

Esther Simpson

MANNING — Esther Simpson, daughter of Marius and Olina Mickelson Simpson, was born Sept. 7, 1900 in Avoca. She graduated from the Irwin high school in 1919 and then taught rural schools in the Irwin area. She married Harold W. Simpson on May 13, 1922. They made their home in Harlan, where he was an auto mechanic, later they farmed near Manilla and Irwin. Later they moved to Irwin, where Harold worked for the Steenhuisen Implement Co. for many years. After his death Esther continued to make her home in Irwin until moving to the Terrace Apartments in Manning when they opened in 1970. She died suddenly at her apartment Monday, Febr. 14, 1977 at age 76 years, 5 months and 7 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a step brother. Survivors include three children: Mrs Ruth Downey of Omaha, Harold Simpson of Lincoln, Nebr., and Marilyn (Mrs Charles) Escher of Manning, 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, a brother-in-law, Rex Simpson of Good Hope, Ill.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Febr. 17, 1977 at the Church of Christ in Irwin with Pastor Dick Creek, officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery with her grandsons serving as casketbearers.
