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Valley Pioneer William Holmes, Dies in L. A.

PALMDALE—Antelope Valley pioneer William Walter Holmes of Palmdale, passed away at the Veteran's Wadsworth Hospital in Los Angeles on Thursday, July 15, at 3:30 a.m.

● Holmes was born in Ganges, Ohio, on Sept. 30, 1875 and attended school there and Teacher's College in Aida, Ohio. In 1899 he enlisted in the army and served for three years. His army duties took him to Cuba, China and he fought in the insurrection of the Phillipines.

Returning to Ohio, he purchased the Southern Hotel Barber Shop in Mansfield.

● In 1904 he and Altha Mae Wells were married. In 1913 the Holmeses and their three sons came west to California and homesteaded near Valyermo. Later they moved down into the Antelope Valley to be nearer schools. In 1926 he purchased the Palmdale Barber Shop and barbered there until he sold in 1947. He worked in his son's shop in Lancaster for another year and then retired.

Palmdale Leader

Holmes contributed much to Palmdale community life. He was a leader in Veteran's organizations being a past commander of the VFW here and past vice commander of the Spanish-American Veterans of Burbank.

He was a charter member and past president of the Palmdale Kiwanis Club and Chamber of Commerce and was for many years a member of the Antelope

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