

LOOKING BACK

BY SHIRLEY SCHAPER

**J.N. Mead died at his home here Monday morning
Resident of State Center for 12 years; in failing health since spring**

November 11, 1937 State Center Enterprise

Jasper N. Mead, 79, who for the past 12 years has been a resident of State Center, passed away at his home here at 10:45 Monday morning. He had been in failing health since last spring when he underwent an operation.

Mr. Mead was born April 18, 1858 in Bureau county, Illinois, a son of Elias and Caroline Kiser Mead. He came to Marshall county with his parents in 1876 and settled on a farm near Rhodes. He was married to Miss Jennie E. Good on July 4, 1883. They were the parents of three children, Elias Abram, now of W-lls, Minn., Anna Pearl, at home, and William Irvin, Rhodes.

After living in Story county a short time, Mr. Mead purchased a farm south of Rhodes where the family lived until 1902 when Mr. Mead then bought the Oak Hill stock farm near Rhodes.

Mrs. Mead died in 1922 at Rhodes. Mr. Mead was married on Jan. 29, 1925 to Mrs. Belle Crawford and in December of that year he purchased the J.W. Dobbin residence in this city where Mr. and Mrs. Mead and daughter Ann have lived. Mr. Mead operated the State Center hatchery for ten years, retiring two years ago.

Besides his three children and his widow he is survived by seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Clara Hale of Rhodes and Mrs. Phoebe Niles of West Plains, Mo.

Funeral services were held at the home at 2 p.m. on Wednesday in charge of Rev. A. H. Schultz. The pall bearers were H. Wilkening, S. Homer, Wm. Blumenschein, E.E. Benson, Lyle Weuve and W.A. Miles and the flowers were cared for by six grandchildren of Mr. Mead. Burial was in the Eden cemetery at Rhodes.