

## **Remembering Doctor Esley**

By Rev. Verne Schattner

*Editor's Note: Although Rev. and Mrs. Schattner now live in Cohocton, they keep in contact with the Walworth Historical Society through their membership. Rev. Schattner occasionally will write us and share memories of Walworth. His family lived on Ontario Center Road near Eddy Road, two miles south of the Routes 441 and 350 intersection.*

The Esley family brings back many memories. When I was very small, my folks (Edward and Beatrice Schattner) grew berries when they first bought the Elton May farm where I was born. One day I slept in the berry batch on the top of a berry create while my mother was picking berries. Somehow I got a sliver in my left leg, very deep, and they took me to Dr. E. E. Esley. He removed the sliver while my father held me. As a result, I still have the scar on my leg, so it must have been quite deep.



We also had many apple trees on our property. My brother fell off one of the limbs, and broke his arm. Again, Dr. Esley came to the rescue and took my brother to Genesee Hospital in Rochester to have his arm set. At that time they used a wire mesh to keep it in place and he had it on for several weeks.

Another time – when we were in high school – my father was taken sick one night, well past midnight, and my brother and I had to walk to the neighbors, Durfee Hoag. They called Dr. Esley to come to our house. He was a truly great country doctor that we could still use today in many of our communities.

*Additional Information from WHS files: Dr. E. E. Esley passed away September 28, 1946, after having served the Walworth community for almost 45 years as a respected citizen, enthusiastic community leader, and beloved doctor.*

**Dr. E. E. Esley**  
**Photo taken appx. 1935**