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DR. CHARLES E. PADELDFORD 1869-1943

"And the finest fellow of all would be the one who could be glad to have lived because the world was chiefly miserable, and his life had come to help some one who needed it."

---George Eliot

Dr. Charles E. Padelford was born in Canandaigua, N.Y. 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 Jennie Sidell and they had three children who were Nina, Ida and Donald.

For nearly forty 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, Albion Elks as well as being active in Boy Scout work, and a member of the Holley Presbyterian Church.

During his life time in Holley Dr. Padelford amassed a large collection of several thousand relics, many of which related to local history. This included 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, Cymbeline