



Mr. Jerry Flowers

Austin Corbin, a wealthy businessman who showed his appreciation by leaving Holmes and his wife a lifetime pension.

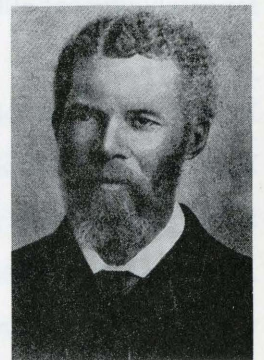
Emmett Holmes died in 1948. His sisters Elizabeth and Cornelia, longtime active community members, married Spokane pioneers Matthew S. Stafford and Jeremiah Flowers, respectively. Stafford worked as a railroad and hotel porter and Flowers as a cook, janitor, porter and a laborer in the city water department.

Rev. Peter B. Barrow Sr. There was no doubt that the Rev. Barrow, born a slave in Virginia in 1840, loved the Northwest, where he settled at Deer Lake in 1889. "I jumped out of hell and landed in heaven on both feet," he announced at a black voters' meeting in 1890. His background included two terms as a Mississippi state senator during Reconstruction and service in the Grand Army of the Republic.

He became one of the first black landowners in Stevens County, cultivating a huge irrigated apple orchard, but he still found time to be active in the community. He became one of the founders and pastors of Calvary Baptist Church, a leader in the Farmers Alliance movement, and a candidate for presidential elector on the Populist ticket in 1896.

In 1892 Rev. Barrow moved his wife Julia and their six sons and a daughter to a house he built at E. 2417 Second in Spokane.

Under Rev. Barrow's direction, a giant black enterprise was born, the Deer Lake Irrigated Orchards Co., a 140-acre development at Deer Lake where blacks could prove themselves as workmen. The operation, the largest of its kind in the Inland Empire, grew winter apples on land purchased for \$15,600



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