

Portland, Dec. 4, '59

Dr. R. O. Ketchum

Bend, Oregon,

Dear Sir,

Your letter written Nov. 24th to my son John in Tacoma, he sent to me thinking I could perhaps tell you more than he could.

In some ways you told me things I may have known but it's so many years ago I just can't remember.

First, Eva Marsh was not John's mother. I never knew Eva as she was very ill when I first met Dr. I don't know the year she passed away. I met Dr. first when he was sent to us by a Dr. Koch who was treating me and my sister who was very ill at that time we didn't know what was wrong but it proved to be cancer. Dr. Koch became frightened at her condition and asked to bring Dr. Marsh with him to see her. The result of that visit was that he took the case and Dr. Koch insisted I change to as Dr. M. could do so much <sup>more</sup> for me than he could. My sister was helped immediately but of course took years before she was



told the cancer was gone. Dr. Marsh was away at the time the cancer passed, a Dr. Powell was taking care of her while Dr. Marsh was away & I really felt he didn't know as much about her as I did and that was nothing except to give her such care as I could. The result was when she was able to be around she was paralyzed & had to learn to walk - which she did by pushing a chair in front of her. Dr. Marsh said he believed if he had been in Portland when it happened she would not have been paralyzed. I can't remember the year that was but it was probably 1912-13. I didn't know him earlier. He was in the Liedner Bldg. at that time. We were married in 1914. In 1916 we went to Nova Scotia and were there five years. He went back to help his father who was getting old with the farm, but when people found he was a doctor and had done some marvelous things he gave up the farm (in a small village) they kept him very busy. We moved to a small town not too far



from Halifax. He did well but we were both homesick for Portland so came back. He practised most of the time here except for a few months when he went to Eastern Oregon. I have Dr's diplomas but I don't know just where they are. I know he was a B. J. Palmer graduate. He had a heart condition but never said much about it. He was so active and quick one would never know to look at him that he wasn't the strongest ever. He dropped suddenly while giving me a treatment. That was Dec. 11-1938. I'll tell you who might give you more information if you haven't been in touch with him is Dr. J. E. LaValley. He was a good friend of my husband and knew him in the early days. His address is 5840 N. E. 16th Ave. I have a copy of the International Review of Chiropractic September 1956. There is an article in that that tells of Dr. LaValley and his years of service for chiropractic. He retired a number of years ago and I haven't found a man yet that I have the confidence



in that I had in Dr. Marsh + Dr. LaValley  
Dr. LaValley just took over for me and  
my family, I have a daughter older  
than John. I really believe I wouldn't  
be here today if it hadn't been for his  
care and friendship when we were left  
alone. He was 87 last August and  
not too well, but he says he still gives  
a few adjustments. I insist I see him  
but I don't go as he hasn't the strength  
and we live so far apart it isn't con-  
venient. I'm sorry I cannot give  
you more information you want and  
I do hope I haven't taken too much of your  
time in writing so much personal things  
in my life with Dr. Marsh.

Best wishes for the new year

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. E. (Bessie R.) Marsh.

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