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# LEADERSHIP & LEGACY IN KENTUCKY HISTORY

## DR. LILLIAN SOUTH | 1879-1966

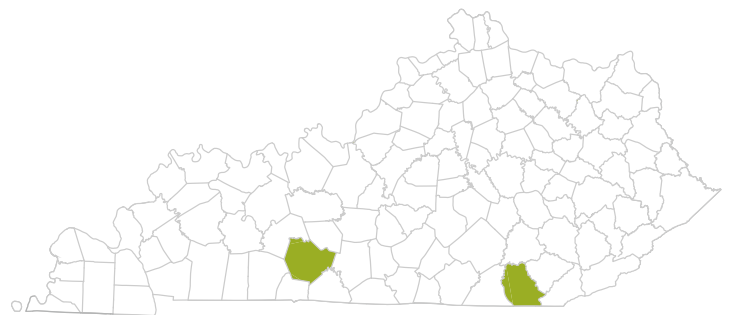


*Red Bird Mission started its work to meet health care needs in Appalachia in 1921. Its education programs and Healthmobile are examples of public health awareness Dr. Lillian South brought to Kentucky. (Graphic5\_Box21\_75 Ronald Morgan Kentucky Postcard Collection, Kentucky Historical Society)*

### **PUBLIC HEALTH PIONEER –**

The disease's symptoms included abdominal pain, intestinal cramps and nausea. Untreated, it could cause anemia, heart failure and slow physical and mental growth. Hookworm was a public health crisis, threatening lives in rural Kentucky in the late-19th and early-20 century. It hit children especially hard. As state bacteriologist, Bowling Green native Dr. Lillian South worked tirelessly to rid Kentucky of traditionally troublesome diseases such as hookworm. Armed with a thorough scientific medical understanding, she educated the commonwealth's citizens and made a significant difference in their health.

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