

## Walworth Area Country Doctors: West Walworth

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*Editor's Note: Through the years the Walworth area has been serviced by numerous medical doctors. This is the first in a series about these physicians who practiced their version of today's urgent care and made houses calls, often on horseback.*

*This issue features the early doctors of West Walworth. This information was obtained from a historical report written by Mrs. Charles Peters of West Walworth prior to 1934.*

**Dr. William Hall:** One of the first doctors was Dr. Hall, who came to West Walworth in 1852 and lived in the house "now owned by Frank Welker."

**Dr. Christ Fuller:** Dr. Fuller arrived in West Walworth in 1857. His office was located in the Bills block, situated at the southwest corner of West Walworth and Bills Roads. After remaining ten years, he moved to Fairport.

**Dr. J. B. Cowles:** Dr. Cowles came next, remained almost five years and then moved to Fairport. For several months the village was without a doctor.

**Dr. Robert Morris:** In May 1875, Dr. Morris, a young medical doctor just out of college, "looked the ground over and concluded to remain here." According to Mrs. Peters, the doctor's office was located in the house owned by Mrs. Helen Dillon, now owned by Carl Lotze. At the end of the first year, Dr. Morris moved to the first house to the south, where he boarded for four years with Elizabeth Bancroft. In 1860, he married, purchased the house and lived there for ten years. He then sold his place and moved to Lincoln, "where he has continued to live until this day. He kept his office for more than 46 years and throughout this entire time he has only once been away from his office more than 15 days at a time. Dr. Morris is still on the job and holds a high position in the esteem and respect of the community." *Editor's Note: Dr. Morris passed away in 1934. He will be featured in a future newsletter.*