

Leander G. HOLMES, formerly and for years engaged in the grain business at Portland, one of the best known men in the county, and who died at Battle Creek, Mich., in the summer of 1920, was a native Hoosier and had been a resident of this state all his life. Mr. HOLMES was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Wells on October 20, 1855, and was a son of Lemuel and Sarah (MYERS) HOLMES, who came to this county with their family about the year 1873 and located at Portland, Lemuel HOLMES establishing there a marble works later operated by his son, Charles HOLMES. Leander G. HOLMES was about eighteen years of age when his parents moved to Portland, and he there became engaged with his father in the operations of the marble works, and continued thus engaged for some years, or until he entered the grain business, which afterward occupied his attention. Mr. HOLMES became a successful grain dealer and erected an elevator operated by the Equity Exchange. He also erected an elevator at Bryant and continued his operations along that line until in 1916, when he sold his grain interests and retired. Meanwhile he had acquired possession of a 120-acre farm south of Portland, to the operation of which he gave his attention, and was also the owner of a couple of business buildings on North Meridian street, Portland. Mr. HOLMES died on August 25, 1920, and is buried in Green Park cemetery at Portland. He was a Republican and was a member of the Methodist church, as is his widow.

On May 7, 1879, Leander G. HOLMES was united in marriage to Clara J. CREAGER, of Portland, and to that union were born four children, Sarah Edith, Walter C., Vadia M. and Russell, the last named of whom died in infancy.

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