

The Life Story of --

MABLE CLARE AMES, 97

Mable Clare Ames, one of Harlan's oldest residents, daughter of Usebius and Martha Coppess Overton, died Oct. 16, 1975, at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, at age 97 years, 10 months and 24 days. Mabel was born Nov. 22, 1877, at Milford, Ill. Her early years included a history of pioneer living and travel by covered wagon. As a small child she moved with her parents to Lane, Kans. They did much traveling through Kansas for two years and then located at Mound City, Mo. for a short time. In the spring of 1881 the Overtons headed north east and settled in Walnut, where Mable grew to adulthood. As a young woman, with a trade of dress-making, she went to Kirkman, to work in a dress shop. It was here she met her future husband. On April 6, 1898 she married Truman D. Ames in her parent's home in Walnut. To this union four children were born. Mr and Mrs Ames lived all their married life in Shelby and Pottawattamie counties except for one year spent in Colorado. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary April 6, 1948. Mable was baptized in the Methodist church and has been a member of the Methodist church all her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Truman D. Ames; one daughter, Vera May Ames; one son, Clifford Ames; one sister, Dorothy Lampher and three brothers, Clyde, Edgar and Louis Overton. She is survived by two daughters, Violet, Mrs Frank Stolz of Harlan and Fern, Mrs Chester Vinding of Concord, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; 44 great grandchildren; 11 great-great grandchildren; two sisters, Bessie Sievers of Walnut and Gladys Martin of Dexter, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Saturday, Oct. 18, 1975 with Rev Larry LaVelle officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery at Kirkman with Marion Ames, Charles Stolz, Everett Overton, Milford Overton, Michael Wohlhutter and Bernard Wohlhutter serving as casket bearers.