

Dr. Timothy Holmes (1802-1881)

By Jerry Long

Dr. Timothy Holmes was born 16 May 1802 in Jefferson County, KY (Breckenridge News, Cloverport, KY, 13 April 1881, p3). He was the son of Moses Holmes (1770-1830) & Amelia Bass and grandson of John Holmes, a Revolutionary War veteran, and Chloe Bentley. Timothy's father, Moses Holmes, is listed in the 1810, 1820 & 1830 censuses of Jefferson County, KY. The will of Moses Holmes, was probated in Jefferson County, KY on 4 October 1830; in it he named his wife, Amelia, and children Margaret, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Jesse, Mathew, Timothy, Benjamin S. & Martin G. Holmes. Timothy's mother, Amelia Holmes, is reported to be 78 years old and born in South Carolina in the 1850 census of Hancock County, KY. Amelia Bass Holmes was born 8 July 1775 South Carolina and died 20 August 1850. Amelia in 1850 was living in the home of her daughter, Margaret (Holmes) Thomas. Margaret (1810-1895) married Doctor Simms Thomas, 12 March 1835 Jefferson County, KY. Her marriage bond records that she was daughter of Moses Holmes, deceased. Margaret is buried in the Hawesville, KY cemetery. Timothy Holmes' brother, Jesse Wendall Holmes, also a doctor, moved to Cloverport in Breckinridge County, KY.

Timothy Holmes in 1826 after studying medicine moved to Hancock County, KY. At the time his home was part of Breckinridge County, KY (Breckenridge News, Cloverport, KY, 13 April 1881, p3). He settled on the Ohio River just opposite where Tell City, IN is now. He was a resident of Hancock County upon its formation in 1829. He is listed in Hancock County's first tax list in 1829. The 1830 Hancock tax list records that he owned one town lot. He moved to the town of Hawesville when it was founded in 1829. He lived and practiced medicine in Hawesville the remainder of his life. He is listed in the 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 federal censuses of Hawesville, Hancock County, KY.

Dr. Holmes was politically active in the service of his community. He was a member of the Whig party and served as chairman of numerous political committees. He acted as a trustee for the town of Hawesville. During 1847-1851 he represented Hancock County in the Kentucky Legislature serving in the House of Representatives (Collins' Historical Sketches of Kentucky: History of Kentucky, Vol. 2, Lewis & Richard H. Collins, 1874, p305). In January 1862 he qualified as the county judge of Hancock County. He was a founding member of the Hancock County Agricultural Society created during the 1865-1866 session of the Kentucky General Assembly. He was a member of the Masonic Order at Hancock Lodge, No. 115 in Hawesville.

Timothy Holmes married Elizabeth Blincoe on 3 March 1831 in Hancock County, KY. Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin Blincoe & Elizabeth Stark, was born about 1804 in Kentucky. She died 3 December 1878 in Hawesville, KY. Timothy and Elizabeth Holmes had six children who reached their maturity – Benjamin M., Lewis T., Hester, Sophronia H., William H. and Amelia; another daughter, also named Hester, died in her 6th year.

Dr. Holmes lived in Hawesville on Main Street between what is now highways 1847 and 1389 (Hancock County, Kentucky Pioneer Paths Widen, Oswald Jett, McDowell Publications, Utica, KY, 1989, p3). Timothy Holmes died at his residence in Hawesville on 9 April 1881

(Breckenridge News, Cloverport, KY, 13 April 1881, p3). He was buried with his wife, Elizabeth, in the Hawesville Cemetery.



Hancock County, KY Loose Marriage Documents:

Commonwealth of Kentucky, Hancock County, Ky
I Samuel Jennings clerk of the county court, in &
for the county of Hancock and State aforesaid do certify
that bond and security has been taken in my office
for a license to issue for the marriage of Doct^r Timothy
Holmes and Miss Elizabeth Blincoe. There are
therefore authorized and require you to join
in the holy state of Matrimony the said Timothy
Holmes and ~~and~~ Miss Elizabeth Blincoe
agreeably to the forms and Customs of this
state of which you are a member. and for so
doing this shall be your sufficient warrant
Given under my hand as clerk aforesaid
this 2nd day of March 1831.
Samuel Jennings
Clerk

To any Minister of the Gospel or
Magistrate legally authorized
to celebrate the rite of Matrimony
S. C. Jennings

It now all men by these presents that we Timothy Holmes & Albert G. Hawes are held and jointly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in the special Duke of L. D. and for the payment, whereof we bind ourselves our heirs & Society & severally jointly by these presents signed with our hands sealed with our seals, and dated this 2nd day of March 1831.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if there be no lawful Cause to obstruct the marriage of the above bound Timothy Holmes & Miss Elizabeth Blincoe then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force & virtue

Test Paul Jennings Clerk
Henry A. Walker

Timothy Holmes
Albert G. Hawes Seal

This is to certify that I solemnized the rites of matrimony between the within named Timothy Holmes & Miss Elizabeth Blincoe on the 3rd Day of March 1831
Given under my hand Otho Williams
minister of the Methodist
Episcopal Church



Elizabeth	68	f		KY
Lewis	30	m	town marshal	KY
Hester	25	f		KY
William	22	m		KY
Amelia	18	f		KY

1880 Hancock County, KY census:

	Town of Hawesville, p180B, #119-119			
Holmes, T.	77	widowed	physician	KY-KY-KY
William	38	son - single	works in tobacco	KY-KY-KY
Amelia	34	daughter - sick with	phthisis	KY-KY-KY
Allen, Sophronia	37	daughter - widowed -	keeping house	KY-KY-KY
W. P.	15	grandson		KY-KY-KY
Elizabeth	12	granddaughter		KY-KY-KY
Eva	9	granddaughter		KY-KY-KY
Stanley	7	grandson		KY-KY-KY
Allie Bell	3	granddaughter		KY-KY-KY
Jackson, Bell	16	Black - servant	– cook	KY-KY-KY



Breckenridge News, Cloverport, KY, Wednesday, 13 April 1881, p3

Death of Dr. Timothy Holmes.
Died, at his residence in Hawesville, Ky., April 9, 1881, Dr. Timothy Holmes, aged nearly 79 years.
Dr. Holmes was born in Jefferson county, Kentucky, on the 16th of May, 1802, and in 1826, after having studied medicine, he moved to Hancock county, then a part of Breckeneuridge, and settled on the Ohio river just opposite where Tell City, Ind., now stands. After the town of Hawesville was laid out, he moved to it, where he has since lived and practiced medicine, a period of over fifty years.
As a citizen, Dr. Holmes was highly esteemed, having served Hancock county as representative in the legislature, and as county judge. He was a consistent member of the M. E. Church and the Masonic fraternity, and was of truly a generous and chivalrous nature. As a physician, he enjoyed in a very marked degree the confidence of his patrons, and had a large practice as long as he was able to attend to it. He leaves a family consisting of two sons and three daughters, his aged wife having died about two years ago.
Louisville and Terre Haute (Ind.) papers please copy.

Breckenridge News, Cloverport, KY, Wednesday, 11 December 1878, p3:

Mrs. Holmes, wife of Dr. Tim Holmes, of Hawesville, died on Tuesday the 3rd. Mrs. Holmes was an estimable christian woman, and beloved by all who knew her. A loving, devoted wife, a kind and affectionate mother has died a triumphant death and gone where she will never suffer again. Mrs. Holmes has been an invalid for several years, and has borne with her afflictions with the utmost christian fortitude.



Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, KY, 14 February 1957, p1:

Hawesville's Oldest House Now Being Torn Down

The picture that accompanies this article is what remains of the Old Adair house recently purchased by Leo Rosenblatt. Perhaps it would be better identified as the Old Dr. Holmes House, for it was pioneer Doctor Lewis Tim-

othy Holmes who built this house far more than one hundred years ago.

The information we have of this house is very fragmentary and was given us by Mr. S. H. Allen. Dr. Holmes was Mr. Allen's

grandfather and built this house some time prior to 1840. Mr. Allen is sure of this because his mother was born in the house in 1842.

It is related that Richard Hawes, who owned all the land where Hawesville is and from whom the town is named, platted what is now the square from Main Cross Street along Main Street to Clay Street into lots and when one bought one lot he was given an additional lot. Dr. Holmes bought the lot where the Adair House is and also was given the lot where Leo Rosenblatt lives and built the house as stated some time about 1840. These lots, at that time, extended from Main Street to River Street. The lot where Leo Brewer lives was given for a Methodist Church and a church was built on it.

Mr. Allen states that this Adair House was probably the first real house built in Hawesville. There were earlier houses of a minor character before 1840, but this was perhaps the first real house of any consequence in Hawesville. It is now being razed by Mr. Rosenblatt, who states that he does not contemplate building on the lot, but it will give his own home that is adjoining more room and better ventilation.



"AIN'T GONNA NEED THIS HOUSE NO LONGER" —Pictured above is the old Adair house on Main Street, one of the oldest homes in the county, being torn down. —Clarion Photo

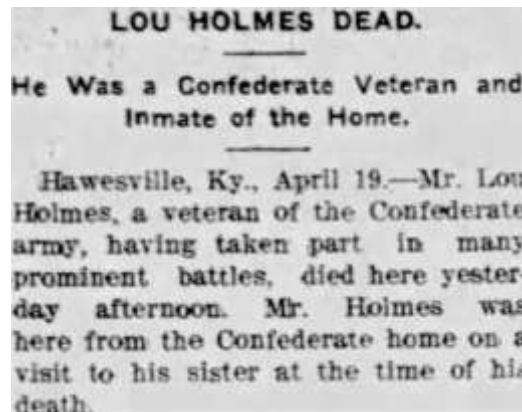


Family of Dr. Timothy Holmes and Elizabeth Blincoe

Dr. Timothy Holmes and Elizabeth Blincoe were the parents of seven children:

1. Hester Holmes born 1832-1833 Hancock County, KY. She died 16 March 1839 Hancock County, KY. She was buried in the Hawesville Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. Her gravestone recorded that she died on 16 March 1839 in her 6th year.
2. Benjamin M. Holmes was born 1834-1835 Hancock County, KY. In his parents' home in the 1850 census he was reported to be age 15. He preceded his father in death. He is reported to have been buried in the Hawesville Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.
3. Lewis T. Holmes, 'Lou', was born in August 1837 Hancock County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1900 censuses of Hancock County, KY. He served in the Confederate army during the Civil War (enlisted at Camp Burnett on 10 September 1861, private, company K, 4th Regiment, Kentucky Mounted Infantry). He participated in many prominent battles. He was captured during the Battle of Shiloh (History of the Orphan Brigade, Ed Porter Thompson, 1898, p689). At the time of the 1880 census he was a clerk in a hotel at Cloverport, Breckinridge County, KY; he was boarding at the hotel. In 1900 he was living with his sister, Sophronia Allen, in Hawesville, KY. He entered the Confederate Home at Peewee Valley, KY in April 1903 (Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, 8 April 1903, p4). His death occurred on 18 April 1904 while on a visit to his sister, Sophronia Allen, in Hawesville, KY. He was buried in the Hawesville Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. He was a bachelor.

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Tuesday, 19 April 1904, p4:



4. Hester Holmes was born 30 March 1840 Hancock County, KY. She married Preston B. Coleman on 9 April 1879 at the home of her father in Hawesville, KY. After their marriage they resided at Spring Grove in Union County, KY. Hester died in Union County, KY on 30 November 1908 at the age of 68. She was buried at the Woodland Baptist Cemetery, Spring Grove, Union County, KY. She was buried with her husband, Preston B. Coleman, who was born 23 March 1833 and died 21 January 1902. They had

one child – Pauline Coleman, who was born 29 January 1883 KY; married Herbert Tandy Young (1879-1955), 9 December 1903 Spring Grove, Union County, KY; Pauline died 14 October 1954 Lexington, Fayette County, KY, where she was buried in the Lexington Cemetery.

**Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY
Thursday, 3 December 1908, p8:**



Preston B. Coleman (1833-1902)

Mrs. Hester Coleman Dead.
Mrs. Hester Coleman died at her home in Union county Sunday morning, after an illness of two weeks, of pneumonia. She was 68 years of age, and was born in Hawesville, being the daughter of the late Dr. Timothy and Bessie Holmes, says the Hawesville Clarion. She was married to Preston Coleman, a Confederate soldier and moved from this place to Union county many years ago, where she has since resided. She has but one child, a daughter, Mrs. Pauline Young. Both mother and daughter are well known in Hawesville, where they have visited. Mrs. Coleman was the sister of Mrs. F. H. Allen and Mr. William Holmes of this city. Mrs. Allen and her daughter, Miss Allie B. Allen were present at the burial, which took place Monday near Spring Grove.

5. Sophronia Holmes was born 8 May 1842 Hancock County, KY. She married John William Allen on 31 December 1863 at her father's residence in Hawesville, Hancock County, KY. John W. & Sophronia Allen were listed in the 1870 census of Dixon, Webster County, KY. He was a lawyer. The son of W. M. & Esther B. Allen, he was born c1837 Cloverport, Breckinridge County, KY and died during 1876-1880. Sophronia Allen is listed as a widow in the 1880, 1900 and 1910 censuses of Hawesville, Hancock County, KY. She died of pneumonia at the age of 63 on 27 February 1916 at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth Wilson, in Hartford, Ohio County, KY. She was buried in the Hawesville Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. The 1900 and 1910 censuses report that Saphronia Allen was the mother of five children. They were – William Pierce (29 March 1865 – 5 December 1937, married Hattie White Cashman, 9 July 1911 Breckinridge County, KY, buried Hawesville Cemetery, Hancock County, KY); Elizabeth Esther (5 October 1868 – 13 March 1943, married John Bruce Wilson, 2 April 1901 Hawesville, Hancock County, KY, buried Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY); Eva (25 July 1870 – 22 May 1959, married Harry Hemphill Lostetter, 25 June 1900 Louisville, Jefferson County, KY, buried Homewood Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Homewood, Cook County, IL); Stanley Holmes (18 February 1873 – 3 February 1964, married Mary Jane Duncan, 18 June 1902 Hawesville, Hancock County, KY, buried Hawesville Cemetery, Hancock County, KY); and Alabel (10 October 1876 – 1 June 1957, single, buried Hawesville Cemetery, Hancock County, KY).

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 1 March 1916, p5:

Mrs. Sophronia Holmes Allen Dead

Mrs. Sophronia Holmes Allen died at the residence of her son-in-law and daughter, Judge and Mrs. Jno. B. Wilson, Union street, Hartford, last Sunday night at 7 o'clock, after a brief illness of pneumonia. Her remains were taken to Hawesville Monday and after funeral services conducted by Rev. B. W. Napier, of Hartford, assisted by Rev. Alexander, at the Methodist church, Hawesville, at 10 o'clock Tuesday, were interred in the Hawesville cemetery.

The deceased leaves five children surviving—Mr. William Allen, of Breckenridge county; Mrs. Jno. B. Wilson, Hartford, with whom she

was making her home; Mrs. H. H. Lostetter, Chicago; Mr. Stanley H. Allen, Georgetown, Texas, and Miss Alabel Allen, Chicago, all of whom were at her bedside when the final summons came. Mr. Lostetter, her son-in-law, arrived in Hartford early Monday.

Mrs. Allen, who was in the 74th year of her age, was a most cultured and lovable lady, who will be greatly missed. She had been a consistent and devoted member of the Methodist church for more than half a century. Rev. B. W. Napier, Capt. S. K. Cox and Mrs. C. M. Barnett were among those from Hartford who attended the funeral at Hawesville.

6. William H. Holmes was born in December 1844 Hancock County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900 and 1910 censuses of Hawesville, Hancock County, KY. After the death of his father, he resided with the family of his sister, Saphronia Allen. He worked as a tobacconist and house painter. He was a bachelor. He died on 1 January 1912 of pneumonia at the age of 67 at the home of his niece, Elizabeth Wilson, in Hartford, Ohio County, KY, where he was spending the Christmas holidays. He was buried in the Hawesville Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Thursday, 4 January 1912, p6:

**WILLIAM HOLMES DIES OF
PNEUMONIA AT HARTFORD**

William Holmes, who came to spend the holidays with his nephew and niece, Judge and Mrs. John B. Wilson, died at their residence on Union street, in this city, on Monday night of pneumonia. His remains were taken to Hawesville on Tuesday morning on the 7:19 train, where interment was had. The remains were accompanied by Judge John B. Wilson and Col. C. M. Barnett, of Hartford; Mrs. Harry Lostetter, of Chicago, and Miss Anna Belle Allen, of Hawesville.

The deceased was a bachelor, sixty-seven years of age, and made his home with his sister, Mrs. Allen, of Hawesville, and was formerly a prominent tobacconist.

His illness was of short duration, being taken ill of pneumonia Tuesday night of last week.—Hartford Herald.

7. Amelia Holmes was born 1 December 1848 Hancock County, KY. She is listed in her father's home in the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 censuses of Hawesville, Hancock County, KY. In 1900 she was living with her sister, Hester Coleman, in Union County, KY. She never married. She died on 20 March 1904 at the home of her sister, Hester Coleman, in Union County, KY. She was buried in the Woodland Baptist Cemetery, at Spring Grove in Union County, KY.

Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, KY, Saturday, 26 March 1904:

Death of Mrs. Amelia Holmes

Miss Amelia Holmes, aged fifty-seven, died Sunday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Hester Coleman, at Spring Grove in Union County. She had been in bad health all of her life and died as a result of asthma. The remains were buried in Union County Monday at 2 p.m. Miss Holmes was born and raised in Hawesville and made her home both here and in Union County. She was the sister of Mr. William Holmes and Mrs. S. H. Allen of this city. The latter was with her at the end, together with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilson of Hartford, Mrs. Wilson being a niece of the deceased.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Thursday, 24 March 1904, p5:

