



The first hospital in Bradley County was actually established on the current site of the First Presbyterian Church in the Hughey home for wounded soldiers who had suffered in the Battle of Marks Mill. After the Civil War, the Hugheys returned to their home and the hospital ceased to exist.

A group of men from the Warren Lions Club felt there was no better way to honor our deceased veterans than to erect a living memorial dedicated to alleviate suffering. Thus in 1947, the dream of a new hospital for Bradley County was born. These men went to the physicians and the public to present their ideas and plans. Some folk embraced their ideas; some did not. There were ups and downs in trying to get this brought to the public for a vote, and after months of ‘talking up a new hospital’, the people went to the polls and with a majority vote of five to one, they voiced their decision. The people wanted a hospital.



Dr. Walter Jackson Hunt came to Warren in 1935 and established a one room hospital on the second floor of the old Ederington store building, which was the county’s first real hospital. He operated this one room hospital until the completion of the Bradley County Memorial Hospital in 1951.

Brenda Bryant, “Bradley County Memorial Hospital 1951”, *Bradley County Medical Center*, 2022, www.bradleycountymedicalcenter.com/docs/BRMC_History_Updated_2022.pdf. Accessed 10 May 2023.