



## **Landmark Biographical Dictionary on Black Physicians Delights Medical Historians, Families**

*Africana Homestead Legacy Publishers has released the Biographical Dictionary of American Physicians of African Ancestry, 1800-1920 compiled by Geraldine Rhoades Beckford. Almost 3,000 entries propel the individual and collective history of early black physicians to their rightful place in the history of Medicine in the United States.*

Cherry Hill, NJ ([PRWEB](#)) April 7, 2011 -- The eagerly awaited "Biographical Dictionary of American Physicians of African Ancestry, 1800-1920" is on sale now. Compiled by Geraldine Rhoades Beckford, this fantastic dictionary presents almost 3,000 entries. That number is the largest number of biographical profiles on 19th- and early 20th-century black medical pioneers in the U.S. ever documented. Published by Africana Homestead Legacy Publishers (AHLP) of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, the dictionary is available in hardcover and softcover editions. Buyers can obtain copies at AHLP's storefront at Amazon.com ([http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss?url=me%3DA3JJWK4324SANK&field-keywords=Geraldine+Beckford&x=20&y=22](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=me%3DA3JJWK4324SANK&field-keywords=Geraldine+Beckford&x=20&y=22)), Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com, and other online retailers.

Formally trained and self-taught men and women born in the U.S., Canada, Africa, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America served U.S. communities and beyond. Entries provide the physician's birth and death dates, place of practice, medical school and year of graduation, birthplace, parents, spouse, and children, when known. The geographical index and general index will help scholars and general readers alike.

"What an amazing treasure! ... a unique and informative reference work ... This volume directs researchers to vital information about the first century of African American physicians. Geraldine Rhoades Beckford has meticulously and accurately identified graduates of predominantly white and historically black medical schools and has produced a volume that is the starting point for anyone doing research on physician. I highly recommend this an invaluable comprehensive reference guide." Darlene Clark Hine, Professor of African American Studies and History, Northwestern University, author of "The African-American Odyssey."

"What a great gift this book will be to all of us who do research on and care about the history of early African American physicians. The book will serve as a most useful reference tool to corroborate information already gathered and to provide leads for places to seek further data. It will sit on the bookshelf closest to my desk for quick and handy use. I applaud Ms. Beckford for her efforts (no mean task) in gathering all this material. Hats off!" Todd Savitt, Department of Bioethics and Interdisciplinary Studies, Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University.

Before retiring to complete her research, Geraldine Rhoades Beckford, a resident of New York City, was an information analyst and a cataloging librarian in the public and private sectors. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Chemistry at City College of New York, a Masters in Library Science at Long Island University, and completed postgraduate studies in History at City University in New York. She belongs to the Organization of American Historians (OAH), the Association of the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the Schomburg Society, the Afro-American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier, and the American Society for Indexing.

Beckford is also the author of entries for Doctors Caroline Still Anderson, Lucy H. Brown, Thomas W. Burton, and Eliza A. Grier in the 8-volume set, "African American National Biography" (Oxford University Press,



2008). She currently freelances as an analyst and indexer of scientific and technical publications while writing a history of African American physicians from 1880 to 1920.

Published March 22, 2011, and 512 pages, the retail price of the hardcover edition, ISBN 978-0-9831151-4-4, is \$125 and the retail price of the softcover edition (ISBN 978-0-9831151-5-1) is \$90. AHLP's sale through May 15, 2011, gives a 50% discount on both editions. The Amazon.com product page allows buyer's to preview the contents through Search Inside the Book [http://www.amazon.com/Biographical-Dictionary-American-Physicians-1800-1920/dp/0983115141/ref=tmm\\_hrd\\_title\\_0?ie=UTF8&qid=1302057359&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Biographical-Dictionary-American-Physicians-1800-1920/dp/0983115141/ref=tmm_hrd_title_0?ie=UTF8&qid=1302057359&sr=1-1).

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