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Nineteenth century Davenport as a Hotbed of Controversial Alternative Medical Schools

Thursday, June 19, 2014, 5:30-6:30
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Mrs. Dr. Rebecca J. Keck was a controversial, self-taught eclectic physician and the owner of Mrs. Dr. Keck’s Infirmary for All Chronic Diseases in Davenport Iowa. Although forgotten today, she served up to 15,000 patients on her itinerant circuit. She successfully defended herself in court five times in Illinois for practicing medicine without a license from 1879 to 1900. How does her career illuminate the birth of other alternative medical theories such as Chiropractic?