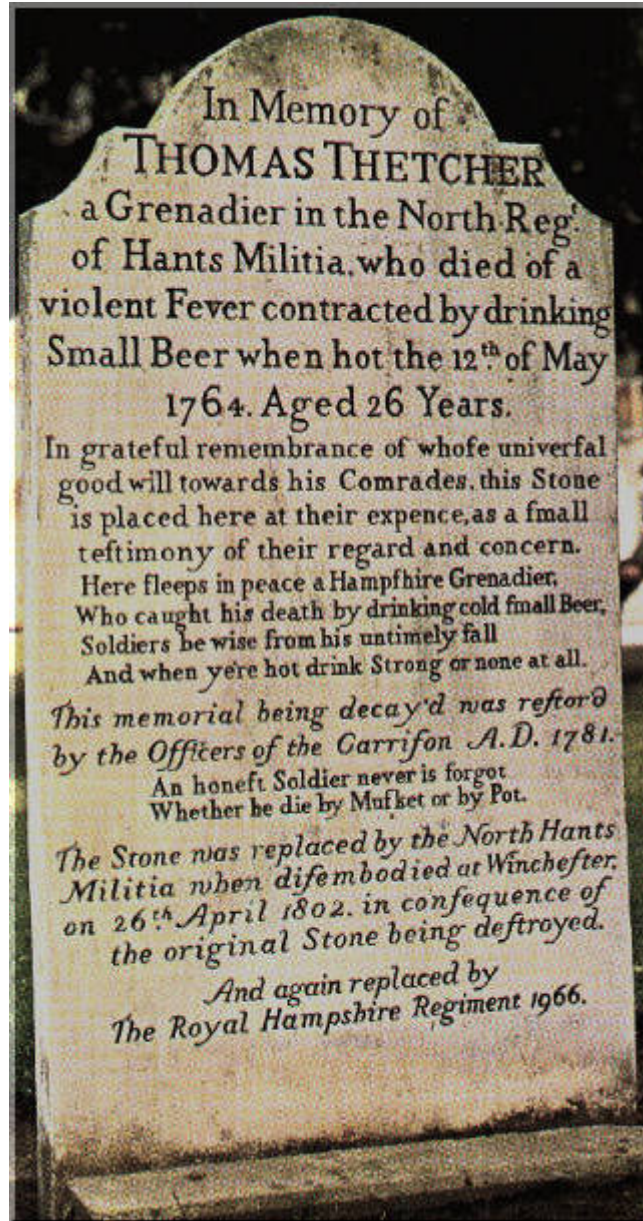


Bill W. Just Before the War

(Bill W. Back row, far right)



Winchester Cathedral Tombstone



A Young Bill W. on Horseback



Traveling in the Early Days with Lois



Early Lois Picture

Lois W. along with Anne B. would become the founders of what is now known as Al-Anon Family Groups.





Mayflower Hotel Lobby

Where Bill W. made the call that led him to Dr. Bob.







A Smiling Bill W. In Uniform



Bill & Lois (1918)



The Wilson's with their Harley



Lois on the Harley

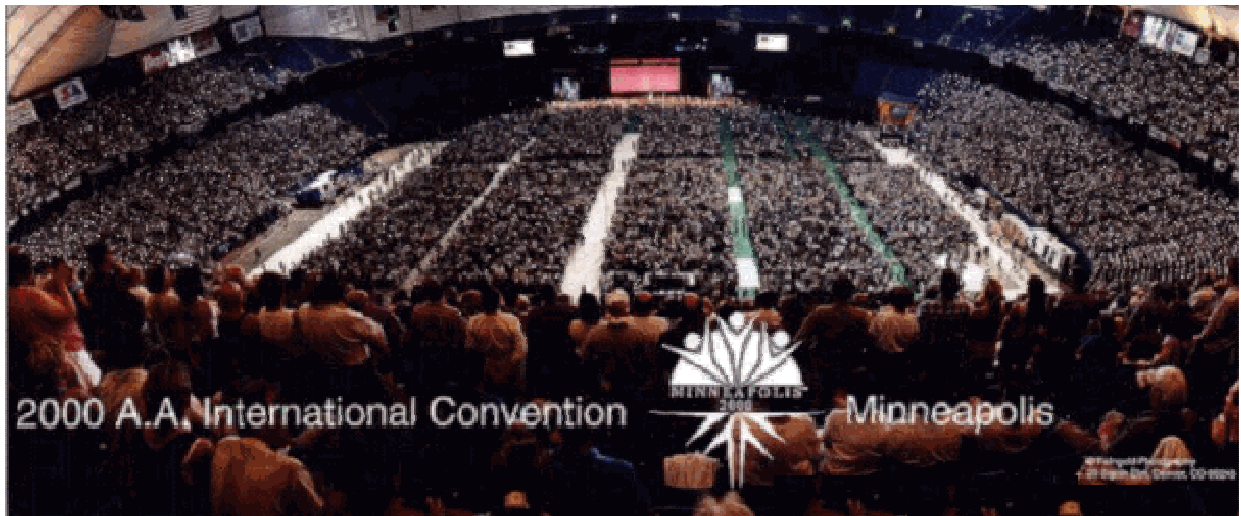




Cleveland Members Prior to the 1950 Conference



Bill & Lois Later in Life





2000 International Conventions

** Over 50,000 attendees. Amazingly, over 50% had over 11 years + sobriety*



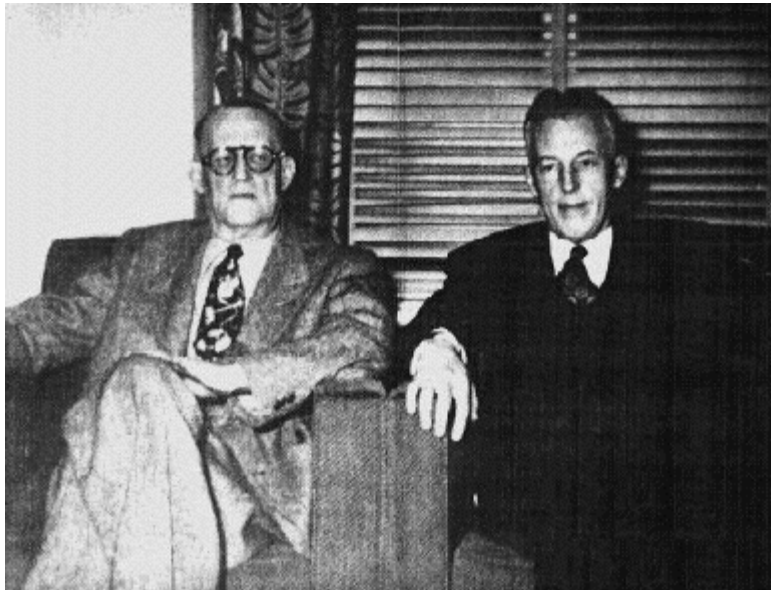
The Career Officer (Big Book Author)



Ebby T. was Bill W's Sponsor



Dr. Bob & Anne Smith



AA Cofounders, Bill W. & Dr. Bob



Bill Wilson & Ebby Thatcher



Clarence S. "*Home Brewmeister*" Later in Life



"Stepping Stones", Bill & Lois' Home

A Page from the Original Draft of the Big Book



Lois Wilson



Ebby's Headstone

Albany Rural Cemetery, Albany NY



Bill Wilson c. 1940's



Bill Wilson & His Sister Dorothy

** possibly in the 1960's*



Bill W's High School Picture

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Rowland Hazard

The Oxford Group member who carried the message of recovery from alcoholism by spiritual means to Ebby Thatcher, Bill Wilson's self-proclaimed sponsor.



Bill's Desk at Wit's End, Bedford Hills, NY

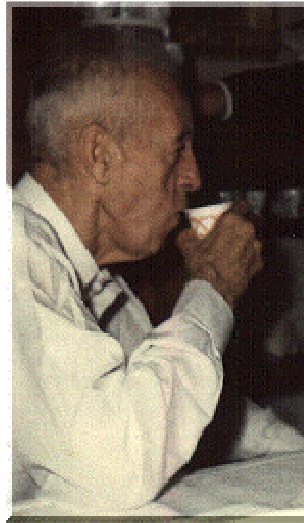


The Wilson House , E. Dorset, Vermont

Bill W.'s Birth place.



Wilson House Literature Table



Bill Wilson at an AA Meeting

** probably sometime in the 1960's*



Dayton OH Members, 1942

Members wore masks: to protect their anonymity, members of the Dayton, Ohio, AA chapter donned masks while posing for the press in 1942.


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Bill W. of Alcoholics Anonymous Dies

By JOHN W. STEVENS

William Griffith Wilson died late Sunday night and, with the announcement of his death, was revealed to have been the Bill W. who was a co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935. His age was 75.

The retired Wall Street securities analyst had expected to die or go insane as a hopeless drunk 36 years ago but — after what he called a dramatic spiritual experience — had sobered up and stayed sober. He leaves a program of recovery as a legacy to 475,000 acknowledged alcoholics in 15,000 A.A. groups throughout the United States and in 88 other



William Griffith Wilson

other alcoholics. She is a founder of the Al-Anon and Alateen groups, which deal with the fears and insecurity suffered by spouses and children of problem drinkers.

Mr. Wilson last spoke publicly on July 5 of last year in a three-minute talk he delivered after struggling from a wheelchair to the lectern at the closing session of A.A.'s 35th anniversary international convention in Miami, attended by 11,000 people. He had been admitted three days earlier to the Miami Heart Institute, his emphysema complicated by pneumonia.

Last Oct. 10, he was under hospital care for acute emphysema and was unable for the first time to attend the A.A. S

after Mr. Wilson's death, his wife, Mrs. Wilson, said she had lost the fight to lose the man who had thus changed her life. She had been married to Mr. Wilson for 36 years. She had been a member of the Miami Heart Institute for several years. She had been a member of the Miami Heart Institute for several years. She had been a member of the Miami Heart Institute for several years.

Bill Wilson's Obituary

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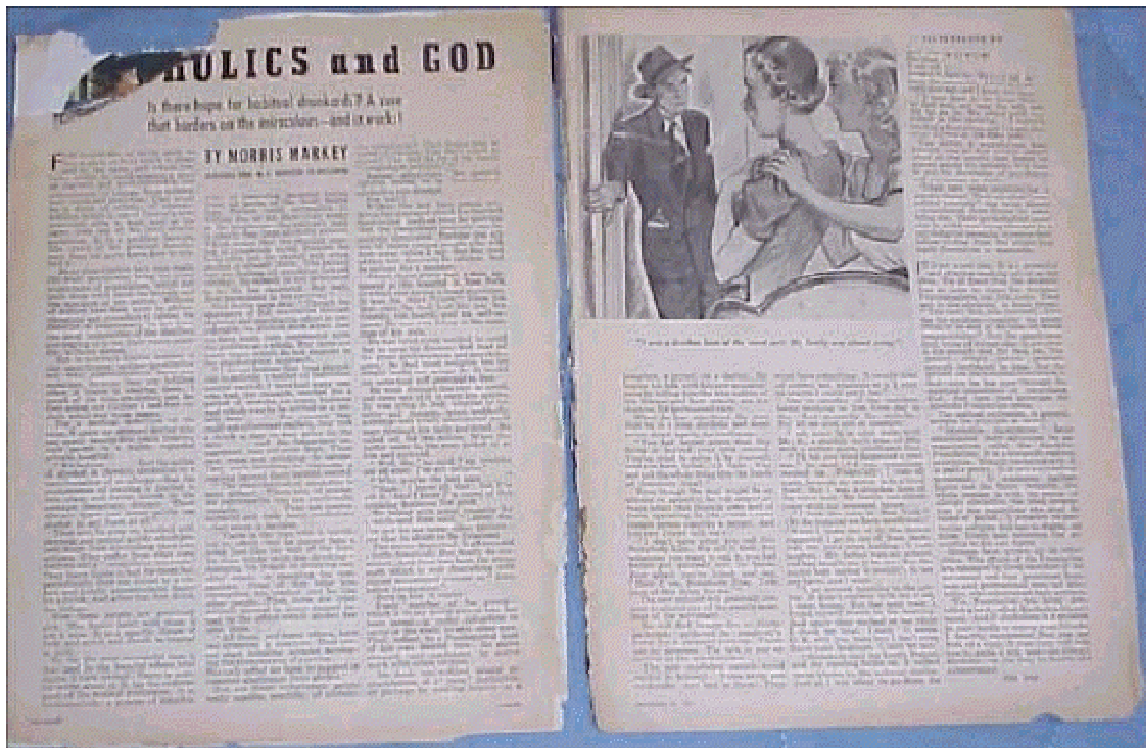
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1939 Liberty Magazine Cover and Article

In 1939, Liberty Magazine offered AA it's first national exposure.



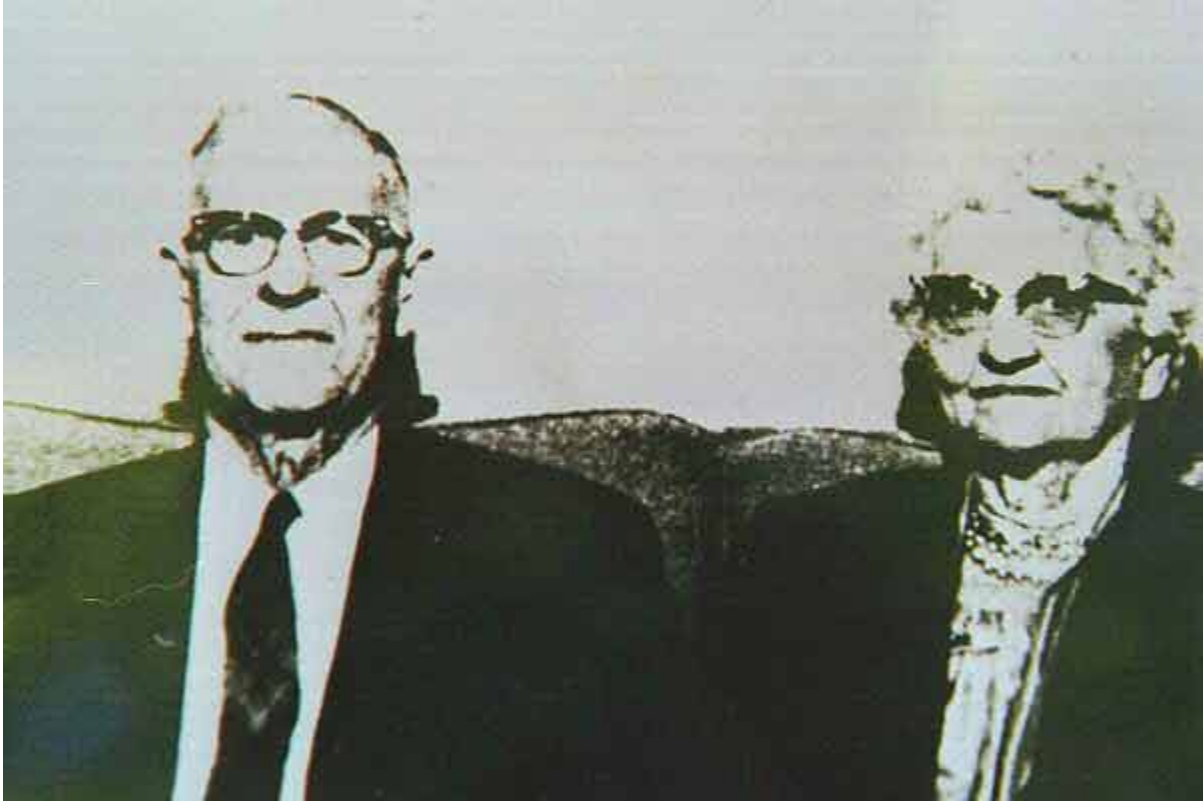
Clarence Snyders Tombstone (Home Brewmeister)



Classic Bill W. Protrait



The Gatehouse at the Seiberling estate in Akron.



T. Henry & Clarace Williams

Active members of the Oxford Group, T. Henry and Clarace held meetings in their home. Termed "the alcoholic squad," Dr. Bob, Bill D., Henrietta Seiberling, Anne Smith, Henrietta Dotson and other Oxford Groupers gathered in the Williams' home for Wednesday night meetings from the summer of 1935 through late 1939, moving then to Dr. Bob's for a few weeks, and from there to King School in January 1940. T. Henry and Clarace were criticized by many Oxford Group members who did not support their efforts to extend the program primarily to alcoholics.



Henrietta Seiberling

Though not herself an alcoholic, Henrietta had enormous compassion for the plights of the "medically incurable" alcoholics who found their way into the fledgling Akron experiment that began in 1935. Against the vehement wishes of her family, Henrietta was an active member of the Oxford Group, organizing meetings and spreading the principles, literature and practices of the movement. She was also the catalyst who got Dr. Bob interested in the meetings and the Oxford Group. She died on December 5, 1979 with an unwavering belief that alcoholics could be cured through a spiritual program.



Rev. Samuel Shoemaker

Rev. Samuel M. Shoemaker was the pastor at Calvary Episcopal Church in New York where he headed the Oxford Group there. He was also a great friend of early AA.

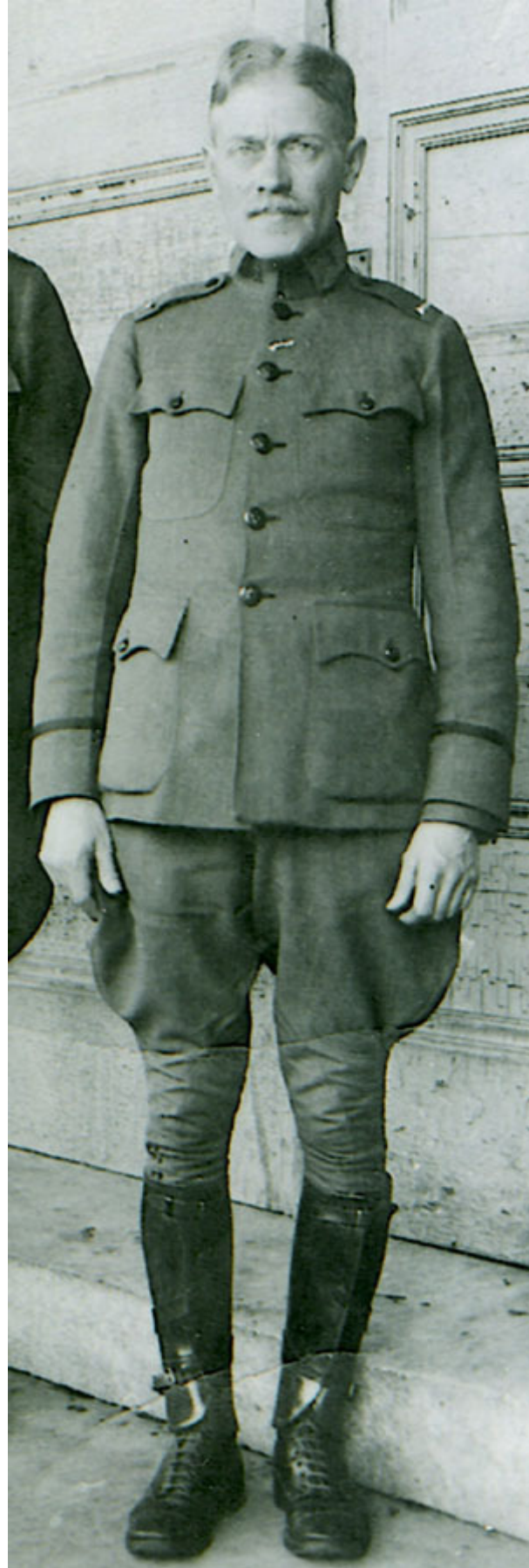


Bill D. with Helen B. (an early *Grapevine* Editor)





Dr. Silkworth



Dr. Silkworth World War I Picture Plattsburg, New York 1911-1918

Dr. William Duncan Silkworth has probably treated more alcoholics than any other physician in history. Dr. Silkworth authored the "Doctor's Opinion" which appears in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. Dr. Silkworth died of a heart attack at his home in 1938.



Ruth Hock

Ruth Hock was AA's first secretary and typed the manuscript for the Big Book.



Young Dr. Bob



Bill & Lois after Dr. Bob's Funeral





Bill D. & Sue, Dr. Bob's Daughter





Bill W. Visiting New Member in Hospital



Bill & Lois in Christmas Photo



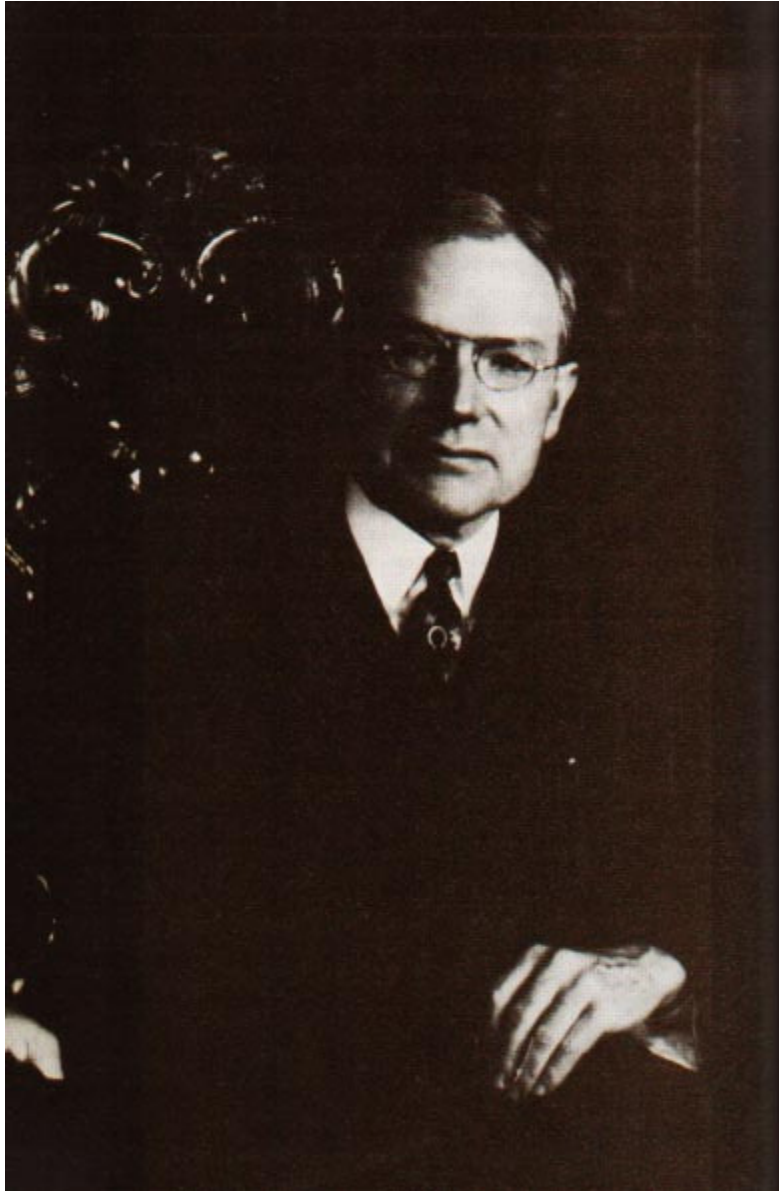
Bill W. & Dr. Bob on Vinyl Records

In April, 1947 Rockhill Recording released a two record set of Bill W. and Dr. Bob speaking.



121 Clinton Street, Bill W. Home and Meeting Place





John D. Rockefeller, Early AA Advocate



Bill W. at Dr. Bob's Grave



Sister Ignatia

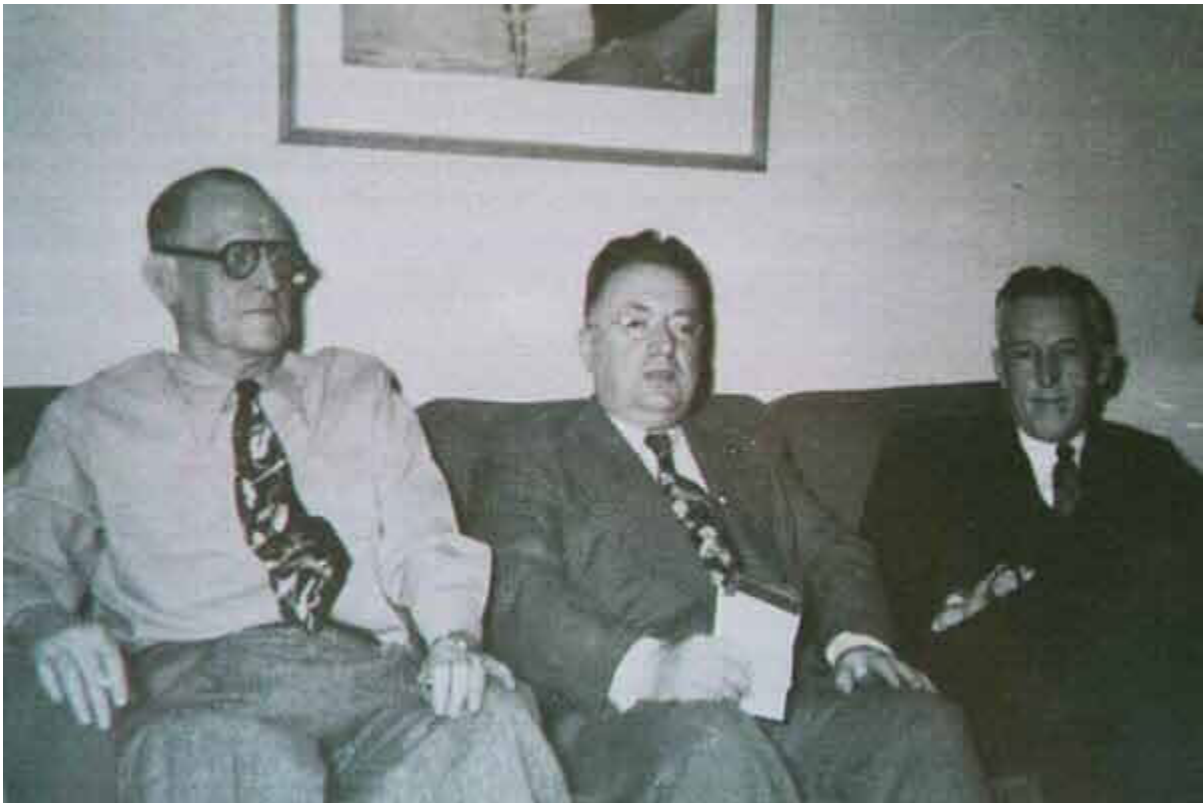
Sister Ignatia befriended Dr. Thomas P. Scuderi,
(an emergency room intern who later became Medical Director at St. Thomas
Hospital).

She convinced him that alcoholics were sick and accident-prone
and persuaded Dr. Scuderi to allow them to "rest" in the hospital prior to
release.

Dr. Scuderi and Sister Ignatia secretly treated Bill D. (later to become AA #3) prior to his meeting Dr. Bob and Bill. She also worked with Dr. Bob, treating the first 5,000 alcoholics for free.

Sister Ignatia gave each of her newly released patients a Sacred Heart medallion, which she asked them to return before they took the first drink

Read [The Eulogy Of Sister Ignatia](#) By Rev. Thomas L. Coonan





Dr. Harry M. Tiebout

Dr. Harry M. Tiebout was the first psychiatrist to see in A.A. a significant approach to the treatment of alcoholics.