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A TREATISE ON THE TEETH (1882)

The booklet, written by Dr. Robert Withers Morgan of Lynchburg, provides the public with general information on the development and care of the teeth.

ROBERT WITHERS MORGAN (1844-1904)

Robert Withers Morgan, son of Richard Terrell Morgan and Sophia Weston Jones, was born 16 June 1844 in Campbell County, Virginia. He volunteered in the Confederate army as a member of Co. E, 11th Virginia Regiment. He was wounded and became a prisoner of war in Point Lookout, Maryland. After the war, he operated a store in Floyd County with his brother. He was troubled by the lack of dental care for soldiers. He returned to Lynchburg, Va., in 1873 and studied dentistry with Dr. Robert T. Lemon. Morgan was a dentist in Lynchburg for many years.

During the 1880s, he formulated dental hygiene products, including Dental Chewing Gum, Dental Chewing Tobacco, and Dental Scotch Snuff, all manufactured in Lynchburg.

Morgan worked with Representative Peter Otey in drafting preliminary legislation in 1901 for contract dentists for the army. He was one of three members appointed to the Board of Dentist Examiners for the army. He spent time with the troops in Cuba in connection with the work.

Robert Withers Morgan married Mary Jane Moorman of Campbell County, Va. He died 8 August 1904 and was buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Lynchburg.