

## **JOHN CARLTON BEATTY**

Born in 1808 in Mason County, Kentucky, Beatty and his first wife, Charlotte Reid, moved to Lafourche Parish early in life. He initially practiced medicine but became an attorney and politician, was one of the first trustees of Thibodaux, and assisted in founding St. John's Episcopal Church. An owner of several plantations, Beatty also participated in the company which dredged the canal connecting Bayous Lafourche and Terrebonne. After his wife died in 1847, Beatty remarried Mary Foley, with whom and with younger children he was drowned at the Last Island hurricane in August 1856. A surviving son, Taylor Beatty, served in the Army of the Confederacy and became a prominent judge in Thibodaux.