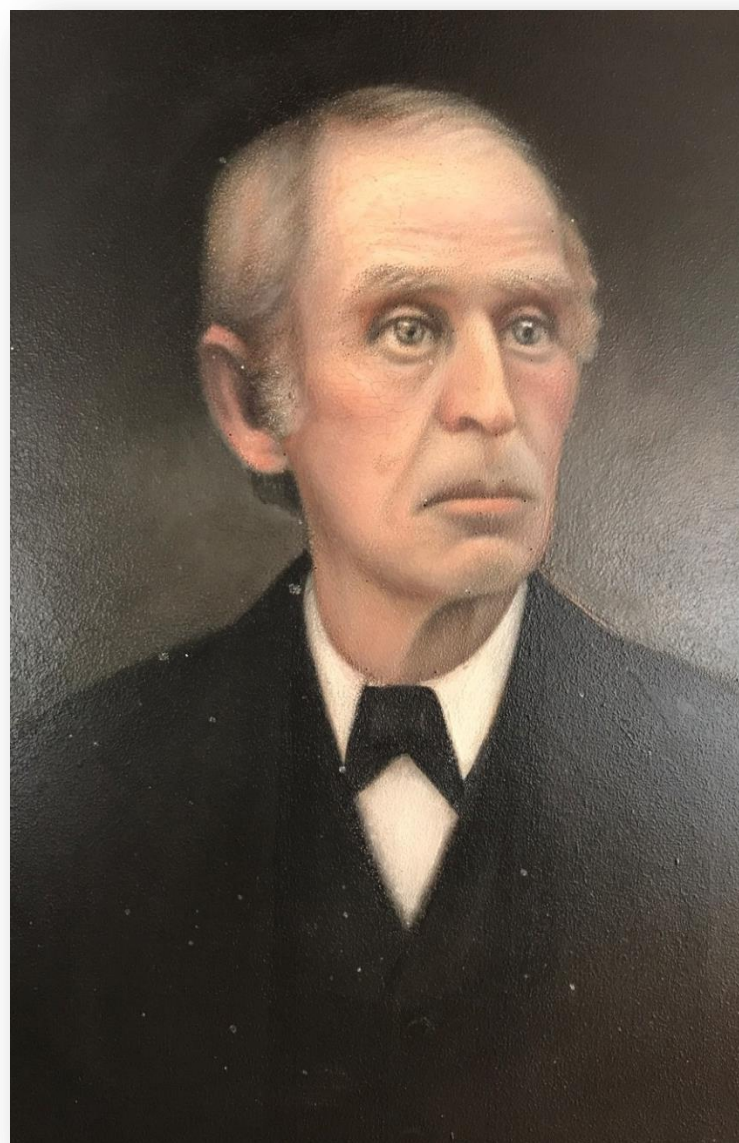


Dr. Ebenezer Raynale (1804 - 1881)



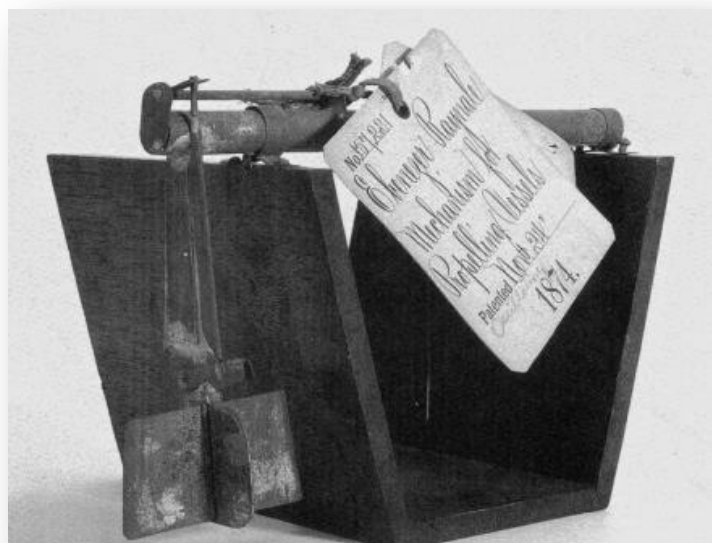
Dr. Ebenezer Raynale, born in 1804, was a man of many talents. He was a doctor, a politician, an inventor, and even a postmaster for a time. Beyond all of that, Raynale was also a good man who went above and beyond to care for his patients.

Raynale was always interested in medicine and worked hard to learn everything he could about it. He received his degree in 1828 and practiced medicine in various places across Michigan before finally settling in Birmingham in 1839.



Dr. Ebenezer Raynale

One story about Raynale shows us what kind of man he was. At some point during his medical career, Raynale went far away to visit a poor woman who was sick. On his way home, he got lost in a snow storm and was gone for a full day before he found his way back. Apparently, Raynale only charged the woman three dollars despite all of his trouble.



Raynale's 1874 patent for a vessel propulsion mechanism.

In addition to his medical career, Raynale also was a representative to the Michigan Constitutional Convention in 1835, a state senator, and even submitted four patents (only one of which was medically related). He also managed to find time to personally care for Greenwood Cemetery.

Why I was inspired: Dr. Raynale is an excellent role model. He filled his life with so much and still worked to do good for Birmingham and its citizens.

--Submitted by Robert Lutey