

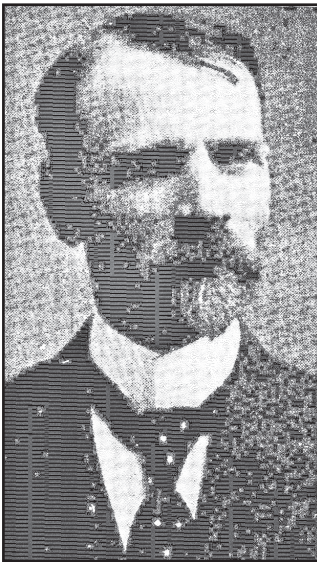


# Community Medical Center Ground Breakers

The history of Community Medical Center continues with recognizing another individual that pioneered health care in our community and made a difference in our medical history – people we call Ground Breakers.

## Charles Theodore Burchard

- Son of Frederick W. Burchard (1825-1911), and the father of Harry Dana Burchard, M.D. (1882-1941).



Dr. Charles T. Burchard

- 1876 – Age 19 – matriculated to Rush Medical School in Chicago
- July 4, 1877 – returned to Arago for vacation
- Widespread diphtheria epidemic prevented his return to medical school until October 1878.
- February 1879 graduated from Medical school
- Practiced in Arago until 1884 when he moved to Falls City.
- Served as County Physician, City Physician for Falls City and County Insanity Commissioner
- Remained in Falls City until his death in 1920.

Dr. C.T. Burchard brought the first fever thermometer, hypodermic syringe, obstetric forceps to the area and performed the first tracheotomy in the county.

He and his wife, Caroline, had three children, Harry Dana Burchard, MD. Clarence, who died in 1908, and Helen Burchard Phillips, who lived in Falls City until her death in 1983. They lived at 2005 Stone Street

1903 - One of the founding members of the Richardson County Medical Society (RCMS), affiliated with the Nebraska State Medical Association and was a long time chairman.

1910 –The RCMS was allowed to “die a natural death” via non-payment of dues.

1912 – New Charter was established to have members of good character.