plaques, and diplomas. Former library technician Corinne Florin arranged and described the materials in July 2004. Based on collection materials, this collection appears to have been created by Joseph C. Keating, Jr., chiropractic historian and former NWCC faculty member, in the process of researching Watkins and preparing for the honorary degree described above.

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System of Arrangement – created by Corinne Florin, July 2004

Box 1

Folder 1: Clippings

- Various original and photocopied items.

Folder 2: Correspondence (mainly photocopies)

- To Dr. F.T. Ratledge, 5.17.1940
- Unidentified, n.d.
- To American Chiropractic Association (ACA), 5.2.1966
- To Committee on Research, 5.22.1967
- To ACA, 11.21.1967
- To Committee on Research, 12.22.1966
- To Committee on Clinical Research, 1.12.1968
- From D. A. James Seeley, 1.23.1968
- To Dr. Ted Shrader, 8.13.1970
- From Mrs. Carolyn Collins, 10.29.1970
- To Dr. Joseph C. Keating, Jr., 7.21.1986 (from Helen Watkins)
- To Dr. Joseph C. Keating, Jr., 7.22.1986 (from Helen Watkins)
- To Claudia, 3.25.1990 (from Joe K.)
- Questionnaire for chiropractic colleges, ca. 1967
- Handwritten note to family, 10.1977 (written by Watkins with additional note from his daughter, Helen Watkins)

Folder 3: Miscellaneous

- News release, 6.6.1987
- Table 2: Watkins' Professional Positions
- Similarities between Palmer's and Watkins' philosophies of chiropractic
- Differences between Palmer's and Watkins' philosophies

- “A model for clinical, scientific and educational development” by Keating, Nelson, Mootz
- “Watkins on chiropractic unity” by Keating
- “Basic principles in chiropractic education” submitted to *Digest of Chiropractic Economics*, 3.20.1987; withdrawn 4.23.1987
- “Basic vs. applied science” submitted to *JMPT* by Keating, 4.1987
- “What is chiropractic” submitted to *Activator Update* by Keating, 5/6.1987
- “Irregular sciences” submitted to *Dynamic Chiropractic* by Keating, n.d.

Folder 4: Oral interviews (transcripts)

- Conversation between Joseph Keating, Mrs. Helen Watkins, and Robert Watkins, 9.2.1986
- Unidentified, n.d.

Folder 5: Submission to Chiropractic History (manuscript)

- “A philosopher of the science of chiropractic” by Joseph Keating (2 versions)

Folder 6: Photos

- Color and b&w, most unidentified and undated
- Negatives
- ALSO NOTE one framed photograph loose at front of box

Folder 7: Writings (1930s) – all are much later copies of printed articles

- “The new offensive will bring sound professional advancement”, *The Chiropractic Journal*, 6.1934
- “Educational standards must be raised for public assistance”, *The Chiropractic Journal*, 1.1938
- “Physical education should be emphasized by our profession”, *The Chiropractic Journal*, 5.1938
- Guest editorial, *The National Chiropractic Journal*, 9.1939
- “Democratic principles must be maintained to assure professional progress”, *The Chiropractic Journal*, 2.1940

Folder 8: Writings (1940s) – all are much later copies of printed articles

- “The science and art and philosophy of things natural—chiropractic”, *The Chiropractic Journal*, 3.1940
- “What about unity—how can we unite for greater progress?”, *The Chiropractic Journal*, 5.1940
- “Graduate education amendment will bring greater advancement”, *The Chiropractic Journal*, 10.1940
- “The dawn of a new era in chiropractic advancement is here!”, *The Chiropractic Journal*, 11.1940
- Photocopy of *The Chirolite*, 11.1941
- Photocopy of *The American Chiropractic Journal*, 12.1941
- “The need of basic unity in chiropractic”, *The National Chiropractic Journal*, 1.1945
- *The basic principles of chiropractic government*, ca. 1945
- “Subluxation in lumbo-sacral region”, *The National Chiropractic Journal*, 1.1945
- “Etiology associated with subluxations”, *The National Chiropractic Journal*, 2.1945
- “Interference with nerve function”, *The National Chiropractic Journal*, 12.1945
- “The treatment of sciatica”, *The National Chiropractic Journal*, 7.1945
- “Teeth as a source of nerve irritation”, *The National Chiropractic Journal*, 12.1945
- “Nature of the chiropractic movement”, *The National Chiropractic Journal*, 3.1946

- “Dentition, a source of nerve irritation”, *The National Chiropractic Journal*, 5.1946
- “Is chiropractic unity possible?”, *The National Chiropractic Journal*, 12.1946
- “Eclecticism and chiropractic”, *The National Chiropractic Journal*, 2.1947
- “The ‘big three’ of chiropractic”, *The National Chiropractic Journal*, 6.1947
- “The great mistake in chiropractic”, *Journal of the California Chiropractic Association*, 6.1948
- “Experimental methods of science”, *The National Chiropractic Journal*, 9.1948

Folder 9: Writings (1950s) – all are much later copies of printed articles

- “Clinical research in chiropractic”, *The Journal of the National Chiropractic Association*, 1.1951
- “Modernizing the practice acts”, *The Journal of the National Chiropractic Association*, 4.1951
- “A study of posture and its relation to disease”, *The Journal of the National Chiropractic Association*, 11.1959

Folder 10: Writings (1960-1970) – most are much later copies of printed articles

- “Routing the John Birchers”, NEA Convention, 7.5.1962
- “Dr. D.D. Palmer—Man of Science” *The ACA Journal of Chiropractic*, 3.1965
- Draft and letter re. “Clinical research as the basis” article below
- “Clinical research as the basis for chiropractic practice”, 3.7.1966
- “Scientific progress”, *The ACA Journal of Chiropractic*, 10.1966
- “The importance of discovery”, 1.18.1967
- “We can meet the challenge of medicine”, 1.18.1967
- “Living on borrowed time”, 3.1967, and draft
- “Some basic considerations in chiropractic”, 3.1967
- “Chiropractic must have promise to survive”, ca. 1967, printed in *The American Chiropractor*, 5.1987
- “More about clinical research”, 11.16.1967, plus draft and letter
- Draft of “Chiropractic must have promise” article
- “Chiros needed” letter to the editor, *The Billings Gazette*, Sunday, 5.3.1970

Box 2 (Oversized)

Folder: Diplomas and Certificates

- Chiropractic diploma from Palmer School of Chiropractic, 1925 (2 copies)
- Montana chiropractic license, 1926 (copy)
- Chiropractic diploma from Nashville College of Chiropractic, 1937
- Physiotherapist certificate from National Council of Chiropractic Physiotherapy, 1949
- Physiotherapist certificate from National Council of Chiropractic Physiotherapy, 1954
- Honorary membership certificate from American Chiropractic Association, 1977
- Doctor of Humanities diploma from Northwestern College of Chiropractic, 1987

Folder: Photographs

- National Chiropractic Association (NCA) Board of Executive Directors, 1938
- 1938 NCA Meeting?
- Portrait, ca. 1925
- NCA director group photographs (2)
- NCA officers? (framed)

Plaques:

- Wooden plaque with chiropractic caduceus and nameplate engraved only “Dr. C.O. Watkins 1964-65”
- Wooden plaque with bronze scroll design engraved from Montana Chiropractic Association for 50 years of outstanding service. Presented in 1965.

Gavel in cardboard box

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