

DR. JOHN C. WHITLOCK (1818-1886)

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JOHNC. WHITLOCK, M. D., whose portrait appears in this volume, is one of the old and prominent citizens of Christian County, and is a son of John and Sarah (Ashlin) Whitlock, natives of the Old Dominion. The Whitlock family settled in Louisa County, Va., prior to the Revolutionary war, where Dr. Whitlock, his father, John Whitlock, and his grandfather, Thomas Whitlock, were all born. Sarah (Ashlin) Whitlock was a native of Patrick County, Va. The parents of Dr. Whitlock removed to Kentucky in 1830, and resided mostly in Trigg County, where Mrs. Whitlock died in 1845; Mr. Whitlock died in Christian County in 1865. Dr. Whitlock was born March 18, 1818, and came with his parents to Kentucky in 1830, when twelve years old. His education was received in the schools of Christian County, mostly at Garrettsburg; his father being but a plain farmer in moderate circumstances, was unable to give his son a collegiate education. Upon leaving school young Whitlock commenced the study of medicine with Dr. John A. Steele, a prominent physician of the time, and well known throughout the county. He attended two sessions of the medical college at Louisville, from which he graduated in 1852, and since that time has practiced his profession in this county. While Dr. Whitlock takes a lively interest in political affairs, State and National, he has never been an active politician nor an office-seeker, his public service having been confined to a term in the lower House of the State Legislature, to which position he was elected in 1846, and the duties of which he faithfully discharged. Dr. Whitlock was married, January 13, 1848, to Miss Maria F. Withrow, a daughter of James and Leittia Withrow (nee Edgar), and who was a native of Greenbrier County, Va. They have had six children, of whom three only are living: two of these are married. Dr. Whitlock and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church; he is also an Elder in the same. Devoted to his profession, Dr. Whitlock has given to its practice and progress his best energies during a long and successful career, and is deservedly respected by his brethren of the healing art for his knowledge of the sciences, as well as by the whole community, for those fine personal traits which make him a valuable and worthy citizen. For more than fifty years his face has been familiar to the people of the county, and all may point to him, and say with truthfulness, "there is an honest man."



Grave of John C. Whitlock
Old Presbyterian Cemetery
Christian Co., Kentucky

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Inscription "He loved his neighbor as himself"

