

THE LIFE STORY OF —

Neva Oma Lawrence, 84

Neva Oma Lawrence, daughter of E.W. and Iniss Carpenter Perdew, was born Nov. 17, 1899 in Washington twp. in Taylor Co. She grew up and went to school in Taylor Co. She later attended Iowa Univ. for two years (1926-1927) majoring in piano and voice.

She married J.H. Lawrence on Jan. 20, 1937 at Atlantic and they made their home on the Lawrence family home near Portsmouth, for several years and then moved to Harlan, where they lived until his death in Nov. of 1971. Later she moved to a home in Bedford. Five years ago she fell and broke her hip and knee and has been a resident at the nursing home since.

She was a member of the Gravity Christian church since 1923 and was a faithful member until her health failed her. She died Dec. 14, 1983 at the age of 84.

She was preceded in death by her husband J.H. Lawrence; two brothers, Wilbur C. Perdew in 1920 and Charles E. Perdew in 1967. She is survived by a sister, Vera Brown of Gravity; nephews, Howard Perdew and wife, Lola of Bedford, Leonard Perdew and wife, Marie and family of Conway, Robert Perdew and wife, Joann of Boulder, Colo. and other nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Dec. 17 in Shum-Novinger Funeral Home in Bedford. Officiating were Rev. Roger Charley and Rev. Mark Imel. Burial was in the Washington cemetery in Gravity.