

THE LIFE STORY OF —

ANTON J. SWENSEN, 81

Anton Jens Swensen, son of Jens Christian and Thomasine Jensen Svendsen was born in Aalborg, Denmark on Aug. 5, 1894. He attended school in Denmark before coming to the United States with his parents in 1905. They settled near Harlan and he attended country school in Center twp. Later he attended school in Harlan and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. In Dec. of 1917 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as Wagoner in the 63rd Artillery in France. On April 16, 1918, before going overseas, he married Etna Hansen at the home of his uncle in Des Moines. Three children were born to this union. After receiving his Honorable Discharge in 1919, he returned to the Harlan area and he and Mrs Swensen engaged in farming four miles north of Harlan. In 1953 they moved to a farm in Center twp. This was their home until 1969 when Mr Swensen retired and they moved to their present home in Harlan. He was baptized in the Baptist church and attended the First Baptist church in Harlan. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post no. 941. Mr Swensen died at the Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on April 19, 1976, at age 81 years, 8 months and 14 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Henry, Gottlieb and Herbert and by one sister, Vernie Norgaard. He is survived by his wife, Etna, of Harlan; a son, LeRoy Swensen of Harlan and by two daughters, Arlene Larson of Omaha, Nebr. and June (Mrs Paul Scott) of Harlan; by three brothers, Elmer Swensen of rural Kirkman, Leonard Swenson of Marne and Wilbert Svendsen of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Pauley Funeral home in Harlan on Wednesday, April 21, 1976 with Pastor C. Donald Thrash, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Gary Swensen, Levi Swensen, James Swanson, Richard Swanson, Gaylord Swensen and Elliott Svendsen serving as casket-bearers.