

[Ford, Merton L.]

## Funeral Today for Dr. Ford

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Funeral services for Dr. Merton L. Ford, a lifelong resident of Oneonta, who died Saturday afternoon in Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, Cal., were held this afternoon at the Turner-Stevens Funeral Chapel, Pasadena, with the Rev. A. R. Blauvelt, Universalist minister, officiating. Following cremation, his ashes will be brought to Oneonta and buried in the family plot at Riverside Cemetery.

Dr. Ford, who was 84, conducted a drug store in Main Street until his retirement from business in 1916. He was born Jan. 22, 1861, in Oneonta, the son of Newton I. and Mary (Sheppard) Ford. Following his graduation from Oneonta High School and Albany Business College, he joined his father in the operation of a drug store in this city and later entered the New York University Bellevue Medical College and graduated in 1888.

Dr. Ford was a charter director of the Computing Tabulating and Recording Machine Co., which has developed into International Business Machines Corp. He was a charter director of Fox Memorial Hospital, active in the building of the first electric generating plant in Oneonta, and was for many years a member of the board of State Teachers College, a founder of Oneonta Golf and Country Club, and a life member of the Masonic Lodge.

He married Miss Alice May Whipple in September, 1897. She died April 27, 1930, and on Oct. 7, 1931, he married Mrs. Susan (Morris) Baird, widow of George B. Baird.

Surviving besides his wife are a daughter, Mrs. L. S. House, Oneonta; four grandchildren, Cox. L. S. House, Jr., serving in the navy, and Misses Alice W., Susan F. and Jean S. House; a nephew, Harold R. Ford, Oneonta, and a cousin, Miss Marion Yager of Oneonta.

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