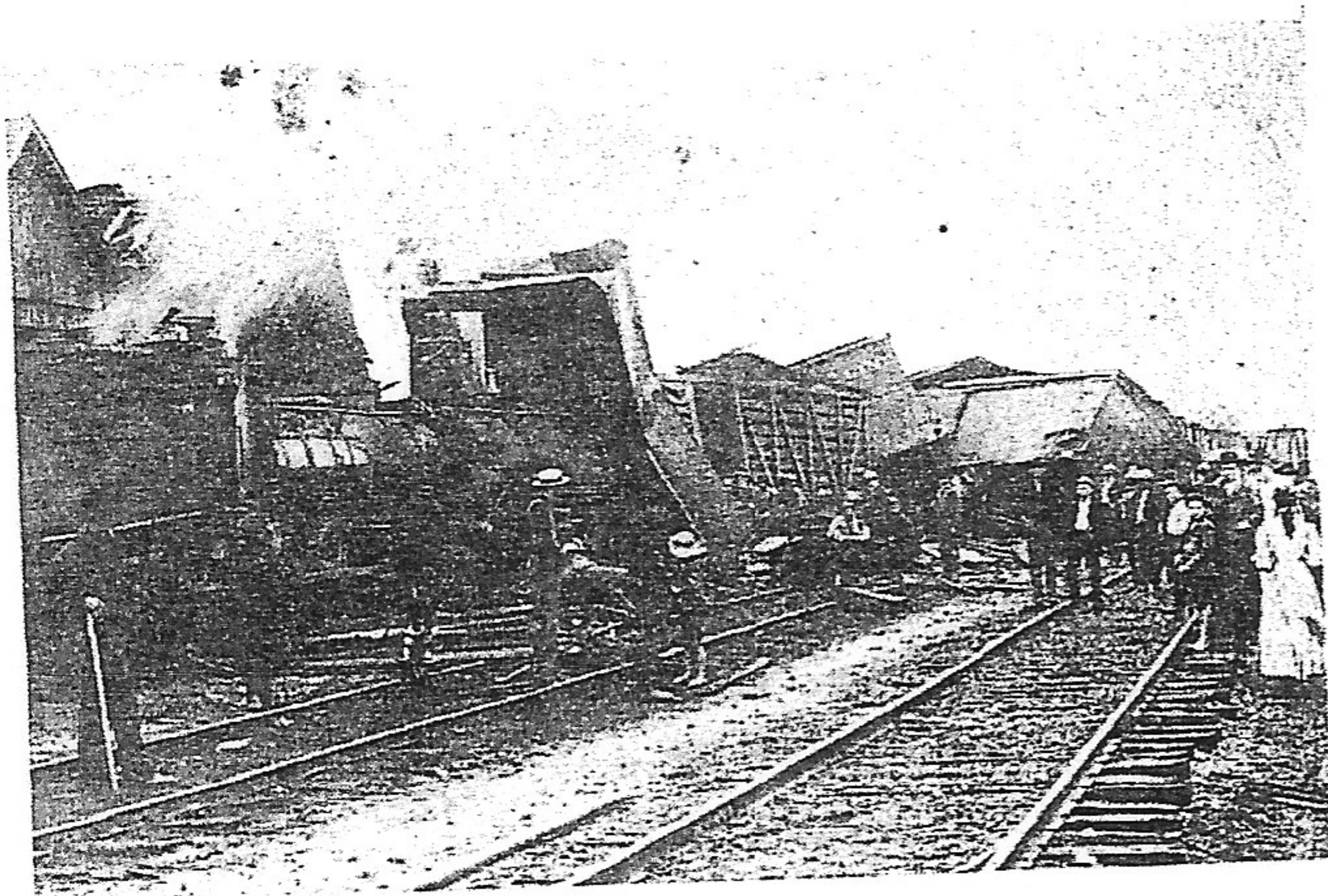


fire bell aroused the entire population between two and three o'clock in the morning. The retaining walls of Tibbit's Branch and Beasley's Branch overflowed causing not only the flooding of homes, but a current to flow through the village making it extremely dangerous to navigate and impossible to reach many homes. Some places were surrounded by from four to twelve feet of water and it reached within a few feet of the corner of Main and Central Ave. Many citizens were rescued from their homes by boats, rafts and other devices. The electric plant was flooded, leaving the town in darkness. Live stock, personal property and real estate were lost. The flood of 1913 was not a local one but extended all through the Miami Valley and relief was given to victims as far away as Dayton. Since 1913 Camden has suffered floods almost every year, all recalling the conditions of 1913 and everybody comparing each with that year. None have equalled it and while some years the water was possibly as high, there has been no indication of a repetition of the damage done at that time.

Since the railway has been operating through Camden, there have been many wrecks; some doing slight damage and some doing heavy damage. Most have been freight trains but in some instances passenger trains have been involved. On Sept. 5, 1891 occurred one of Camden's most disastrous



Train wreck in Camden on Sept. 5, 1891.

wrecks. The headlines of the Preble County News read—"An interrupted dinner. The engine of the east-bound local freight train, pulling a load of wheat, jumped the track and ran into the home of Aaron Garver." In May 1894, the freight train No.

82, was south-bound about 1 P.M. A drawbar pulled out which caused eight cars loaded with live stock to become derailed and completely demolished. The bodies of 62 head of hogs, sheep, and calves were strewn along the tracks. After several hours of work, the wreck was cleared and the later trains could pass. No human lives were lost. In 1909 the Preble County News reported—"Six die in the worst wreck ever experienced in this section; due to an open switch. Charles A. Johnson, a former Camdenite, was one of the victims." In 1947 a troop train crashed into the station, causing considerable damage. In the many years that the trains have been running through Camden, trains have crashed into trucks and passenger cars at the crossings. At these times deaths and property losses have been heavy.

#### OUR DOCTORS

In addition to the men pictured below, the following doctors, of whom we have no pictures, practiced in Camden. They are listed according to the dates in Camden:

Early days (Before Newcomb was incorporated)

- Dr. Walter Buell (lived in Eaton)
- Dr. Day (Only short time)
- Dr. Mount (Only short time)
- Dr. Ira A. Parker

1839-1851—Dr. McWilliams

1846 —Dr. Wyman Carroll (Died the same year he came to Camden)

1846-1847—Dr. Garret V. Hopkins (Known as "Steamer" or "Thompsonian" Doctor)

1846-1847—Dr. Connor (Known as "Steamer" or "Thompsonian" Doctor)

1847-1851—Dr. William R. Winton

1848-1864—Dr. Stevens

1850 —Dr. Crews (did not remain long)

1863-1864—Dr. William Gilmore (Father of Dr. A. H. Gilmore)

1859-1863—Dr. O. G. Potts

1870-1875—Dr. Zebulon Brown

1870-1871—Dr. John Bruce

1877- ? —Dr. Boyd

1880-1889—Dr. William Wesley Canny

- 1873-1877—Dr. O. E. Francis  
 1919-1920—Dr. Riley Spitler (Neuropathic physician) (3 days a week)  
 1937. ? —Dr. R. I. Mitchell (Chiropractor) (Three days a week)  
 1939. —Dr. Williamson (In charge of Dr. Barnhiser's practice during his absence)  
 1942 —Dr. Vera Combs Iber (Office hours only)  
 1942-1945—Dr. James R. Glier  
 1946-1951—Dr. Dale Kessler  
 1956-1958—Dr. Nicholas J. Fiel  
 1956 (summer only)—Dr. Archer B. Parham

Dr. Azel Pierce and Dr. John Whittaker were both graduate physicians but neither of them followed the profession. Dr. Pierce was a banker and Dr. Whittaker was a druggist. Dr. Pierce was born in Camden (1849-1910) and Dr. Whittaker came to Camden in 1856 and died here in 1900.

Dr. Davis of Hamilton, took Dr. McKinley's office hours for a few years when he was on vacation.



**Dr. Robert Homsher —**  
 practiced in Camden 1849-1888



**Dr. Lurton Dunham —**  
 practiced in Camden 1832-1867



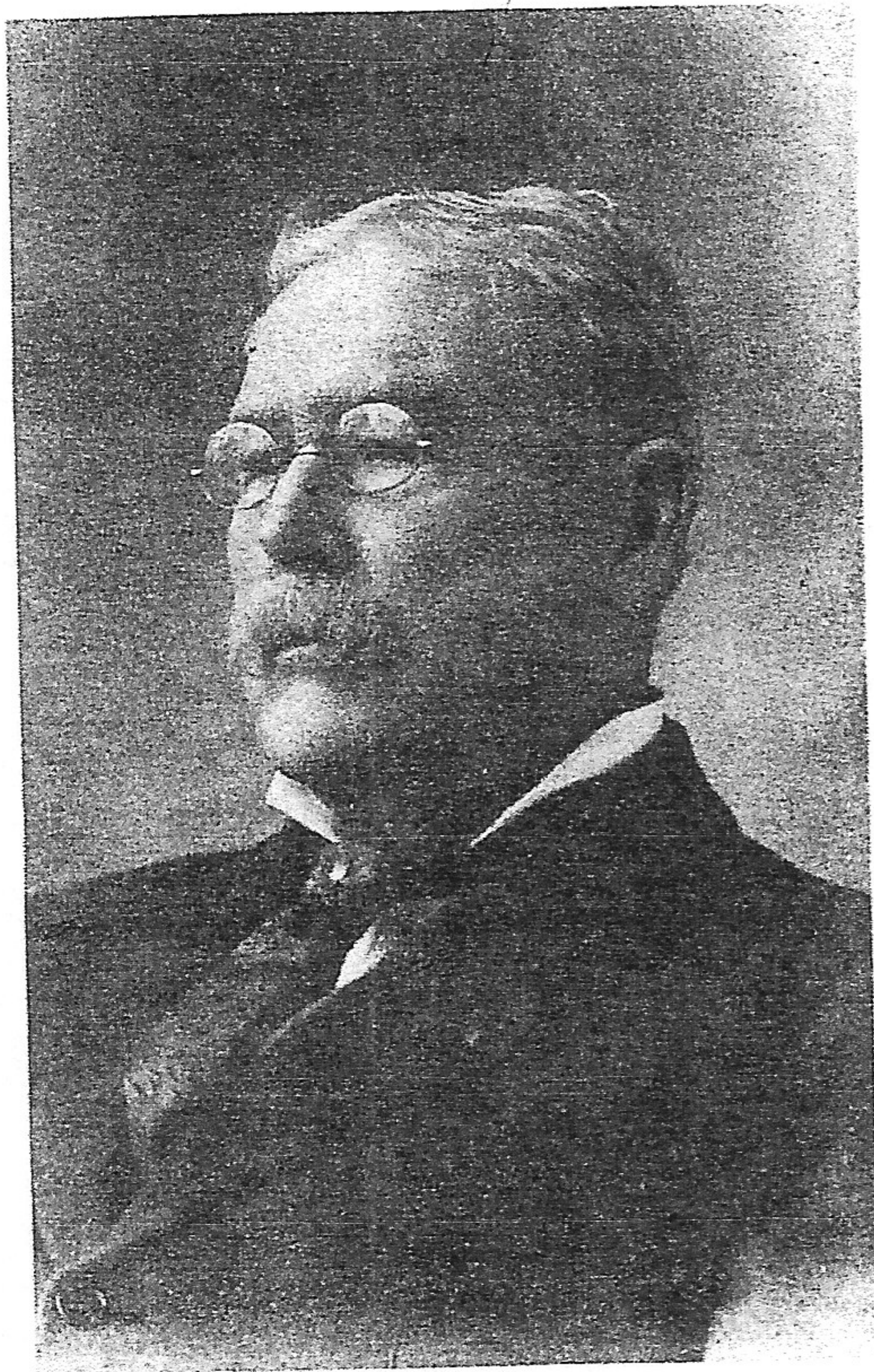
**Dr. James S. Ferguson —**  
 practiced in Camden 1866-1912



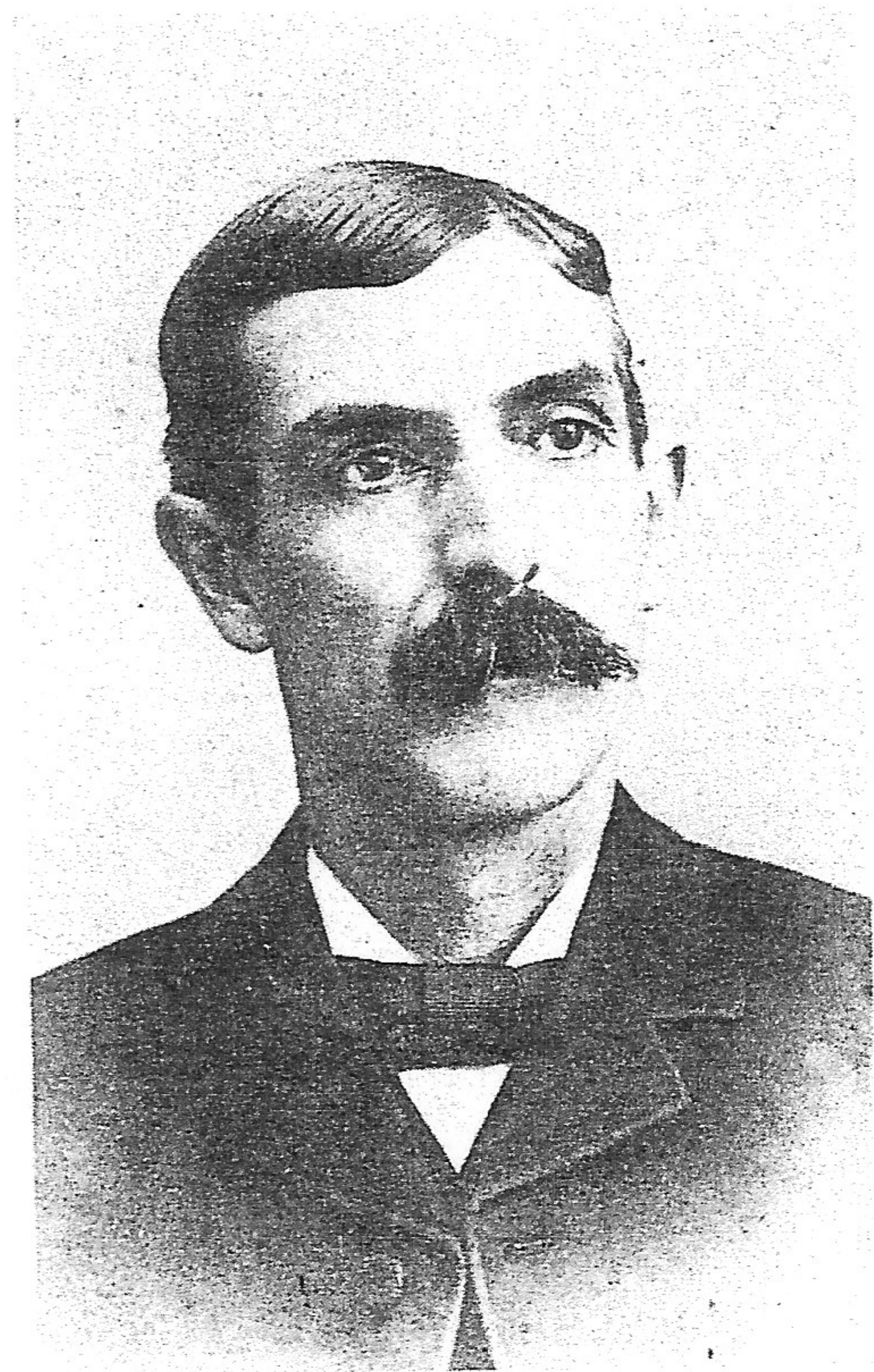
Dr. Charles C. Jones —  
practiced in Camden 1881-1891



Dr. Wm. E. Pryor —  
practiced in Camden 1888-1927



Dr. George W. Homsher —  
practiced in Camden 1887-1926



Dr. Benjamin Perlee —  
practiced in Camden 1890-1894



**Dr. Daniel W. McQueen —  
practiced in Camden 1892-1930**



**Dr. A. H. Gilmore —  
practiced in Camden 1924-1936**



**Dr. J. W. Coombs —  
practiced in Camden 1901-1942**



**Dr. Von B. Barnhiser —  
practiced in Camden 1928-1955**



Dr. Charles E. McKinley —  
practiced in Camden 1930-1966



Although the above picture does not show a qualified doctor at work and perhaps should not be grouped with such distinguished men as the previous doctors, however, it does show that some Camdenites believed in the treatments offered by the traveling Medicine Companies who sent their patent medicine representatives through the country. They usually were accompanied by a group of entertainers with free shows in the Opera House or on the street. Mr. Jim Brennan is getting such a treatment with Mr. W. W. Appleby looking on. About 1890.



Dr. F. J. Daugherty 1967-