

Thursday, May 2, 1963

Former Resident, T. H. McIlrath, Dies In Texas

Thomas H. McIlrath, 89, of McAllen, Tex., and a former Grinnell resident, died Monday evening at a McAllen hospital following an illness of the past six months.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Norman Frerking, pastor of the Douglas Avenue Presbyterian church in Des Moines, and the Rev. Keith Hauser of Rolfe, officiating. Organ music will be provided by Mrs. Eugene Holley.

Serving as pallbearers will be Harold McIlrath, Leonard Lukehart, Delmar Adkins, Robert Peak, James McIlrath, and Hugh McMeekin. Burial will be in Graceland cemetery at Laurel.

The son of Hugh and Elizabeth Paul McIlrath, he was born near Davenport on Dec. 2nd, 1873. When he was three years old the family moved to the Laurel community and he received his early education in the Jasper county schools.

He was united in marriage with Christena Bloom at Jewell on Christmas Day, 1904, and to his union one daughter was

born: Mrs. Roy (Ruth) Bru of McAllen, Tex.

Mr. McIlrath moved to the Grinnell area in 1907 and continued to make his home here until 1956, when he moved to McAllen. Before retirement, he had been a farm operator and manager for many years. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church and the Grange.

Survivors include his daughter, Ruth; one granddaughter, Mrs. Clyde Hess and one great granddaughter, Deborah Sue Hess, both of McAllen, Tex. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Samuel Parker of Gilman and Miss Hannah McIlrath of Jewell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Christena, on July 14th, 1957; six brothers, John, James, Robert, Samuel, William and George McIlrath; and three sisters, Mary Ann, Grace, and Elizabeth McIlrath.