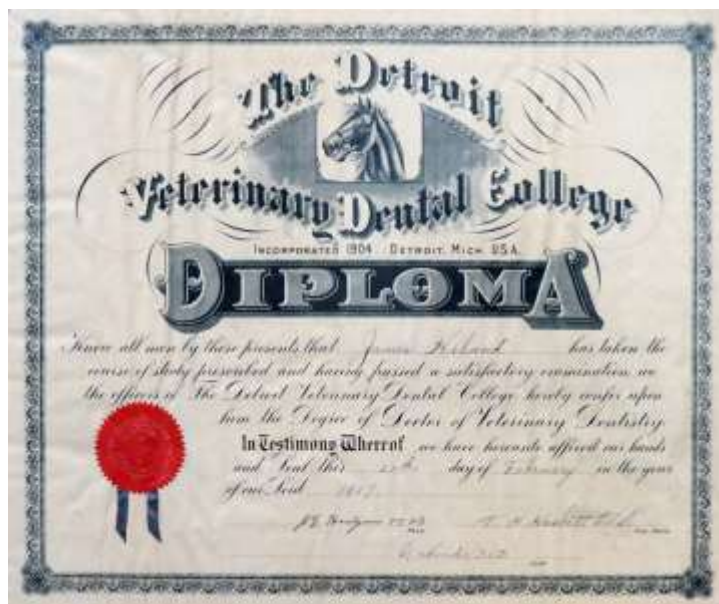


American Veterinary Medical History Society

"Devoted to the Diffusion of Veterinary History"

1904-1907?

Detroit Veterinary Dental College Detroit, Michigan



Detroit Veterinary Dental College diploma for James Hiland, dated February 20, 1907.

The Detroit Veterinary Dental College was incorporated around 1904 in Detroit, Michigan. After the prescribed course of study, a Doctor of Veterinary Dentistry (D.V.D.) degree was awarded. According to Bierer, the school may also have advertised a "correspondence course in veterinary dentistry" in 1905.

Bierer BW. The veterinary schools of the past. *American Veterinary History*. p. II-55.

"The Detroit Veterinary Dental College. Since compiling the foregoing report it has come to our notice that there is a Dental College, so-called, located in Detroit, Michigan. The following letter is self-explanatory, and might be construed as sufficient evidence to convince one that the concern is nothing but a 'fake' and a 'fraud.' "

From: *Proceedings, Annual Meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association*. 42:160, 1905.

Items offered in March 2018 collectibles auction catalog:

The Detroit Veterinary Dental College was a mail order diploma mill established in 1904. It was run by two veterinarians associated with the Ontario Veterinary Society. The degree awarded was Doctor of Veterinary Dentistry.

1. A rare diploma awarded to James Hiland from this "College" awarded in 1907.
2. Envelope from the college dated 1905. This was shortly after they opened for business.
3. One of a set of two Illustrated Lecture booklets from the college. These booklets were the course of study to obtain your degree. The student paid a fee up front and obtained the Lectures and the final exam. They sent in the exam and received their diploma by return mail.
4. Multi-page pamphlet mailed to prospective students. In 1905, a letter was printed in the AVMA Journal that sought help to shut down this organization. I have been unable to find out when the "College" closed its doors but based on the diploma, they lasted until at least 1907.
Source: *Dr. Michael Smith's Veterinary Collectible Roundtable*. 26(1):__2018 Mar.

Advertisements:

"Illustrated lectures of the Detroit Veterinary Dental College." Part II (Book) The Detroit Veterinary Dental College, Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A., 31st May, 1905."

From: *Canada Gazette*. 38(4):2540, 1905.

LEARN VETERINARY DENTISTRY and earn \$2000 a year. We teach you at home in three months of your spare time by illustrated lectures and grant diploma with degree. Particulars free. The Detroit Veterinary Dental College, Detroit, Michigan

From: *The Christian Republic*. Vols. 4-6. (Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1910)

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