

Leonard W. Taylor, M.D.

AYLOR, LEONARD W., M. D., was born February 22, 1823, in Lexington, Kentucky. His grandfather, Leonard Taylor, was a Virginian, and a soldier in the Revolutionary War; emigrated to Kentucky about 1790, and settled at Harrod's Fort, now Harrodsburg, in Mercer County, where he afterwards became a successful farmer, and remained during his life. Leonard Taylor, his father, was born at Harrod's Fort, in 1794, and became one of the most active, successful, worthy, and influential merchants, and one of the most esteemed and valuable citizens of Lexington, where he died in 1865. The subject of this sketch received his education at Lafayette Seminary, then in charge of the venerable Beverly A. Hicks; and, soon after leaving school, began the study of medicine, in the office of Dr. Lloyd Warfield, then one of the leading physicians of Lexington. After three years' study with Dr. Warfield, he entered the medical department of Transylvania University, attended two full courses of lectures, and graduated in 1845, receiving the degree of M. D. In the Winter of the same year, he commenced practice in Carrollton, Carroll County, Kentucky, where he remained for twenty-eight years, in active and successful practice, more than realizing, in every sense, the most sanguine expectations of himself and friends; his practice extending over a vast territory in the vicinity of his home, and bringing in a large number of patients from abroad. In 1873, he removed to Louisville, Kentucky, with a view to lessening his heavy country professional work; and here his former good fortune, and many of his former patrons, followed him. Dr. Taylor was married, in 1849, to Miss Mary F. Malin, daughter of Judge Joseph Malin, of Vevay, Indiana. They have five sons and one daughter, all living.