OBITUARY

GRACE NICHOLS MADILL

Mrs. Grace Madill, whose maiden name was Nichols, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, on Feb. 7, 1873, and passed away at Community hospital in Grinnell, Iowa, on May 21, 1957, at the age of 84 years, 3½ months.

In 1890, at the age of seventeen, she came with her parents to the United States where they settled on a farm near Laurel, Iowa. She grew to womanhood under conditions which required hard work and frugal living. Coupled with this she had a strong incentive to get ahead and established habits of industry and saving. Love of home and family that remained with her throughout her life. Her life was also strongly influenced by her early religious training in the Presbyterian church. Her strong moral and religious character was evident throughout her life. For many years she had been a member of the First Congregational church.

On March 20, 1901, she was married to John A. Madill who passed away May 4, 1944. They spent all their productive years farming in the general area of Newburg, Iowa, starting out by building their own home on a then unimproved farm which is now operated by a nephew, Meridith Madill. They left the farm in 1937 and moved to Grinnell, where Mrs. Madill had maintained a home up to the time of her death.

During the years four children were born into the home. They are: Stanley of Vailina, Ill.; Anna Bartlett of Miles, Ia.; Lawrence of Grinnell, and Robert of Montezuma. There are five granddaughters: Carol Ann Madill, Cleveland, Ohio; Arlene Mae Madill, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Beverly Ann Bartlett, Chicago, Ill.; Jean Marie Madill, Minneapolis, Minn., and Verne Irene Madill, Ames, Iowa.

Mrs. Madill's home was a place unless it was to follow the travels of her children and grandchildren. But within these narrow limits her influence was always strong and gracious.

Mrs. D. H. Craven of Malcolm is her only surviving sister. Two sisters and her two brothers preceded her in death.