

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

December 9, 1948

The local area was saddened with the news of the death of Herman Holmes, prominent, respected and widely known resident of the Upper Peninsula. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels A. Holmes was born in Varmland in the western part of Sweden on October 3, 1872 and came to the United States in 1882 settling in Iron River, then a rough mining camp to which the railroad had just arrived a year before. He married Christina Sackerson on November 16, 1898, at the home of Mrs. William Holmes, Crystal Falls, sister of the bride. Establishing himself as a logger, Holmes became active in the Republican Party and in 1900 was elected Sheriff of Iron County. After leaving office in 1910 he returned to logging until 1918 when he established a contracting business completing some major projects throughout the United States. His generosity to others manifested itself in countless gifts and philanthropies in Iron County. In addition to his wife he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Esther Cole, grandson Franklin Cole, one brother Gust and one sister Mrs. Frank Flancher.

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# Death Of Herman Holmes Is Shock To Community