Mrs. W. Holmes Is Dead at Collins; Was 80 Years Old

Collins, Sept. 20—Death came at 1 a.m. today to Mrs. Minnie Holmes, an 80-year-old lifetime resident of the Collins and Peoria communities. She died at her farm home south of Collins.

Funeral services are pending word from children living at a distance.

Survivors include the deceased’s husband, W. H. Holmes; two daughters, Hazel, who has been caring for her mother in the home, and Ila Oxley, Des Moines; two sons, Ervin W., Clemons, Iowa, and Vernon, Collins; nine grandchildren; one great grandchild; three brothers, S. A. Bates, Collins; Grant Bates, Nevada, and John A. Bates, Hobart Okla., and one sister, Mrs. O. E. Bedell, Hastings, Neb.

Plan Holmes Rites At Collins Tuesday

Collins, Sept. 22—Funeral services for Mrs. W. H. Holmes who died here early Saturday morning have been set for 2 o’clock Tuesday afternoon at the Christian church. The Rev. Esch, pastor, will be in charge of the rites. Burial will be in Evergreen cemetery.

Funeral Services for Mrs. W. H. Holmes Held Tuesday

Collins, Sept. 29—Funeral services for Mrs. W. H. Holmes, who passed away at her home south of Collins early on Saturday morning, Sept. 20, were held at the local Church of Christ, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o’clock. The Rev. Henry Esch, pastor of the church, was in charge of the services.

A quartet composed of Mrs. Vance Stead, Mrs. I. D. Holland, R. A. Long and Milton Hale with Mrs. C. R. Stone at the piano furnished the music. The songs used were “Abide with Me” and “The Old Rugged Cross.”

The flowers were arranged at the church and grave by the Misses Belva and Iva Swalwell and Mrs. Harlan Carver.

Interment was in Evergreen cemetery with Lowell and Gale Holmes, Roland Holmes, William Oxley, grandsons and William and Henry Duesburg, close neighbors acting as pallbearers.

Obituary

The following obituary was read at the services: Minnie Augusta Bates, daughter of John A. and Miriam Bates, was born in Jasper county, Ia., on Dec. 24, 1866, and passed from this life on Sept. 20, 1947, at the age of 80 years, eight months and 26 days.

In her girlhood, the family moved to the Collins community and located on the Bates homestead, southwest of town.

She was united in marriage at Auburn, Neb., to William Holmes, also of Collins, and to the union four children were born, all of whom survive her.
With the exception of the first year which was spent in Nemaha county, Nebr., they made their home throughout their married life in the community.

Besides her husband she is survived by her four children: Hazel Holmes and Vernon Holmes of near Collins, Ervin Holmes of Clemons and Mrs. Ila Oxley of Des Moines; nine grandchildren and one great-grandson. Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. O. E. Bedell of Hastings, Nebr., three brothers, Sherm Bates of near Collins, Grant Bates of near Nevada and John A. Bates of Hobart, Okla., as well as many nieces and nephews and a host of more distant relatives and friends.

Among the out of town relatives and friends attending the funeral of Mrs. William Holmes Tuesday afternoon were: Mrs. Flora Warrell and Mrs. Roy Hemnick of Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bell, Newton; John E. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Max Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Warrell, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Oxley and Bill all of Des Moines; Grant Bates, Nevada; Roland Holmes, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Holmes and daughters, Maizie and Shirley, Clemons.

Obituary

Thomas Holmes was born in Yorkshire, England, December 12, 1856, and came to this country with his parents while a child, first to the state of Illinois and then to Iowa, locating on the prairies of this new state about three miles southwest of Collins, where he grew to manhood amidst the early pioneers. His life has been largely devoted to farming and the stone-mason's trade until the past few years, during which he has been in retirement from his labors at Mason City, Ia., where he departed this life April 16, 1921.

He leaves surviving his widow residing at Mason City, Ia.; three children, Mrs. Lewis G. Pulis of Des Moines, Mrs. Arthur Dominagh of Mason City, and Arthur Holmes of Riverside, Calif.; eight grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Charles McQuiston of Collins and Mrs. Henry Warrell of Maxwell; and five brothers, William H. Holmes, George Holmes and Walter Holmes, all of Collins, David Holmes of Brooklyn, N. Y., and John Holmes of Des Moines.

Mr. Holmes was a man of sterling qualities and solid parts, a congenial spirit, a kind and loving husband and a devoted father, loved by all; and in his dealings with his fellow man always kind and considerate and performed to the full his part. His going will be missed by all who knew him and the vacancy left will be sorely felt by his many relatives.