

Charles Wesley Breyfogle Medical Professional

BREYFOGLE, CHARLES WESLEY, M. D., of San Jose, Cal., was born in Columbus, OH, June 7th, 1841. His father was of German descent, but native American, and his mother a direct descendant of the Huguenots. In 1858, he graduated from the High School at Columbus, OH, and in 1862, from the Ohio Wesleyan University and the Athenian Society, receiving the degrees of A. B., and A. M.

He then read law in the office of judge W. R. Rankin, of Columbus, but, being afflicted with amaurosis, he was obliged to give up his studies, and for fourteen months he served as captain in the 9th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, and during the last three months was detailed as judge Advocate of Court Martial, at Nashville, Tenn. His increasing blindness compelled him to leave the army, and seek medical aid. His case was pronounced hopeless by several allopathic physicians and oculists, but he was, notwithstanding, speedily cured under the skillful homeopathic treatment of Drs. Blair, of Columbus, and Earhart, of Philadelphia, and in consequence he was led to study medicine; as practiced by the homeopathy.

He read medicine with Dr. Blair, and graduated from the Homeopathic Medical College of Pennsylvania, with the class of 1866-'67. He commenced practice at Jeffersonville, Ind., but shortly after entered into partnership with Dr. Caspari, of Louisville, KY. In 1869, he purchased Dr. Caspari's remaining interest, and took his brother, Dr. William L. Breyfogle, into partnership. In the fall of 1870, being threatened with Phthisis, he visited California in hopes of relief; there his health so much improved, that, in December, 1872, he disposed of his interest in the Louisville firm, to Dr. R. W. Pearce, and located in San Jose, the county seat of Santa Clara county.

In October, 1866, he married Olivia, daughter of Hon. Woods Mabury, of Jeffersonville, Ind. Dr. Breyfogle has been eminently successful as a practitioner, and is enthusiastic in his devotion to the cause of homeopathy.



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