

[Holmes, Horace Frederick]

H. F. Holmes Dies, Was Photographer

Horace Frederick Holmes, 62, one of the best known photographers in the state, died this morning at his home, 139 Lincoln av., after an illness of several months.

One of the earliest portrait photographers in this section, Mr. Holmes for more than 40 years had been known in all branches of the photographic art. In the days of wet plate processes Mr. Holmes conducted a studio in S. Salina st. and later, with the advent of improved photographic processes formed a partnership with H. F. Smith. Under the firm name of Smith & Holmes, these partners for many years did a general commercial photography business covering a broad field. About five years ago the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Holmes going to the Herald as staff photographer, a position he occupied at the time of his death.

As a press photographer Mr. Holmes was widely known and formed a broad circle of staunch friends and acquaintances. Alert and with an inborn "news sense," Mr. Holmes was a familiar figure wherever there was any occurrence of news importance. He had photographed practically every man of prominence who had ever visited Syracuse and with many of them had a personal acquaintance. He had a full and complete knowledge of the photographic art as it is developed in the newspaper business and his passing removes from the newspaper field in Syracuse one of its most valued and respected workers. At different times he had contributed photographs to all three newspapers in Syracuse.

Mr. Holmes was born at Cortland in 1855, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Frederick Holmes. He removed to this city as a young man, entering at once into the field of photography. He was a member of the Citizens Club. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Lutheria O. Holmes; two sons, Curtis D. and Arlington Holmes; one brother, Louis D. Holmes, and one granddaughter, Jane Lutheria Holmes. Funeral services will be conducted at his late home Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the Rev. Dr. Frederick W. Betts, pastor of the First Universalist Church, officiating. Interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery.

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