

HOLMES, Thomas

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COLLINS PIONEER WAS BURIED TODAY

THOMAS HOLMES CAME TO
THAT NEIGHBORHOOD AS
A SMALL LAD

Special to the Journal.

Collins, April 18 — Thomas Holmes, age about 75 years, was buried in the Collins cemetery today after services by Rev. Thomas Adamson, at the Methodist church.

Mr. Holmes, for many years a resident of this community, died Thursday at his home at Mason City and the body was brought here for the funeral and interment.

Mr. Holmes was a native of Yorkshire, England, and came to America when but a small child with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holmes and other members of the family, and settled first in Illinois. Living there but a short time they came on out to Iowa and settled on the old Holmes homestead southwest of Collins.

There Thomas grew to manhood and was married first to Miss Dora McQuiston in 1881. Two children were born to them, they being Arthur Holmes of California and Mrs. Lou Pulis of Des Moines.

Later he was married to Miss Ella McQuiston and they moved into Collins. Three children were born to them. Two, Alfred and Roy, died in infancy, while the third is Mrs. Alta Doneghy and lives in Chicago.

They left Collins about thirty years ago and located first in Stuart and then went to Mason City. The wife died at Mason City about 4 years ago after which the father made his home with the daughter for a time, but about two years ago was married for the third time.

Besides his wife and three children, he leaves five brothers and two sisters. The brothers are William, George and Walter all of near Collins, John of Chicago and David of Brooklyn, N. Y. The sisters are Mrs. Charles McQuiston of Collins and Mrs. Henry Worrall of

Holmes, Thomas d. 4-16-1931

Collins

Gazette

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THOMAS HOLMES DIED THURSDAY AT MASON CITY

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Collins Methodist Episcopal church for Thomas Holmes, a pioneer of the community, who passed away last Thursday at his home at Mason City. The services were in charge of the Rev. John Adamson, pastor of the local church. Interment was in Collins Evergreen cemetery.

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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, 1931.

He leaves surviving his widow residing at Mason City, Ia.; three children, Mrs. Lewis G. Puls of Des Moines, Mrs. Arthur Donaghy of Mason City, and Arthur Holmes of Elverside, 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.