

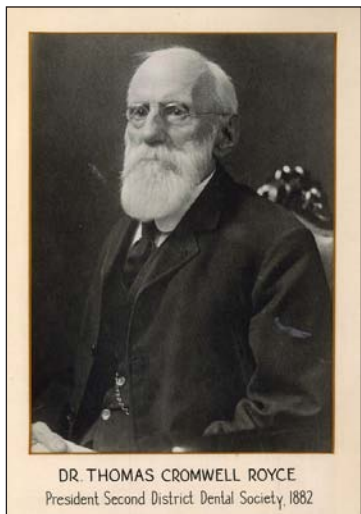
SDDS Presidents: A History

This Month: Dr. Royce and Dickey

Dr. Thomas Cromwell Royce was the 12th President of the SDDS in 1882. He was also the Vice President of the SDDS 10 years earlier in 1872. Dr. T.C. Royce was born in Waterloo, NY in 1824. His father Dr. Roderick Royce was a surgeon in the war of 1812 and practiced medicine in Monticello.

Dr. Roderick Royce taught Thomas's older brother William A. Royce so sufficiently that he was able to attend the Medical College of Fairfield, NY and graduate with a MD degree. William then went on to practice medicine and dentistry in Fishkill on Hudson. After a while he gave up medicine and concentrated only on dentistry when he went to learn from Dr. Eleazar Parmly. He then associated with Dr. Easterly. In 1848 he started a practice in Newburgh, but due to an eyesight accident he retired and gave his practice to Dr. George S. Allen (brother of SDDS 9th president Dr. Charles Allen) who was assisting him for a year. William was also an associate of his brother Thomas and Dr. L.S. Straw (2nd and 19th President of SDDS) in Newburgh.

Dr. Thomas Royce read his thesis, "The use of pure tin to solder teeth temporarily and permanently to plates, and as a load to lower jaw setting" at the Baltimore college of dental surgeons in March 1853. He had learned about cast tin bases from his brother William, who was also very inventive. His brother had experimented with an early design for a dental engine and hand piece, and even received a patent for a "pneumatic condenser." Dr. Thomas C. Royce is listed as the 126th graduate of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgeons. The



DR. THOMAS CROMWELL ROYCE
President Second District Dental Society, 1882

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In 1854, Dr. T.C. Royce moved to Middletown, New York and began the practice of Dentistry. He was married in 1856 to Anna Louisa Sweet and had a son, Frederick Cromwell Royce and daughter, Elizabeth Aurelia. His son, Dr. Frederick C. Royce, would later go on to become the 45th President of the SDDS. This would make them the first Father-Son presidents in the history of the SDDS. Currently, the only other Father-Son presidents are Dr. Robert Halikias (115th President of the SDDS) and Dr. John Halikias

(125th President of the SDDS).

Dr. Thomas C. Royce was the inventor of the "Royce's Forceps Beaks" which were forceps used for placing rubber dam clamps. Some of the rubber dam clamps at the time happened to be designed by Dr. Charles Allen (9th president of SDDS)! The rubber dam was discovered in 1864 by Dr. Sandford C. Barnum in Monticello, New York. He used the dam to protect his caries preparation from saliva. This monumental discovery is still so important today.

Before the SDDS was organized, a group of approximately 20 dentists met in Poughkeepsie, New York on March 28th 1867 to start a dental society. This dental society which included dentists from towns

on or near the Hudson River was officially organized on April 25th 1867 as the Hudson River Association of Dental Surgeons. Dr. T.C. Royce was elected its first treasurer. The society would have 3 meetings per year. The Hudson society seemed to take off and by the May 12th 1869's semiannual meeting at Odd Fellows' Hall in Poughkeepsie, it was considered one of the "largest and most important dental societies" in New York with membership of about 100 dentists. That year Dr. T.C. Royce was elected their First Vice President and Dr. L. S. Straw (2nd and 19th President of SDDS) was elected their President and Dr. Chas. F. Allen (9th president of SDDS) their treasurer. The society even sent 5 delegates to represent them at the ADA's meeting.

Dr. T.C. Royce was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Middletown which he joined in 1863. Dr. Thomas Royce also had a branch office in Monticello and would often visit there with his wife. Dr. Royce died in 1908 at 84 years of age.

Dr. Erskine Dickey

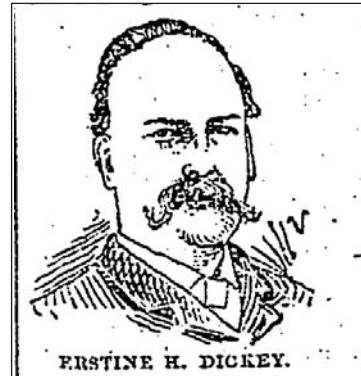
Dr. Erskine Hebert Dickey was the 13th President of the SDDS in 1883. Dr. Dickey was also the vice president of the Brooklyn Dental Society in 1880. He was born in the town of Acworth in Sullivan County New Hampshire on May 25th 1841. Dr. E. H. Dickey was one of nine siblings. His brother John L. Dickey was a dentist in New York City but died at the early age of 23. When Erskine was 21 years old he left his work at the farm and moved to New York to pursue a career in dentistry. In 1862 he moved to Brooklyn.

When the Civil War stormed Dr. Dickey left his home and on January 4th 1864 enlisted for 3 years, but served until the war

ended when he was mustered out on June 16, 1865. He was a Private in the First Regiment New Jersey Light Artillery, Battery B from Newark, New Jersey. This was a very famous Regiment and there are a number of books that mention their bravery and capability in their many battles. Lucky for them they had a good dentist to help alleviate their teeth pain. In the book *History and Commercial and Industrial Record of the County of Kings and the City of Brooklyn New York from 1683 to 1864 Volume 2* by Henry R. Stiles. It says; "... Dr. Dickey attended to the needs of the men professionally. Upon a stump, or any other convenient substitute for a dental chair, the patient was seated, the instruments were scattered ready at hand upon the ground and, surrounded by a hundred or more interested spectators, the work of torture began. The Doctor tells his army experiences with pardonable pride; he served his country actively; his professional knowledge was very largely augmented, and into his purse fell day by day from ten to fifteen bright gold dollars."

After the war he returned to Brooklyn and married Matilda M. Kendall in 1870. She was born in England, and they had two daughters Emma M. and Florance M.

Dr. Erskine H. Dickey was a member of the Brooklyn Board of Education from 1886-1892 and was Vice-President in 1887



Picture from the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, Oct. 29 1893 (note the misspelling)

also elected delegate to the General Committee of the 13th Ward. Dec. 4th 1888 The Brooklyn Daily Eagle announced that Dr. Erskine Dickey would run against 3 others for president of the 13th Ward Democratic Association. (Dr. Dickey won the election.)

On May 28, 1889 the newspaper wrote in support of Dr. Dickey, who was President of the 13th ward Democratic Association, for reappointed to the Board of Education stating that "Mr. Dickey is a dentist, a hard student and devoted to the interests of the schools". The members of the Brooklyn Board of Education were elected for three years without salary by the Mayor of New York. Dr. Dickey was initially appointed to a three-year term by the previous Mayor Whitney of Brooklyn. Each year the Mayor was allowed to appoint 15 members and the paper noted that the Mayor's term was only two years, which would mean that he could effectively replace most of

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Adjoining Wall House, BROOKLYN, E. D.

Advertisement in "How to See New York and its Environs" by Robert Macoy, 1875.

and 1888. During his tenure he was on a number of committees. In his last year he was chairman of the Eastern District Library Committee.

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle Newspaper gives a good timeline account of Dr. Dickey's political career after being president of the SDDS. He was featured in many issues of the paper and some of the achievements mentioned in the Newspaper were:

Dr. Dickey was a supervisor of elections for the primaries of the Democratic General Committee held in 1878 and 1879. On Sept. 8th 1888 Dr. Dickey was appointed to a committee to procure suitable Headquarters for the 13th Ward Democratic association.

That same year Dr. Dickey was

the board to continue his agenda way past his term as Mayor. The current Mayor Chapin had not yet made a decision whether to reappoint him at that time.

July 3, 1889: Four school principals of the Eastern District wrote to Mayor Chapin about how happy they were to have Erskine H. Dickey reappointed to the Brooklyn Board of Education.

Feb. 6, 1891: Dr. Dickey gave a short address to the attendees of the closing exercises of Evening High School. The Eagle reported that Dr. Dickey was well known.

In 1892, the new Mayor Body did not reappoint Dr. Dickey to the Board of Education. However, this did not deter Dr. Dickey in his political pursuits. In 1893 he won

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sdds board of trustees minutes

September 10, 2012 Board of Trustees Meeting

President, Dr. Pavlakos, called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

PRESENT WERE: Drs. Pavlakos, Medrano-Saldana, Buccigrossi, Mindlin, Ariola, Segelnick, Ratner, LoPresti, Albicocco, Bongiorno, Brustein, Buchalter, Halikias, Lerner, Lieb, McIntyre, Oshrain, Pasquale, Reyes, Rosenwein, Sconzo, Seminara and Weseley.

EXCUSED WAS: Dr. Parikh

GUESTS WERE: Dr. Pavlakos welcomed Drs. Spencer, Rausch, and R. Halikias

Motion Passed: To accept the minutes of the June 4, 2012 meeting.

DECEASED MEMBERS: Dr. Silvia Perez-Spies - New York University, 1979
Dr. Louis Somma - New York University, 1958

PROPOSAL AND ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS:

Dr. Adrienne Cicero - U of Pennsylvania, 2008
Dr. Scott Kenyon - U of Pennsylvania, 2007
Dr. Jonathon Korngold - NYU, 2010
Dr. Charles Lu - NYU, 2007
Dr. Bradley Schnebel - U of Pennsylvania, 2008

REINSTATEMENTS: Dr. John Albano - UMD-

NJ, 1994
Dr. Vincent Augello - NYU, 2004

Dr. Robert Gorgoglione - NYU, 2006
Dr. Linda Kotmel - Med College Virginia, 1989
Dr. Debbie Ollivierre-Noel - Maryland, 1987

TRANSFERS:

Dr. Stanley Alexander - Tufts University, 1975
Dr. Saar Amrani - Nova SE University, 2003
Dr. Jennifer Plotnick - McGill University, 2004
Dr. Anna Tam - Howard University, 2010

RESIDENTS: See listing on page 5 of the November 2012 SDDS Bulletin

ANNOUNCEMENTS: See "Calendar."

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you notes from Mrs. Tina Segelnick and Dr. Robert Griswold. E-mail from Dr. Steven Gounardes re: resignation from Oral Health Committee.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:

Dr. Pavlakos - President
• Gave an update on the status of Dr Edwab's contract. Voting on the approval will be done via e-mail once contract is finalized by the attorney.
Dr. Parikh - President-Elect : Excused
Dr. Medrano - Vice President: Progress
Dr. Buccigrossi - Secretary: Progress
Dr. Mindlin - Treasurer
• Gave a report of the balances in all our accounts.
Dr. Ariola - Librarian Cura-

tor: Progress
Mr. Bernard Hackett - Executive Director (previously mailed)

• Thanked Drs. Senzer, Rausch and Pavlakos on the great job they did working on Dr Edwab's contract.

• Dr. Ian Lerner was elected by the organization committee of the GNYDM to be General Chairman Elect. He will serve as general chairman in 2014.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: GNYDM - Dr. Rausch
Dr. Rausch gave an in detail report of Dr Edwab's proposed contract.

Publications Committee - Dr. Lieb

The 2013 editorial staff will consist of Drs. Ratner (editor), Horowitz (editor emeritus), Albicocco, Ariola, Buchalter, Lieb, Medrano, Pasquale, Reyes, Sconzo and Segelnick.
The NYSDA Reporter position is vacant and will be done in house until one can be identified.

Nominating Committee - Dr. Pavlakos (previously mailed)

Constitution and Bylaws Committee - Dr. Medrano (action required)

Motion Passed: That the following amendments to the SDDS Constitution and Bylaws be approved by the Board of Trustees and published in the October Bulletin and website for consideration and approval at the October general membership meeting:

1) Article XIX Section 2A

2a "Postpone temporarily (lay on the table)" should be changed to "Table" (and according to the new authority requires a 2/3 vote).
2) Article XIX, Section 2A 3a "Main motion and restorative main motions"; the word "restorative" should be replaced with the word "specific."
3) Article XV, Section 3A "Reading of the minutes of the last meeting"; change the word "reading" to "approval."

Motion Passed: That the Constitution and Bylaws be amended as follows: (additions indicated in underlined bold italic, deletions indicated in strikethrough).

Article XII. COMPOSITION AND DUTIES OF STANDING AND ELECTED COMMITTEES

Section 22: Oral Health Committee

A. Composition: This Committee shall consist of the Chair and at least twenty (20) members, at least one of whom shall be from the Branch Societies. Each year at the annual election, five members shall be appointed, each to serve for a term of four years. A member who has served on this committee for at least one year shall be selected by the President to serve as Chair for a term of one year.

B. Duties: It shall be the duty of this committee to serve as the oral health education agency of this Society.

The Chair of this Committee shall be a member of the Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry Committee and of the Membership and Communications Committee.

It shall render an annual written report to the Board of Trustees.

Article XIII. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS, TRUSTEES, REPRESENTATIVES AND DELEGATES

Section 1: Nominations
Nominations shall be made at the October General Membership Meeting for the following Offices: President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian-Curator. Nominations shall also be made for the following New York State Dental Association Councils, Committees, Boards and Delegations when the vacancy exists or for any new positions that are created.

A. Offices:

1. Board of Trustees of this Society for a term of two years.

2. five members of the Oral Health Committee of this Society for a term of four years

The resolutions of amendment as approved by the Board will be published in the Bulletin and the website. Final approval will be sought from the membership at the October 8 General Membership meeting.

NYSDA REPORTS:
NYSDA Council on Ethics - Dr. Pavlakos (previously mailed)

Groupon is considered fee splitting.
NYSDA House of Delegates Caucus Mr. Hackett (previously mailed)
There will be a \$10.00 increase in dues on the NYSDA side after a drawdown from NYSDA reserves.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Still working out the details for document shredding

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD AND WELFARE:

• Dr. Oshrain mentioned that Dr. Horowitz is home recuperating.

• Dr. Sconzo thanked everyone who supported him on his swim/run marathon.

• Dr. Weseley thanked Dr. Pavlakos on his great job working on Dr. Edwab's contract.

• Dr. Ariola mentioned that Dr. Gounardes' son is running for State Senate.

• Dr. Ratner thanked our delegates for all their hard work at the NYSDA Meeting. He mentioned that Mission of Mercy in Albany has been postponed for one year and that Dr. Brian Kennedy is now heading the effort. He stated that the Governor has signed the I-STOP legislation that all narcotic scripts will have to be e-scripted.

• Dr. Ratner also plans to formally announce his run for Speaker of the House of NYSDA.

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.



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the Democratic primary for Supervisor of the 13th Ward (which used to be part of Williamsburg). "The Board of Supervisors of Kings County was the legislative body governing Kings County, New York. Taxes, bonds, and other county related laws were passed by the Board of Supervisors so long as the laws did not conflict with state or federal laws. A board member was elected from each ward in Kings County and an elected supervisor-at-large presided over the board. The supervisor-at-large had the power to veto the resolutions of the board." (Brooklyn Historical Society guide to the Board of Supervisors of Kings County Collection ARC.049)

I'd like to thank Mr. Andy McCarthy, Reference Librarian with the Brooklyn Historical Society who clarified the Supervisor position with the following

information: The Supervisor held office for two years. The Daily Eagle Almanac describes the office as a legislative body with the "power to pass laws on all county matters." 34 members are headed by the elected Supervisor-at-large, who can "veto the resolutions of the Board," and has "the power of appointment of the Board of Charities and Corrections."

Wards at the time were political regions, but were eliminated in 1938. The Wards could also elect their own Alderman and Assistant Alderman to the City Council. In 1898 when Brooklyn was merged into New York City as one of the five boroughs there were 32 Wards.

On Oct. 29, 1893 Dr. Erskine Dickey's picture was depicted in the paper as a candidate for supervisor of the 13th ward. Dr.

Dickey wound up losing the election to Joseph Enderlin the republican candidate who was born in France and was in the steam engineering business. This seemed to put a stop to Dr. Dickey's political career. If any one has any more information on his service to Brooklyn please email me at eperiodr@aol.com

Dr. Dickey was also involved in other leadership positions. He was a Mason and is listed as an officer (Grand Principal Sojourner 1886-1888) of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of N.Y. and a Past Eminent Commander (1878) of Dewitt Clinton Commandery no. 27. He was elected Dictator of Dewitt Clinton Lodge, nights of Honor, and appointed District Deputy Grand Dictator for the Second District in 1880. He was also a past Commander of the Grand

Army of the Republic (GAR) post 362 which was a fraternal organization of veterans of the Civil War with powerful political clout. E.H. Dickey was a representative at the 22nd annual Session of the National Encampment Grand Army of the Republic in 1888 and was also Quartermaster of his local chapter. He was Supreme president of the National Benevolent Legion in 1894.

Dr. Erskine H. Dickey was a very well-known political figure in Brooklyn that gave tirelessly of himself for his community and especially for the educational needs of Brooklyn. He died on July 19, 1910 of apoplexy.

- **Stuart L. Segelnick, D.D.S., M.S.**
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