

# KENTUCKY'S HISTORICAL MARKER PROGRAM

## MARKER #2322 - LILLIAN H. SOUTH, 1879 - 1966

Historical marker 2322 in **Bowling Green, Warren County\***, explores the life of Lillian H. South, who became the first woman elected vice president of the American Medical Association.

Born in **Warren County**, South graduated from Potter College in **Bowling Green**, which was located on "the Hill" where Cherry Hall of Western Kentucky University now stands. After attending medical school in Pennsylvania, South returned to Kentucky, where she and two of her colleagues created St. Joseph Hospital in the South family's former home.

A short time later, she became the first woman appointed as state bacteriologist, a position she held for over four decades. In that role, South helped lead public campaigns to combat diseases such as rabies and was a leading voice on public health issues.

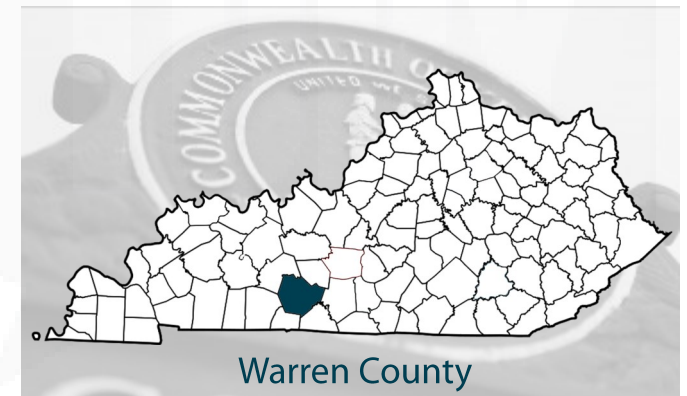
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