

THE LIFE STORY OF —

Florence Carter Graves, 94

Florence Iona Graves, daughter of James C. and Ada Southwick Steele, was born on a farm in Lincoln Twp. near Harlan on December 18, 1881. She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital on July 28, 1976, at the age 94 years, 7 months and 10 days. She attended school at Harlan and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm. Her family was one of the early pioneer families in Shelby County. On November 28, 1901, she married Frank J. Carter in Harlan. Two sons were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Carter farmed west of Harlan for a few years. In 1914 they moved into Harlan where they owned and operated a coal, flour, feed and grain exchange out of the old Trading Post. After a few years, they sold out and moved to their farm in Center Twp. After retiring they moved back to Harlan in 1935. After Mr Carter's death in 1959, Mrs Carter continued to make her home in Harlan. On May 17, 1962, she was united in marriage to Fred H. Graves in Fremont, Nebr. They made their home in Harlan and in 1969 became residents of the Baptist Memorial Home. This has been her home since that time. Mr Graves died March 3rd of this year. Mrs Graves was a member of the First United Methodist church of Harlan and the Women's Society of Christian Service. She had been very active in club work. She had been a member of the Harlan Civic Club, the Historical Society and the National Federation of Republican Women. She was a member of the Zenobia Rebekah Lodge No. 286 I.O.O.F. for over 50 years and had been a Past Noble Grand.

In addition to her parents, Mr Carter and Mr Graves, she was preceded in death by one son, Leland D. Carter; one grandson and by two brothers, Elmer Steele and Dr. C. C. Steele. She is survived by her son, Eldon E. Carter of Daytona Beach, Fla., four grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; one brother, Dr. M. L. Steele of Dallas, Tex.; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Rebekah Services were conducted at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, July 29, 1976 at Pauley Funeral Home by the Zenobia Rebekah Lodge No. 286 I.O.O.F. Funeral services were held at the Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, Friday, July 30, 1976, with The Rev. Larry LaVelle, pastor of the First United Methodist church, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Don Blakely, Floyd Fiscus, Ron McKeown, Gerald Larson, Leonard Fiscus and Gaillard Heflin serving as pallbearers.