

Military History cont'd

In 1939 the Second World War started and again several men from this section enlisted. They were Donald McQuarrie, Beverly Brown, Allison Risebrogh, Clarence Drier, Ira Stevenson and Arthur Ammerman.

Biographies

One person, Joseph Holmes, is worthy of mention as a writer of poetry about the years 1980 to 1905. We would like to publish some of his poems but can't find any trace of them now.

The following is a poem written by Holmes:

ONLY MOTHER GONE HOME

Only an aged one gone to her rest
 Only what God in his mercy saw best
 Only a widow lone, only a wife
 Only a drop from the ocean of life.

Only the messenger death on the wing
 Come to escort her, bereft of his sting
 Where her dim eyes will reopen with joy
 Viewing the Glory without the aloy.

Only a mother whose two gentle hands
 Ministered tenderly to our demands
 Only two feet that were willing to tread
 Thorns to relieve us or soften our bed.

Only two ears ever ready and clear
 Always alert our bewailings to hear
 Only a tongue that was soothing and mild
 Guileless and simple as that of a child.

Only a grandma, who cheered her lone way
 Teaching her children's small children to pray
 To her no more they their offerings can bring
 Cups of cold water, and first flowers of spring.

Only a corner now empty and bare
 Where the eye wanders to see is she there
 Only her counsels more precious than gold
 Graved on our minds from her lessons of old.

Only a pilgrim of ninety long years
 Strewing her pathway with smiles and with tears
 Always acknowledging trusting in God
 Willing to bow to his chastening rod.

Tho' with her visible presence we part
 Only a billow rolls over our heart
 Only a parting sigh only a tear
 Still we feel conscious her spirit is near.