

Dr. Isaac Edward Moore and Alice Morgan, R.N.



Separate and Unequal Healthcare



Dr. & Mrs. Isaac Edward Moore

By 1900, 1 out of every 3 Coloradoans came here for their health or for that of a family member. Private for-profit sanatoriums – the majority of facilities operating in 1915 – disadvantaged working-class consumptives, mothers of young children, and Black and Hispanic Americans; all of whom could ill-afford the prescribed “rest cure” requiring patients to set aside a year or two of salary, avoid all work, and enter a sanatorium for professional care.

The International Typographical Union and Modern Woodmen of America welcomed working-class dues-paying members, but for decades limited membership to Christian white males. Importantly, St. Francis Hospital and Glockner Sanitarium operated by the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration and the Sisters of Charity respectively, welcomed all patients. Dr. Richard Suydam Grant was the city’s first Black physician, practicing out of his home at 325 East Caramillo with wife Leila as his nurse from 1904 – 1919.



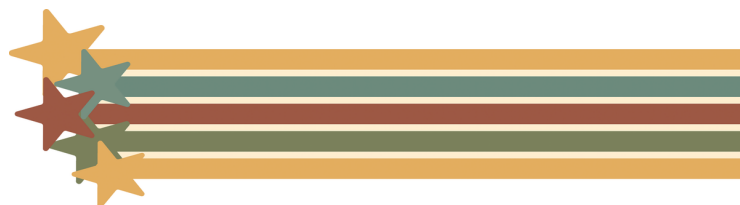
Alice Morgan, R.N.

Dr. Isaac Edward Moore arrived in 1921. After attending West Tennessee College of Medicine where he was separated from his white classmates by a bedsheet, he served in WWI as medical officer for the 366th Infantry Regiment, 92nd Division, known as the Buffalo Soldiers. In 1922 Dr. Moore opened the “Lincoln Sanatorium for Colored People” at 314 West Willamette. Accepting patients regardless of their ability to pay, his hospital closed in 1925. He then practiced out of his home at 738 North Spruce Street and served on the staff of St. Francis Hospital. Dr. Moore died of pulmonary TB in 1931, at age 40.

Despite numerous health care facilities, Black nurses were not educated or hired for decades. Alice McAdams Morgan became one of the first. After high school, she attended Blair Business College but was denied secretarial positions. She left to find work elsewhere, returning to attend Beth-El School of Nursing class, a member of the first integrated graduating class in 1953. Hired as the first African American head nurse at Memorial Hospital in 1954, Alice went on to a stellar career in public health, serving our community, local non-profits, and her church for decades – always paving the way for others to follow in her legendary footsteps.



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GENERAL STATE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
MONTHLY REPORT

Name (Last name first) Bethel School of which a graduate June 1953

THE COLORADO STATE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS

This report to be returned within ten days after it is sent to the school

On a separate sheet tabulate the names of students admitted, the amount of college preparation and the date of birth

On individual sheets accompanying this report give reasons in full for dismissal or withdrawal of students. The following students have been dismissed or have withdrawn:

The following students have completed the basic course:

M. Adams, Alice
Hyman, Mary

Upon completion of the three year course graduates must file application for a permit for professional practice before seeking employment. Before employing a nurse, hospital officers are requested to ask the nurse to present her current renewal card or her permit for professional practice.

Administrative and teaching staff including supervisors and head nurses:

NAME (Last name first)	DATE	Nursing School of which a Graduate	Position on Faculty
<u>Vallbracht, Joan</u>	<u>6/10/53</u>	<u>Bethel</u>	<u>assist</u>

Colorado State Board of Nurse Examiners Monthly Report, 1953

**THE LINCOLN SANATORIUM
FOR TUBERCULOSIS**

and other respiratory diseases.

For further information write

DR. I. E. MOORE

314 W. Williamet Street, Colorado Springs,
Colorado

Lincoln Sanatorium Advertisement, ca. 1922

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DR. ISAAC E. MOORE IS DEAD IN DENVER

Leading Colored Physician, Officer Overseas, Is Tuberculosis Victim

Dr. Isaac E. Moore, only colored physician in Colorado Springs, died yesterday morning at Fitzsimons hospital in Denver. He had been a patient there for a month.

He underwent an operation there yesterday for the removal of his tonsils. The body will be brought back to Colorado Springs, but funeral arrangements have not been made.

Dr. Moore had lived here and practiced medicine for more than 10 years. He was formerly a physician in St. Louis, but his health broke down and he came here to benefit by the climate, being a sufferer from tuberculosis. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Katherine C. Moore, and two small sons.

Dr. Moore saw service overseas in the World war. He was an officer. He belonged to the Episcopal church and was a Mason and a past exalted ruler of the local colored lodge of Elks. He took an active interest in civic affairs as affecting the colored residents of the city, and was well-known.

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March 17, 1931

