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Chronology of Shegetaro Morikubo, D.C.

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Chronology

1906 (Jan): The Chiropractor [2(2)] includes:
-Shegetoro Morikubo writes letter to DD (p. 13):
Dr. D.D. Palmer,

Dear Sir: - A copy of your School Announcement and one of your Chiropractors duly reached me. I thank you very much for them. They interested me.

Years ago, when I was studying at the Tokio Academy of Philosophy, I began to think that the so-called "medical sciences" could not stand any scientific test, that an attempt to heal human diseases by drugs was a superstitious hope of suffering humanity. I read Osteopathy, but I was not satisfied with it. Your science seems to be more rational and scientific in its method. I am very much delighted with the prospect of becoming one of your pupils in the near future.

I am sincerely yours, SHEGETARO MORIKUBO

1906 (Apr/May): The Chiropractor [2(5-6)]; apparently first issue to deal with DD's legal woes:
-reprint of article by Shegetaro Morikubo, "Are American People Free?," from Democrat and Leader, 30 March 1906 (pp. 48-50)

1906 (June): The Chiropractor [2(7)] includes:
-reprint (p. 9):

The Appleton Press, Appleton, Minn., of April 12 '06, says:-
"Dr. S. Morikubo writes us from Davenport, Ia., that he is studying Chiropractic in The Palmer School and Infirmary of Chiropractic at Davenport, and that he considers it a greater science than osteopathy."

-"Chiropractor flies" (p. 12)

E.J. Whipple, Chiropractor, who was to have been tried at La Crosse, Wis., the first of June for faking Osteopathy without a license skipped the state and forfeited his bond rather than come to

trial. His attorney told him it was a good way to avoid a jail sentence. Judge Fruit called the case at the usual time, found the fugitive guilty and imposed a fine of \$75 and costs or a sentence of forty days in the county jail, which District Attorney Bosshard says will be enforced if Whipple again puts his foot in Wisconsin. The papers say that Whipple escaped the law by going from LaCrosse to LaCrescent afoot, and thence to Dakota by team, where he got a train for Winona, Minnesota.

1906 (July): The Chiropractor [2(8)] includes:
-notes speech, "Japanese Christianity," by Shegetao Morikubo at Calvary Baptist Church, reprinted from Davenport Democrat, no date (pp. 5-6)

1906 (Aug/Sept); The Chiropractor [2(9-10)]; BJ repeatedly refers to PSC as the "parent school"; includes:

-Leroy M. Gordon, John F.A. Howard, T.J. Owens, A.A. Erz, Andrew A. Coleman & Shegetaro Morikubo are among those contributing to "How and Why I Became a Student of The P.S.C." (pp. 20-7)

1907 (July 10): photograph of newspaper:



1907 (Aug 14-15): Charles Linning, D.O., D.C. of Oakland CA, a graduate of the PSC and the California College of

Osteopathy, testifies re: the differences between chiropractic and osteopathy at the trial of Shegataro Morikubo, D.C. in LaCrosse WI (Mawhinney, 1984; p. 34-5; Rehm, 1986)

1907: trial of Shegataro Morikubo, D.C. in LaCrosse WI (Rehm, 1986); B.J. Palmer, D.C. notes in **Conflicts Clarify** (Palmer, 1951, p. 94):

We are always mindful of those early days when UCA...used various expedients to defeat medical court prosecutions. We legally squirmed this way and that, here and there. We did not diagnose, treat, or cure disease. We analyzed, adjusted cause, and Innate in patient cured. All were professional matters of fact in science, therefore justifiable in legal use to defeat medical trials and convictions



Photograph of Shegataro Morikubo, D.C.

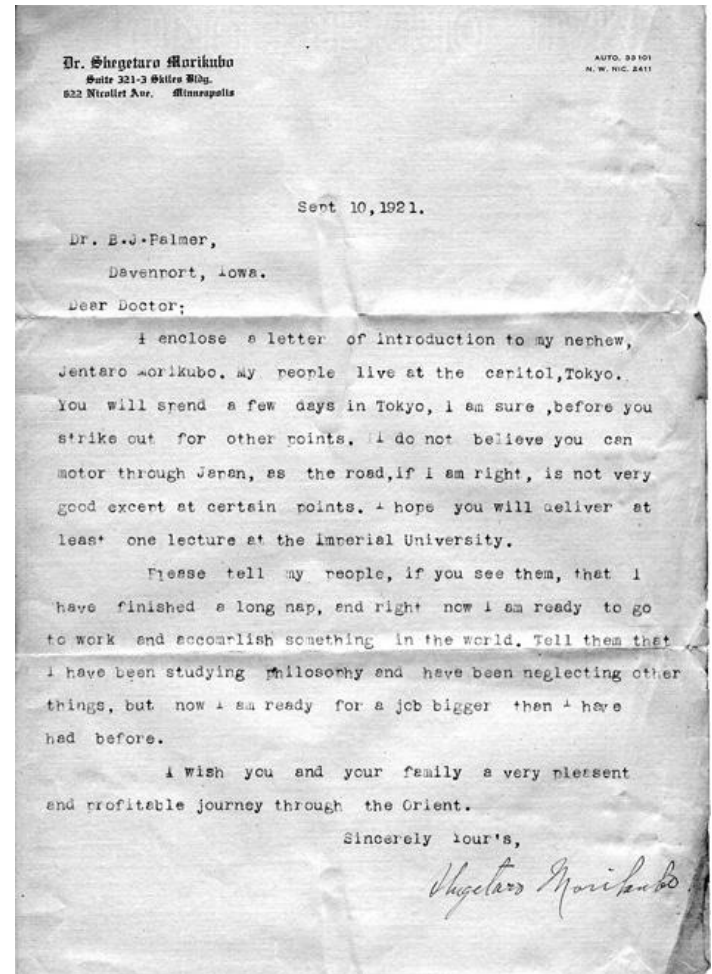
1909 (Jan 1): **The Chiropractor Adjuster** (1[2]) reports:
-D.D. Palmer indicates his awareness of the trial of Shegataro Morikubo, D.C. (p. 20):
...It took the jury just 20 minutes, at LaCrosse, Wis., to determine that Osteopathy and Chiropractic were not one and the same...

1910 (Sept/Oct): **The Chiropractor** [6(9)] includes:
-newly re-elected officers of UCA are: T.J. Owens, D.C., president; Shegataro Morikubo, D.C., VP; B.J. Palmer, D.C., sec'y; M.P. Brown, M.D., D.C., treasurer; Directors: George A. Newsalt, D.C.; P.W. Johnson, D.C.; Darcy McLean, D.C.; Charles Wilson, D.C.; Joe Strand, D.C. (pp. 52-3):

Dr. Owens, the president is business manager of the Palmer School, and one of the best known Chiropractors. Dr. B.J. Palmer, the secretary, is too well known to need an introduction. He is the head and founder of the Palmer School and the developer of Chiropractic. Dr. Brown, the treasurer, is a graduate of the old school of medicine, as well as the new one of Chiropractic. He is one of the leading members of the school's faculty. - The Davenport Democrat and Leader, Wednesday, September 7, 1910.

-“The 1910 U.C.A.” (pp. 64-7)
-transcript of UCA convention proceedings in “Universal Chiropractors Association of 1910” (pp. 77-133), including UCA financial statement for September 1, 1909 thru September 1, 1910 (pp. 130-3)

1915 (July): **The Chiropractor** [11(7)] includes:
-Shegataro Morikubo, D.C., residing at Suite 326, Skiles Bldge in Minneapolis, authors “Chiropractic philosophy” (pp. 13-7)



Photograph of letter from Shegataro Morikubo, D.C. to B.J. Palmer, D.C., 10 September 1921 (courtesy of Simon A. Senzon, D.C.)

1938 (Nov): **Lee W. Edwards**, M.D., D.C. publishes "How far we have come? A pioneer looks back through the years" in **The Chiropractic Journal** [NCA 1938 (Nov); 7(11):11-2]; credits **Tom Morris** with formulating "a philosophy and science of Chiropractic in order that he might" win acquittal in the **Morikubo** case

2003 (Sept 11): e-mail from Stephan Troyanovich, D.C. (drtroy@davesworld.net):

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