

federal government post to which a black person was appointed here. He held it until 1906, when he resigned for health reasons.

Scott, a 33rd-degree Scottish Rite Mason, died March 23, 1909, and is buried at Fairmount Cemetery. He was survived by his widow, Adele A. Wagner Scott, two sons and a daughter, Addelina. One son, Rudolph Jr., is listed in the 1910 city directory as a draftsman in the city engineering department and another, Henry W., is listed as a civil engineer.

Emmett Hercules Holmes This black pioneer arrived by train in Spokane Falls in 1888 accompanied by his family, including his father, John R. Holmes, mother Helen, brother Israel, and sisters Edmonia, Elizabeth and Cornelia. His birthplace, on July 7, 1872, was Mississippi. John Holmes, born a slave, died nine years after the family's arrival here.



*Emmett Hercules Holmes*

A railroad worker, Emmett Holmes became the county's first black employee in 1904 when he was appointed deputy county treasurer. He later became a state employee, serving first as identification officer for the state penitentiary at Walla Walla, then as postmaster for the state legislature.

The Holmes family was among the founders of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1890 and Emmett Holmes also had a hand in earlier plans for establishment of Calvary Baptist Church.

In 1917 Holmes was elected Grand Master of the Negro Masons of Washington. He, like many other black pioneers, was a member of the Spokane County Pioneer Society, the John A. Logan Colored Republican Club of Spokane Falls, and the African American League. Holmes held several jobs, including a bellhop at the Grand Hotel, a saloon porter, then a porter at the Seattle Lakeshore & Eastern Railroad linking Spokane and Seattle, owned by a prominent banker and Spokane founder, A.M. Cannon. Holmes also worked for years as a butler for