So why did young Paul Meyer Wood switch from South Bend, Indiana’s Notre Dame to New York’s Columbia University for his collegiate and medical studies? We may never know for certain. However, before becoming a workhorse for first the New York and then the American Society of Anesthetists, young Wood had arrived in New York in 1913 along with his father and mother. Eventually both of his parents, Professors John and Louise Wood, would train missionaries and ministers at “The Biblical Seminary in New York” (left). How might the future of American anesthesiology have been changed if the Wood Family had not migrated from the Hoosier to the Empire State? (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc.)

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