

Elizabeth Burnham, 78

Walnut - Elizabeth Pace Burnham, daughter of J. Harvey and Caroline Huntington Pace, was born April 15, 1901, in Co. Bluffs and died Tuesday, Febr. 5, 1980 at Oakland Nursing Home in Oakland. She attended school in Co. Bluffs and was graduated from Co. Bluffs high school in 1918 and from Grinnell College in 1922.

In the summer of 1922, she was one of nine girls, who won a trip to France with the "Goodwill Delegation", through a popularity contest conducted by the Omaha Bee newspaper. The contest raised money to aid the areas of France devastated by WW I. She returned to America in Sept. and accepted a teaching position at Victor.

She married F.R. Burnham Dec. 21, 1922 in Montezuma. Afterwards they taught and helped administrate public schools in western Iowa. Upon retirement they returned to Walnut, where they were residents at the Peace Haven Home.

She was a 50 year member of the Order of Eastern Star; Federated Women's club and Past Matrons club in Walnut, and had been a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Co. Bluffs. She was also a member of the Presbyterian church and United Presbyterian Women.

Survivors are her husband, F.R. Burnham; four children: F. Raymond Burnham Jr. of Griswold, Harvey Pace Burnham of Laurens, Elizabeth Jean (Mrs. Randall) Goettsch of Villisca and Carolyn Luella (Mrs. Robert) Johnk of Hancock; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant sister.

Funeral services were held at the Walnut Presbyterian church

on Friday, Febr. 8, 1980 with Rev. Robert Houser of Avoca, officiating. Burial was in the Flint cemetery near Griswold, with her grandsons, Nathan Burnham, Keith Johnk, Don Hering, David Burnham, Kent Johnk and Don Plumb serving as casketbearers.