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## DOCTOR'S OFFICE — LYNDONVILLE

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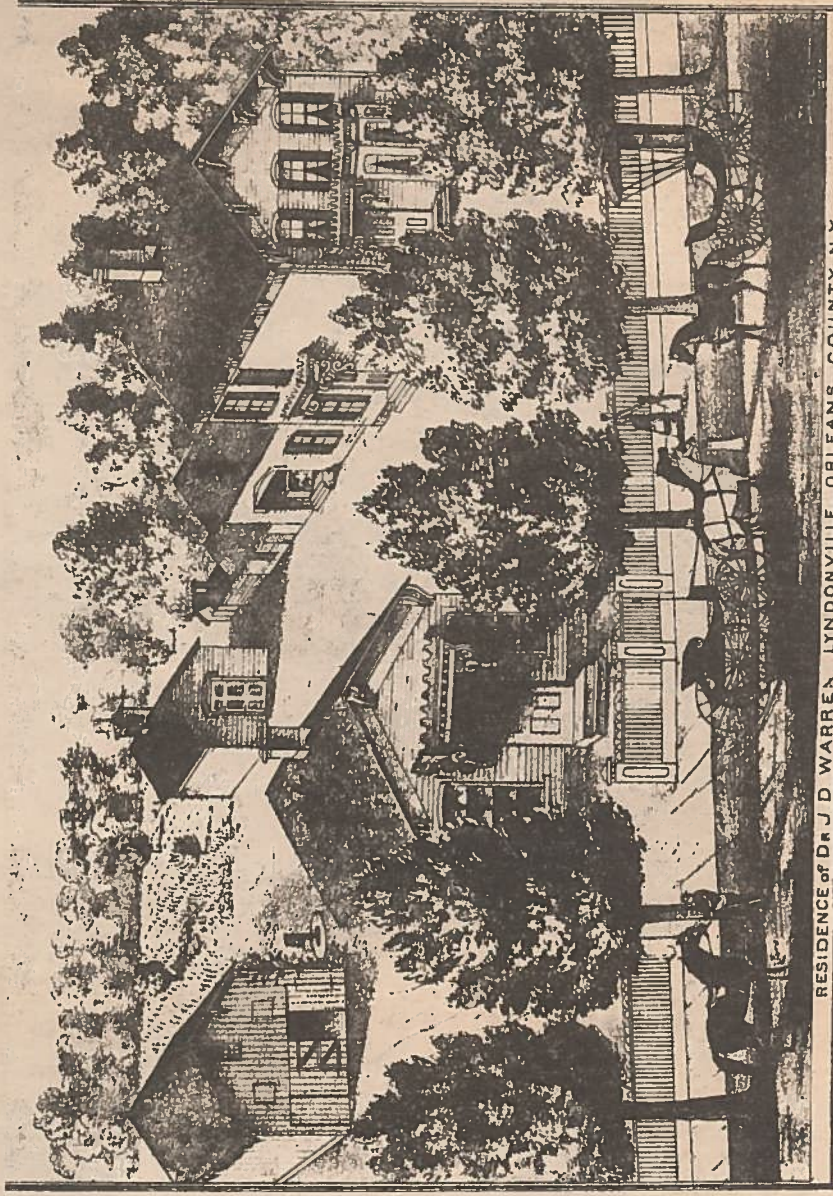
Our illustration, a lithograph from the 1879 Illustrated Historical Album of Orleans County, shows the office of Dr. John D. Warren in Lyndonville. The Doctor's office and his residence to the right, which still remain, are located on the east side of Main Street. It is noteworthy to point out that both of these structures are remarkably the same in appearance as they were a hundred and twenty years ago. This speaks well for the various owners over the years who have maintained the integrity of these buildings. They are quaint in their Italianate styling with such typical features as bracketed overhangs and round headed windows.

Other buildings in this lithograph include a carriage barn to the left and perhaps an ice house top center. The fence along the sidewalk is no longer there. The Italianate Style was popular from the 1850's through the 1870's. The illustration also indicates that Dr. Warren must be seeing a couple of patients as there are two buggies with horses hitched to them, but no drivers. Another patient appears to just be arriving as he tethers his horse to a tree.

Doctors and lawyers frequently had small detached office buildings from their residences for their practice. Other business establishments also used small buildings for various purposes. Two such structures are located at the Cobblestone Society Museum. They are an 1838 Cobbler's Shop built by Starr Chester in Gaines and the William Hedley Lumber Yard Office circa 1875 from Medina.

Following Dr. J.D. Warren, his son-in-law Dr. Charles E. Fairman was located in this building for many years where he carried on as a country doctor. His wife was the former Lois C. Warren whom he married in 1878. The little doctor's office has since been used as a residence, video shop and beauty shop. Dr. Warren was one of the organizers of the Orleans County Medical Society which was formed January 8, 1873.

In 1894 all the towns in the county had at least one physician with the exception of Clarendon. Here is a rundown: Albion 8, Barre 1, Gaines 1, Carlton 2, Kendall 1, Murray 3, Ridgeway 6, Yates 1 and Shelby 1.



RESIDENCE OF DR. J. D. WARREN LYNDONVILLE, ORLEANS COUNTY, N.Y.