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# CHARLES E. PADEL FORD 1869-1943

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**D**r. Charles E. Padelford was born in Canandaigua on Sept. 21, 1869, to Olney and Catherine Scherer Padelford. He graduated from Canandaigua Academy and prepared for the practice of medicine at the University of Buffalo, from which he graduated in 1905.

Following this, he practiced in Clarendon for a short time before moving to Holley, where he resided for the rest of his life.

During the early years of his career, he was seen frequently during the winter months making house calls using a horse and cutter for transportation.

In 1896, he married Miss



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Jennie Sidell and they had three children, Nina, Ida and Donald.

For nearly 40 years, Dr.

Padelford was active in Holley

as a very highly respected civic and community leader.

He served his village, town and county in many capacities as health officer, school physician and coroner.

He was a member of the American Medical Association and its state and county branches.

As one of the original organizers of the Holley Rotary Club, he became the first president of the group, helping it to accomplish good things for the community.

Dr. Padelford was a frequent toastmaster and speaker at banquets in the vicinity. He was also a member of various fraternal organizations including Murray Lodge F&AM, Zenobia Commandery, Knights Templar, Sprague

Chapter OES, Holley Odd Fellows and Albion Elks, as well as being active in Boy Scout work and a member of the Holley Presbyterian Church.

During his lifetime in Holley, Dr. Padelford amassed a large collection of several thousand relics, including clocks, stones, coral, stuffed birds, books, canes, petrified stone and antique firearms. Aside from this interest, he also enjoyed woodworking and deer hunting.

Following Dr. Padelford's death, Dr. Arden Snyder moved to Holley, assumed the practice, and took up residence in the former Padelford home on West Albion Street.

"By medicine life may be prolonged, yet death will seize the doctor too." — Shakespeare