

Obituary Notices

The Angle Orthodontist notes with regret the passing of two men prominent in the specialty of Orthodontia:

MARTIN DEWEY, D.D.S., M.D., LL.B.

RICHARD SUMMA, D.D.S.

Dr. Richard Summa

On April 8, 1933, Dr. Richard Summa died suddenly of a heart attack.

Dr. Richard Summa was born in Nordlingen, Bavaria, Germany—son of Ulrich and Frances Summa and the youngest of ten children. His father was a lawyer, a graduate of Erlange University. He came to St. Louis at the age of nine. He graduated from the College of Dentistry at the University of Iowa in 1890 and immediately began practicing dentistry in St. Louis. He graduated from the Angle School of Orthodontia in one of the earliest classes—I believe in 1902 or in 1903 and, afterwards, assisted in conducting some of the succeeding courses. He was active in the organization of the American Society of Orthodontia which was originally an association of Angle Alumni. He helped in the formation and publication of the *American Orthodontist*. In 1915 Dr. Summa went to the University of Iowa as professor of orthodontia and prosthetic dentistry which position he resigned in 1918, being forced to do so because of the anti-German propaganda at the time. The irony of this is revealed by the fact that he was an anti-imperialist and never had any love for the Kaiser. After leaving Iowa City, he bought a disorganized sand business, revived and operated it successfully, finally selling it for enough to give him a good income.

Dr. Summa was a man of remarkable intellect, with a very keen and active mind. He was sensitive and esthetic, a fine musician, and a musical critic. He was one of those who influenced orthodontia especially between the years of 1900 and 1915.

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