

DAY, DECEMBER 27, 1929.

Mrs. Jas. McIlrath Dies In Brooklyn

(From The Chronicle)

The whole community was saddened Friday morning by the death of Mrs. James McIlrath. Mr. and Mrs. McIlrath have been among the early settlers of Brooklyn and the nearby country, and have been known all around here as among our best people. They have raised a large family and have made a success of everything they have undertaken. Mrs. McIlrath has been in poor health and has not been so active in the affairs of the town and country as Mr. McIlrath, but has a host of friends who mourn her departure as one of their own family. The large number of friends and relatives who gathered at the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon speak of the esteem in which she was held.

Mrs. McIlrath devoted herself first to her family and in that field she was the happiest. Her death came suddenly but found her ready. Her son Merrill, of Long Beach, arrived Monday morning. Mrs. Minnie Albert of Long Beach was unable to be present. She and her family were here this summer and visited her mother and father. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred McIlrath of Chicago came to attend the funeral and the other children live in Brooklyn and Hartwick.

Grandsons were pallbearers and the services were beautiful. Rev. E. W. F. Holler, and Rev. B. W. Northrop of the Hartwick Congregational church conducted the service in a manner which will not be forgotten by those who were present.

We have lost one of our finest women and the sympathy of the entire community is offered to "Uncle Jimmie."

Harriet Jane Deacon.

Harriet Jane Deacon was born December 25th, 1854, in New Orleans, La. At the age of three years she was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. William Deacon of Brooklyn and spent most of her girlhood in this vicinity.

December 25, 1875, she was united in marriage with James McIlrath. She was the mother of nine children: Eleanor Wallace Yount died June 26, 1906, and William Hugh on November 14, 1907. The seven children who survive are Mrs. Charles Swecker of Belle Plaine, Alfred of Chicago, Mrs. Ben Wilson of Hartwick, David of Hartwick, Mrs. Minnie Albert of Long Beach, Calif., Forrest of Brooklyn and Merrill of Long Beach.

Had she lived until Christmas day they would have been permitted to celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary. When they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary it was truly a gala day for Mrs. McIlrath as well as for her many friends in this community.

She was charitable toward others in a very high degree. So thoughtful was she of others that all of her Christmas gifts had been secured and most of them sent when death came suddenly to her last Friday morning.

As her life was mostly spent in this vicinity her church affiliations had been with the Madison Christian Church, the Hartwick Congregational church and since 1915 with the Brooklyn Presbyterian church.

Eighteen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two adopted sisters, Mrs. S. R. Ormiston and Mrs. A. W. Scott, survive.

(James)