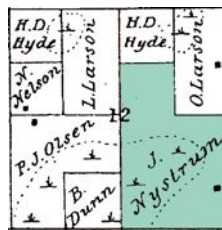




CONRAD E. NYSTRUM, M.D., a successful and popular physician of Medford, Taylor county, has been a resident of the city since 1892, and in these years has ministered with his healing art to numbers who feel that now no other physician could really fill the place that Dr. Nystrum has won in their confidence. The Doctor is one of the younger practitioners of Medford, as he had just received his medical degree when he settled in the city. He is one of Wisconsin's own sons, born in Waupaca, June 4, 1869, and his parents were John P. and Mary (Nyquist) Nystrum.

John P. Nystrum left his home in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1865 and embarked for the United States, where he went first to Waupaca and looked the ground over there. The following year he located at Scandinavia, where he built a tannery, but after operating it one year, he removed to Mellen, Wis., and opened a boarding house there, which proved a much more successful venture than his first one. About 1878 Mr. Nystrum left Mellen and made his home in Medford, though he spent considerable time in the woods logging. He also built another tannery which he operated for some time, and then finally took up a homestead in the town of Holway, where he passed his declining years, a farm situated in section 12, T. 30, R. 1, E. Mr. Nystrum died there, Nov. 12, 1900, in his sixty-ninth year. His father had lived to be 112 years old. Mrs. Mary N. Nystrum still survives, now over seventy-five years of age. She bore her husband eleven children, all of whom are living.



Map of Nystrum property in the Town of Holway from the 1901 Taylor County, Wisconsin Plat Book

Dr. Nystrum was a precocious boy and completed his course in the public schools at an early age, being prepared to enter Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, when only seventeen. Before he finished his studies there he taught school several years, thus securing both a wider experience and knowledge of human nature, as well as materially improving his finances. He was graduated from the college, March 19, 1892, and immediately opened his office in Medford, where his success was prompt and unmistakable. His ability to speak five different languages is a valuable aid to him in treating the mixed population of Taylor County.

A year after locating in Medford, April 16, 1893, Dr. Nystrum was married to Maria Connaughty, then residing in that city, though born in Fond du Lac. They are the parents of three children: Martha, born in 1894; Raymond, 1896; and Lester, 1901.

Unlike many in the profession, Dr. Nystrum is not only a fine physician but also a good business man, and he has been concerned in several enterprises of some magnitude. He was one of the incorporators of the Medford Pea Canning Company and of the Medford & Perkinstown Telephone Company. The Doctor's political principles are those of the Republican party and he has been nominated on that ticket for both alderman and mayor. His defeat on both nominations by a small majority was due mainly to his own lack of effort. While he is genuinely interested in all movements for the advantage of the city, he takes some part in politics generally. In 1904 he was a delegate to the Senatorial District Convention at Ashland and served as secretary of that gathering. Since 1897 he has been health officer of the city and for five years he served as county physician of Taylor County.

Professionally Mr. Nystrum keeps himself completely up with the times and is well posted on all topics connected with his work. He holds several positions as examining surgeon in addition to his general practice, and is connected in that way with the Maryland Casualty Company, the Illinois Life Insurance Co., and the Globe Fraternal Accident Association, of Minneapolis. Since 1897 he has been secretary of the United States Pension Examining Board, and is a member of the Wisconsin League of Medical Licentiates, as well as a member of Taylor County Medical Society and the State Medical Society of Wisconsin.

Dr. Nystrum is also connected with various social and fraternal orders; he belongs to the A.O.U.W.; the K. of H.; the Fraternal Order of Eagles; and the Yeomen of America; while he has been chosen vice-president of the Medford Social Club. The family are members of the Catholic Church. The Doctor is skilled in his profession, while his genial manner and kindly disposition have also contributed to his success and have won him many warm friends.

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