

PADDOCK, C A

C. A. PADDOCK, M. D., former mayor of Portland and a practicing physician in that city for the past twenty years and more, an active member of the Jay County Medical Society and present secretary of the same, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life.

Doctor PADDOCK was born in the vicinity of Winchester in the neighboring county of Randolph on March 7, 1874, and is the son and only child of Benjamin and Elizabeth (COX) PADDOCK, the latter of whom was born in that same county, a member of one of the pioneer families there. Benjamin PADDOCK was born in Union county, this state, and there grew to manhood and became a plow maker. After his marriage, however, he settled on a farm in Randolph county and there spent the remainder of his life, a substantial citizen and land owner. He and his wife were members of the Friends church and their son was reared in that faith. Doctor PADDOCK received his early schooling in Randolph county and supplemented this by a course at Ridgeville College, after which he entered the medical college at Indianapolis, and in 1901 was graduated from that institution. Upon receiving his diploma, Doctor PADDOCK opened an office for the practice of his profession at Portland and has been engaged in practice there ever since. The Doctor is a member of the Indiana State Medical Society and of the Jay County Medical Society, has filled all the offices in the latter society at one time and another and is now secretary of the same. He is a Democrat and has for years taken an active and earnest interest in civic affairs. For eight years he served as mayor of Portland, and in 1920 was nominated by the Democratic party of the Eighth district to represent this district in Congress, but the "fortunes of war" were against him in the resultant race. The Doctor has ever kept fully abreast of developments in his profession and for two years occupied the chair of anatomy in the Indianapolis Medical College. He is a member of the Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity, is affiliated with the local lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and he and his wife are members of the Friends church. They have a pleasant home and take an interested part in the city's general social activities.

Doctor PADDOCK married Pearl M. EDWARDS, daughter of Hamilton and Asenath (SMITH) EDWARDS, and to this union have been born two children, Lawrence V. and Opal A.

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