

JOSEPH FRANCIS VOLKER, B.A., M.S., Ph.D., D.D.S.

Born at Elizabeth, New Jersey, on March 9, 1913.

Attended Battin High School, and from there, he went to Rutgers University, which he left in 1932, to attend Indiana University Dental School.

He graduated from Indiana University in 1936, and began his internship at Mountainside General Hospital of New Jersey.

From 1937-1940, he attended the University of Rochester School of Dentistry as a Carnegie Fellow, and while there, he received his A.B. in 1938, and his M.S. in 1939. At Rochester, he concentrated on research dealing with biochemical bases of tooth decay, and during the time he was Director of Dental Research, he pioneered in the use of fluorine in the teeth.

He was appointed Senior Carnegie Fellow 1940-41, and then Head of Operative Dentistry, 1941-42, at the University of Rochester.

He received his Ph.D. Degree in 1942.

In 1942, he went to Tufts College Dental School as Professor of Clinical Dentistry, then Director of the Rice Dental Infirmary. From 1947-1948, he was Dean of Tufts.

In 1948, he accepted the Deanship of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in Birmingham.

In 1946, he went on a Unitarian Medical Teaching Mission to Czechoslovakia and in 1948 to Germany. He was Specialist, U.S. Department, Thailand, 1951. Order of the White Lion, Czechoslovakia, 1946.

He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a member of the Society of Experimental Biology & Medicine, of Sigma Xi, OKU, Honorary Member of the Stomatological Society of Czechoslovakia and the International Association for Dental Research.

His studies: Radiophosphorus metabolism of the teeth, fluorine and dental caries, and oral carbohydrate metabolism.

Was married in 1937, and has 3 children.