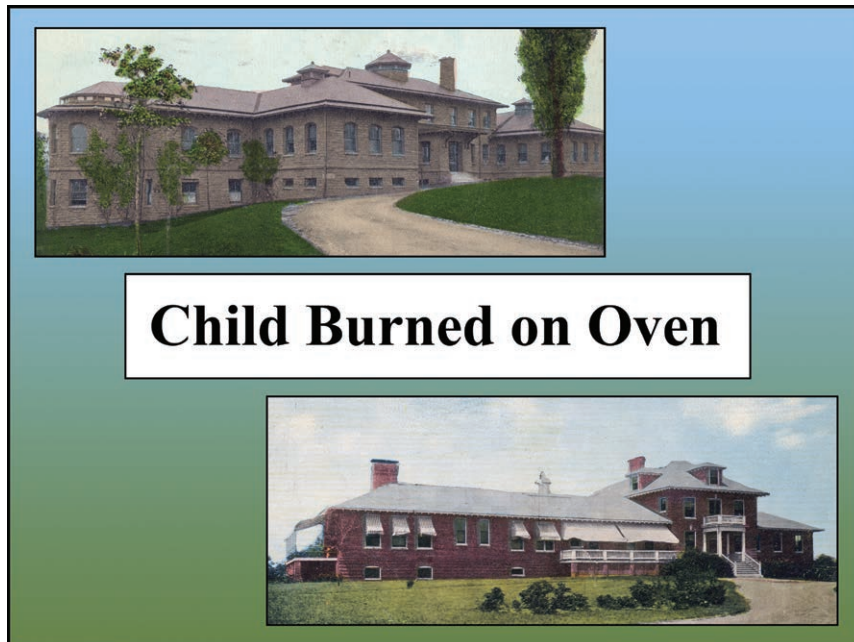


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Byline Backstory No. 1: A Twice-Burned Toddler Finds Anesthetic Relief



Southwest of Philadelphia, my father, Hank Bause, attended Crozer Seminary and heard a Crozer alumnus, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., practice his sermons. One of Dad's vivid memories as a seminarian was driving me, his 9-month-old son, to Crozer Hospital (*upper left*) after I had toddled into the kitchen and planted both hands down upon the open door of our heated oven. The *Chester Times* headlined this incident as "Child Burned on Oven." After my father graduated from Crozer, he drove my mother and me to Stratham, New Hampshire, so he could serve as a fledgling pastor there. Less than a year after my first-degree burns at Crozer, I suffered second-degree ones in Stratham. From there, my mother Suzanne would rush her hyperactive toddler to nearby Exeter Hospital (*lower right*) for burns from scalding tea water that I had pulled down over my right arm. Perhaps the anguish of my subsequent scarring and childhood nightmares of "roasting, like a turkey in an oven" motivated my future pursuit of the relief of pain...as an anesthesiologist. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists' Wood Library-Museum of Anesthesiology.)

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