

**The Life Story of --**

**FRED H. GRAVES, 93**

Frederick Homer Graves, son of Charles and Emily Jane Pasco Graves, was born on a farm in Center Twp., Shelby county, on Apr. 25, 1882. He died at Myrtle Memorial hospital in Harlan, on Mar. 3, 1976, at age 93 years, 11 months and 8 days. He grew to adulthood on his parent's farm and attended elementary school in Center twp. and the Harlan Community high school. He advanced his education by completing two terms of school at Iowa State College at Ames, and two terms of Business College at Lincoln, Nebr. He then quit school to farm with his father and on Jan. 18, 1905, he married Jessie Morgan in Harlan. They moved to Cedar county, Nebr., where he rented a farm for two years. They then returned to Harlan and farmed his father's land in Center twp. To this union four children were born: Elliott, Esther Margaret, and (John) Jack. Mr. and Mrs. Graves later moved into Harlan, where Mrs. Graves died in 1958. Mr. Graves was a prominent farmer and stock raiser and was a strong believer in soil conservation. He was a member of the Farm Bureau and the Methodist Episcopal church. On May 17, 1962, Fred married Florence Carter in Fremont, Nebr. They made their home in Harlan and in 1969 became residents of the Baptist Memorial Home. This has been their home since that time.

In addition to his parents and four children, he was preceded in death by a brother, Arthur and an infant sister, by a stepson, L. D. Carter of Harlan. He is survived by his wife, Florence; five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; by a sister, Marian Marks of Madison, Wisc.; a stepson, Eldon Carter of Florida; four step-grandchildren, ten step-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan Saturday, Mar. 6, 1976 with Rev. Larry LaVelle, pastor of First United Methodist church, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Vic Curtis, Jim Jensen, Gary Graves, George Graves, Eugene Graves and Charles Graves serving as casketbearers.