

Daniel Hale Williams III – The Early Years

- † Born on January 18, 1856 in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania
 - † 5th of 7 children born to Daniel and Sarah Williams
 - † Father was a barber and moved the family to Annapolis, Maryland (he died of tuberculosis shortly thereafter)
 - † Was apprenticed at 10 years old to a shoemaker in Baltimore, but ran away to be with his mother
 - † Later joined his sister in Edgerton, Wisconsin and opened his own barber shop
 - † After moving to nearby Janesville, Williams became fascinated with local physician Dr. Henry Palmer and decided to follow his footsteps, becoming Dr. Palmer's apprentice for 2 years
 - † In 1880, Williams entered what is now known as Northwestern University Medical School
 - † After graduation in 1883, he opened his own medical office in Chicago, Illinois
- Due to the primitive social and medical circumstances existing in that era, much of Williams early medical practice called for him to treat patients in their homes, including conducting occasional surgeries on kitchen tables. In doing so, Williams utilized many of the emerging antiseptic, sterilization procedures of the day and thereby gained a reputation for professionalism.
- † He was soon appointed as a surgeon on the staff of the South Side Dispensary and then a clinical instructor in anatomy at Northwestern
 - † In 1889 he was appointed to the Illinois State Board of Health



Parents, Daniel & Sarah Williams

