

Kentucky University  
(Incorporated),  
Lexington, Ky.  
President's Office.

June 9, 1905.

President James K. Patterson,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

My dear President Patterson:-

I am pleased to see in the morning papers a statement that your institution is thinking of establishing a medical college in Lexington. I think there is plenty of room for one here and much need for one. I trust you will succeed in establishing the same. I am heartily in favor of the movement to gain the support of the City Council to the extent of \$20,000.00 or any other sum that they can be brought to give. I shall be glad to co-operate in any small way in my power to bring this matter about, and if there is anything I can do before leaving next Sunday night for Europe, I should be glad if you would command me. You may use this letter in any way you see fit, if it can be of service to you.

With assurances of respect and esteem, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Robert A. Jenkins,*



**KENTUCKY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

LOUISVILLE, KY.

June 12, 1905.

W<sup>o</sup> H. WATHEN, A.M., M.D., LL.D., DEAN  
THE GAULBERT  
628½ FOURTH AVENUE

(Personal).

Prof. James K. Patterson, President,

State College, Lexington, Ky.

My dear Professor:

My attention was called to a notice in the paper the other day, about the probable effort to establish a medical department of State College in Lexington. You will remember that we considered the question a year ago about the Ky. School of Medicine becoming a medical department. This was probably not consummated because of the possible antagonism that might be raised from other medical colleges.

Matters in Louisville now, because of our success in procuring new medical legislation, have assumed a shape more favorable to the consolidation of medical colleges; the only thing against this is the property owned by individuals. If several of these colleges would combine, as a department of State College, throwing the influence of all their alumni to the college, at once making a great medical department, do you think it would be favorably considered by your board, and do you think that the state could afford and could be induced to appropriate enough money to purchase the property, the payments to be made cash, or by installments? If such could be accomplished, it would be the best thing that could be done for State College and for medical education in Kentucky and the south; for the combined facilities here and the combined equipment, would make a great medical college.

This is written you in perfect confidence, and your answer will be treated accordingly. If you think favorably of it we may have a personal conference about it. You will never make a great medical department established in Lexington. Michigan is now about to consummate the union of the Medical College at Detroit and the Medical Department at Ann Arbor, which will throw the entire influence of the medical profession of the state in the interest of this department. This has been brought about largely by the efforts



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Prof. James K. Patterson, President,  
State College, Lexington, Ky.

Dear Professor Patterson:

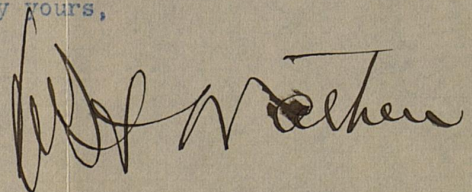
I am in receipt of your letter of June 27th asking that I write Dr. Pryor. I think it would be best that I should write to you, and leave that for a later date.

I enclose you the requirements of our State Board of Health, in which you will see that the graduates of no medical school can be recognized in our state if the school is located in a city of less than 50,000 population. I do not think that there is any probability that our Board will in the remotest degree recede from this, because the effort has been made by several colleges in other states, and you know the law must apply to the graduates of all schools. I have consulted the members of the Board frequently about this matter, and they seem determined. I have also talked to the Secretary of our State Board of Health- to whom such matters are usually referred by the Board- and I think his opinion is fixed. If anything is to come of this matter he will give us I am sure his best efforts, as he is very near the Governor and knows the politicians of the state.

Kindly write me, and then if you think best I will write Dr. Pryor.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure.



KENTUCKY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



Prof. J.K.P.2.

of my friend, Dr. B.D. Harison, of Sault Ste. Marie, President of the State Medical Society, and Secretary of the State Board of Medical Registration & Examination. Pupils come to our schools from all sections of this country.

Very truly yours,

*Walter W. Wether*



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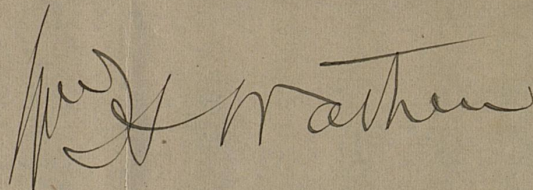
Prof. James K. Patterson,

Lexington, Ky.

Dear Professor Patterson:

I beg to thank you, and through you the members of your excellent faculty, for the many courtesies shown my daughter Sallyneill, during the last two years. She speaks in much praise of your faculty and everything connected with State College, and greatly enjoyed her sojourn in Lexington. She seems to have done good work. She has said nothing about the future.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. H. Wathen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Sincerely yours,".