

## DR. JOHN BEVERLY WARWICK

John Beverly Warwick was born in Augusta County, Virginia, on July 5, 1834. His parents, Dr. Beverly Green Warwick and Mary Fisher Warwick, moved to Portsmouth in 1858 and from there to Lucasville in 1859.

His early education occurred in Virginia, beginning the study of medicine in his father's office in 1854. He attended the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1858. He then practiced his profession in Portsmouth for a year before moving to Lucasville in 1859 where he established a large & lucrative practice.

In 1862, he entered the Union Army as a Surgeon of the 91<sup>st</sup> Ohio Infantry and served three years. He was in all the important battles of the Sheandoah Valley and was mustered out in June 1865.

On February 14, 1860, Dr. Warwick was married to Sarah Belknap Moulton. She was born June 8, 1836 in East Randolph, Vermont, a daughter of Norman Moulton and Mary Belknap Moulton. She migrated to Lucasville via the Ohio Erie Canal with her parents, grandmother, and other relatives, in 1848.

They built a beautiful Victorian cottage on Main Street (US Route 23) in Lucasville. Their home still stands & currently houses the McKinley Funeral Home. The old gate from their wrought iron fence serves as the sign for the funeral home, and many elements of the original house can be seen inside, including period woodwork and a beautiful fireplace in the front room.

Dr. John & Sarah had six children: Mary Eugenia "Mollie" (wife of Judge John C. Milner); Margaret Ann (married first to Jacob Gunning & second to John A. Long); Dr. Charles Millar Warwick (married Katherine Stover); Norman Belknap Moulton (unwed); Lou (wife of Charles N. Anderson); and Dr. Frank Moulton Warwick (married Anna Merkle).

Dr. John Warwick practiced medicine in Lucasville up until the time of his death, which occurred July 29, 1911. His funeral was conducted by his friend, Dr. John W. Dillon. According to his obituary in *The Portsmouth Daily Times*, July 31, 1911, "With a voice broken by emotion, Rev. Mr. Dillon told of the love and esteem for each other that never faltered from the hour they met so long ago (1859)." The obituary goes on to say that business in Lucasville was suspended during the funeral hour, and various places of business "were closed that all might join in the last tribute to the man who had been the foremost citizen of the village for half a century." He is buried in Lucasville Cemetery.

