

Esther A. Carter, 84

Irwin — Esther Ann Carter, daughter of Rebecca Handy and Thomas Gerratt was born Aug. 13, 1895, in Persia. She died Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1979, at her home near Irwin at age 84 years, 3 months and 14 days.

Esther was educated in the rural schools near Persia and later attended the Harlan College. She taught rural school in the Persia area until she married William Carter on Jan. 7, 1918 in Persia. She helped her husband and son farm in the Irwin area for 61 years. Esther was a member of the Irwin Church of Christ and the Order of the Eastern Star of Irwin.

Mrs Carter was preceded in death by her parents, her husband - William, 2 brothers - Walter and Ralph Gerratt and three sisters - Lottie Carter, Irene Kimmish and Mary Fahrenkrog. Survivors include her son - Virgil of Irwin; three grandchildren - Kathy Pennell of Tucson, Ariz., Michel of Co. Bluffs and William at home; by three brothers - Bill Gerratt of Logan, Grant Gerratt of Watsonville, Calif., and Donald Gerratt of Burley, Idaho; three sisters - Ethel Sorenson of Harlan; Idna Hubbard of Woodbine and Norma Landis of Mesa, Ariz.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 29, 1979 at the Irwin Church of Christ with Rev. Marty Burgus, officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery in Irwin with Howard Clark, Bill Shannon, Merrill Axland, Carl Armentrout, Sterling Nelson and James Zimmerman serving as casketbearers.

Services were conducted by the Burmeister Funeral Home.