Violet May Blaine, 98

Harlan — Violet May Blaine, daughter of Chris and Lucinda Mitchell Landon, was born in Galesburg, Ill., on May 28, 1879. She died at the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan on Jan. 6, 1978, at age 98 years, 7 months and eight days. The first nine years of her life were spent in Galesburg, Ill., where her father was in business. She then moved with her parents by covered wagon to a farm near Kirkman. Her schooling was completed here in a small country schoolhouse as she grew to adulthood on her parent's farm. As a schoolteacher, she taught in the Rhorbeck and Harry Littleton schools. She married Carrey Blaine on Jan. 19, 1909, Kirkman. Seven children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Blaine farmed near Kirkman. They also lived in Westphalia for a short time before moving to Harlan in 1924. In addition to helping on the family farm, May also helped run a blacksmith shop, clerked in a store, worked at a sale barn and operated a hotel. Mrs Blaine continued to make her home at 508 Tarkington St. after Mr Blaine's death in 1959. She lived by herself and continued her many interests until becoming a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in March of 1977.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three children - John, Perry and Lena Blaine; and by her four brothers and two sisters. She is survived by one daughter, Opal (Mrs Robert Bertsch) of Harlan; three sons - Jasper of Harlan and twins, Dale and Donald, both of Des Moines; 23 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Monday, Jan. 9, 1978, with Pastor Clifford H. Nelson, pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Rose Hill cemetery in Kirkman with Jerry Blaine, James Blaine, Edward Blaine, Richard Blaine, Thomas Bertsch and Robert Bertsch, Jr., all grandsons of Mrs Blaine, serving as casketbearers.