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**Contents: A short ten-page history of the
“Mississippi State Medical Association” With
one artists rendition of W. Y. Gadberry.**

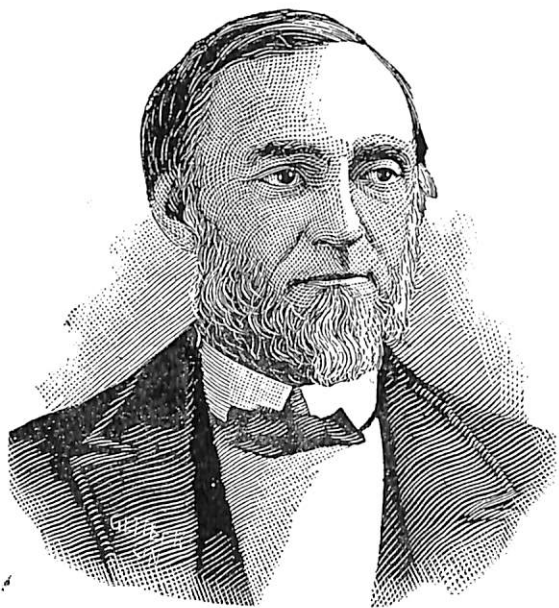
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HISTORY OF THE

Mississippi
State Medical Association

WITH BIOGRAPHIES OF ITS PRESIDENTS, COMPLETE ROSTER
OF ITS OFFICERS, PROGRAMMES OF ITS MEETINGS,
AND THE PAST AND PRESENT LAWS RELATING
TO THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE
IN MISSISSIPPI.

1910.



W. Y. GADBERRY, Yazoo City.
PRESIDENT 1856.

HISTORY OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

*"The first meeting of the Association was held in Jackson December 15th. 1856. It was organized by electing Dr. W. Y. Gadberry of Benton president and Dr. M. S. Craft of Jackson recording secretary. The meeting was composed of Drs. Gadberry and Craft; Drs. S. C. Farrar and A. B. Cabaniss of Jackson; H. Posey of Brandon and C. B. Galloway of Kosciusko; with perhaps others whose names do not appear in the proceedings. A Constitution and By-Laws were adopted and delegates appointed to the American Medical Association. On motion of Dr. Craft, those physicians who signed the call for this convention were declared permanent members on compliance with the Constitution and By-Laws.

"The Association adjourned to meet on the second Monday in November 1857, but there was no other meeting until April 20th. 1869, when, in pursuance of a call made by the Vicksburg Medical Society, physicians from various parts of the state assembled in the city of Jackson for the purpose of forming a

* From a letter by Dr. J. M. Taylor, president in 1873-4, published in the 1893 *Transactions*.

State Medical Association. Dr. A. B. Cabaniss was called to the chair and Dr. Ed. Lea, of Winona, appointed secretary. Reorganization was effected by the election of Dr. E. T. Henry, of Vicksburg, president and four vice-presidents in the order named: Thos. D. Isom of Oxford, E. G. Banks of Clinton, S. V. D. Hill of Macon, and Wm. Compton of Holly Springs. Dr. Ed. Lea was elected recording secretary, Dr. M. S. Craft corresponding secretary and Dr. P. T. Bailey, of Jackson, treasurer. Much important business was transacted at this meeting, which was really the beginning of the Association. The Constitution and By-Laws of the former meeting were readopted with a few unimportant changes. The following were elected delegates to the American Medical Association, to meet in New Orleans:— Drs. F. W. Dancy, S. B. Cutler, W. Y. Gadberry, M. S. Craft, Robert Kells, Jas. B. Barnett, K. C. Devine, P. F. Whitehead, Ed. Lea, E. T. Henry, H. C. McLaurin, W. B. Williamson, C. B. Galloway, S. V. D. Hill, — Martin, T. D. Isom, F. Hughes, B. F. Ward, A. Thomas, J. S. Davis, L. Lipscomb, J. P. Moore, Gus. Evans, J. G. Thornton, A. G. Mayers, J. M. Greene, A. S. Snell, A. H. Smith, Wirt Johnston, D. A. Kinchloe, — Lyle, — Harper of Natchez, and J. J. McLean of Union Church.

“On motion of Dr. Barnett, a committee was ap-

pointed to prepare an address to the medical profession of the state, urging the importance of speedy organization of county or local societies; and, on motion of Dr. Hill, a committee was appointed to prepare an address to the people of the state respecting the importance of a more perfect system of drainage upon plantations, with a view to as far as possible arresting the production of miasma, so fruitful as a source of grave forms of fever.

“Chairmen of committees were appointed, also, to report at the next meeting on important medical subjects. The Association adjourned to meet at Vicksburg on the first Monday in April 1870.

“Pursuant to adjournment, the Association met in Vicksburg, April 4th. 1870. Several interesting cases were reported. A tumor, removed the day before by Dr. Baird, of Yazoo County, was exhibited. Dr. Hunt, of Vicksburg, reported the removal of an ovarian tumor. Dr. Booth, of Vicksburg, reported a case of aneurism of the ascending aorta, which had caused absorption of part of the sternum and ribs. Dr. Hunt also reported a case of ankylosis of both maxillary bones relieved by operation. Dr. D. B. Nailor, of Warren County, reported a case of abscess of the right lung, simulating aneurism. Dr. Hill reported a case of atresia vaginae in which no uterus could be found and Dr. Balfour a similar case in

which the catamenia had appeared in girlhood but had not returned for twenty years.

"On motion of Dr. Steinside, a committee (Craft, Mitchell and Baley, of Jackson) was appointed to memorialize the legislature to appoint an examining board to examine all persons proposing to practice medicine in this state. Officers elected for the ensuing year were: S. V. D. Hill, president; A. B. Cabaniss, D. B. Nailor, C. B. Galloway and B. F. Kittrell, vice-presidents; Dr. McConnell, recording secretary; J. R. Barnett, corresponding secretary; W. Y. Gadberry, treasurer. The Association adjourned to meet the next year in Meridian."

Medical organization was by no means at a premium in these early days. The proceedings for the next three years are only recorded in a vague way, in the memory of a few of the older members. Meetings were held, but little was accomplished. The membership was small and only the faithful few who attended regularly seemed to be at all interested. This lack of interest was so evident that in 1874 not only did the programme fall rather flat, most of the essayists being conspicuous by their absence, but the finances were in such bad shape that a committee was appointed to ask an appropriation of three hundred dollars per annum from the legislature to defray the cost of publishing the *Transactions*. It

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS.

W. Y. GADBERRY, Yazoo City.

President 1856.

W. Y. Gadberry was born near Greenville, S. C., in 1822 and died at Yazoo City in 1896. His parents emigrated to Mississippi during his infancy, his father being afterwards one of the first judges of the probate court of Mississippi and later clerk of the court at Benton. Dr. Gadberry's early education was acquired at Benton, Miss., and Greenville, S. C.; he began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. McMurtry in 1843 and graduated from the University of Louisville in 1845, locating in Benton where for years he enjoyed a large and lucrative practice. For several years he was collaborator to Gross' *Journal of Medicine*, contributing, among others' of lesser note, articles on typhoid fever, artificial inflation of the lungs and enlarged spleen.

In 1856 he called a meeting of the medical men of the state for the purpose of organizing the Mississippi Medical Association, and was elected its first president by acclamation.

During the civil war he served as surgeon with the Army of Tennessee, and while in this position

organized the hospital at Oxford which proved of so great value after the battles of Shiloh and Corinth.

In 1867 he settled at Yazoo City, where he passed the remainder of his days, with the exception of one year, 1869, when he held the chair of surgery in the Louisville Medical College.

In 1849 Dr. Gadberry married Miss Helen Price of Kentucky, and of the union were born four sons, all of whom died in early manhood. His second marriage was with Miss Thornton of Kentucky, who bore him eight children. *Transactions, 1906.*

E. T. HENRY, Vicksburg.

President 1869-70.

Edmund Taylor Henry, son of Patrick Henry and Elizabeth Duke Taylor, was born on his father's plantation near Clarksville, Tenn., August 24th. 1827 and died at Marietta, Ga., April 9th. 1881.

Dr Henry received his early education at Montrose Academy and Centenary College and, being always of a studious nature, took up the study of medicine as an accomplishment, graduating at Louisville, Ky. At the outbreak of the war he entered the Confederate Army as a surgeon and at the end of his service, finding his property gone, moved to Vicksburg and began the practice of medicine in which he was very successful, being especially noted

APPENDIX F Minutes of Organizations

Members of the Yazoo Library Association 1838, *from the minutes of the first meeting:*

F. W. Quackenboss
M. B. Hamer
W. E. Pugh
R. S. Dulin
J. W. Fuqua
John Murdaugh
F. Barksdale
James Warren
Alfred Hall
George Garr

Charles Griswold
E. B. Grayson
E. M. Adcock
Jas. W. McKinstry
J. W. Exum
R. E. Keyes
J. J. Jackson
S. R. Adams
Richard Allen
R. M. Winn

R. McIlhenny
George Jonas
Jos. C. Lewis
Jno. Henderson
P. B. Pope
N. O'Reilly
T. K. Sayre
S. B. Cusack
H. H. Pease
J. J. B. Kirk
Hiram Harrison

First Officers:

M. B. Hamer, President
F. W. Quackenboss, Vice President
George Garr, Secretary
F. Barksdale, Treasurer
R. E. Keyes, Librarian

Minutes of the Medical Association of Yazoo County *from the August 4, 1854, Weekly American Banner.*

Pursuant to the call made 12th July in the Yazoo City papers for the organization of a county Medical Society, the following gentlemen were present: B. Yandell, M.D., W. J. Leake, M.D., A. B. Brashear, M.D., C. W. Dortch, M.D., J. H. Wilson, M.D., H. B. Kidd, M.D., W. Y. Gadberry, M.D., J. W. Barnett, M.D., J. R. Barnett, M.D., W. A. L. Potts, M.D., D. W. Brickell, M.D., W. S. Wright, M.D.

On motion of Dr. J. W. Barnett, Dr. Yandell was called to the chair and Dr. Wright appointed Secretary pro tempore.

The object of the meeting was by special request explained by Dr. W. Y. Gadberry, whereupon a Committee, consisting of Dr. Gadberry, J. W. Barnett, Leake, and D. W.

Brickell, was appointed to draft a Constitution . . .

Drs. J. R. Barnett, C. W. Dortch and H. B. Kidd were appointed a special Committee who reported the following gentlemen officers of this Association for the ensuing year, to wit:

Dr. B. Yandell, President; Dr. W. J. Leake, Vice President; Dr. W. S. Wright, Recording Secretary; Dr. D. W. Brickell, Corresp'd'g Secretary; Dr. J. H. Wilson, Treasurer . . .

Resolved, That we cordially approve the resolution of the Jefferson Medical Society suggesting the organization of a State Association, to meet in Jackson on the first Monday in April, 1855 . . .

Summery of the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors 1865-1872

Selected Information Concerning the Courthouse:

October 1865: Sheriff was ordered to demand possession of the courthouse yard and all property belonging to the county and the county jail.

November 1865: The courthouse was moved to Wilson's brick building where the second floor was rented, except for the southwest corner room, for \$100 per month, the move to take place January 1, 1866. The account of O. Winn was credited with \$533.33 in Confederate money for keeping the records of the county from February 5 to July 15, 1865. Thomas H. Nichols was credited with \$125 in greenbacks for the same thing.

March 1866: G. B. Wilkinson, R. S. Hudson and R. S. Holt were appointed a committee to investigate the practicality of building a courthouse. The committee reported later in the term that the courthouse should be built with 10% bonds. They suggested a 75' x 50' building like the Attala County or Madison County Courthouses. They suggested that no architect would be necessary if the plans of either of the above named counties were borrowed. Motion to proceed was tabled.

November 1866: Report of the courthouse committee was brought up again and laid on the table.

June 1869: Committee was appointed to clean off rub-



1850 United States Federal Census

Name:	Jesse Gardner	
Age:	49	
Birth Year:	abt 1801	
Birthplace:	Georgia	
Home in 1850:	Yazoo, Mississippi	
Gender:	Male	
Family Number:	800	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Jesse Gardner	49
	Marry E Gardner	28

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Description:

This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1850 United States Federal Census, the Seventh Census of the United States. Census takers recorded many details including each person's name, age as of the census day, sex, color; birthplace, occupation of males over age fifteen, and more. No relationships were shown between members of a household. Additionally, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1850 Federal Census.

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