Daniel David Palmer was born near Toronto, Ontario in 1845.

Did you know..?

- D.D. held many professions prior to his discovery of chiropractic: grocer, fruit farmer, school teacher, and beekeeper, amongst others.
- At age 40, D.D. opened a magnetic healing practice in the Ryan Building located in downtown Davenport in 1885. For the record, B.J. would have been 4 years old at the time.
- A statue was erected of D. D. Palmer to honor him & the chiropractic profession in Port Perry, Ontario.

To learn more about D. D. Palmer, check out our online resource guide [library.palmer.edu/DDPalmer] & see the reverse for an extensive list of resources about D.D. Palmer & the first chiropractic adjustment available for checkout in the library.

William Harvey Lillard—The First ‘Patient’: 1856-1925

Little is known about the man whose hearing condition brought forth the first chiropractic adjustment.

Interesting facts about Harvey Lillard:

- He was an entrepreneur — the owner of the janitorial business who was contracted to clean the Ryan Building where D. D. Palmer’s magnetic healing office was located.
- According to his family, Lillard continued to receive chiropractic treatment after his hearing was restored.
- Lillard’s descendants were often seen on Palmer’s campus during Homecoming events & Founder’s Day celebrations.

To read Harvey Lillard’s testimony, see the reverse.
Books by & about D. D. Palmer, & the Early Days of Chiropractic

Circulating Titles

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- Text-book of the science, art, and philosophy of chiropractic for students and practitioners
  
- Chips from Sweet Home: Writings of D.D. Palmer 1869-1881 by Todd Waters
  
- Old Dad Chiro: A Biography of D. D. Palmer by Vern Gielow
  
- The Secret History of Chiropractic: D.D.’s Spiritual Writings by Simon Senzon
  
  
- Chiropractic: an Illustrated History by Dennis Peterson & Glenda Wiese
  
- D.D. Palmer’s Portable Library, compiled by D. D. Palmer
  
- Healing Hands: the story of the Palmer Family, Discoverers & Developers of Chiropractic
  
- D.D. Palmer’s early years: his path to the discovery of chiropractic by Gary Street
  
- The chiropractic adjuster: a compilation of the writings of D.D. Palmer by D. D. Palmer

Testimony of Harvey Lillard regarding the events surrounding the first chiropractic adjustment, printed in the January 1897 issue of The Chiropractor

To view issues of D.D. Palmer’s publication, *The Chiropractor*, or see other interesting artifacts from the early days of chiropractic, visit Special Services, located on the first floor of the library. Open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.—5 p.m.