

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative McGrath, Axel Hull Senator _____
Represented Poweshiek County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 3 Mar 1897 near Hartwick, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Day M. Austin 12 Jan 1920
Reatha Burke 19 Mar 1938 Blairtown, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business In 1933 he joined the Mortgage and Loan Department of National Life of Vermont as a field representative until 1953

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Knights of Pythias; American Legion

C. Profession Author; editor of the Brooklyn Chronicle newspaper; mortgages and loans

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 42nd 43rd General Assemblies 1927, 1929

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 3 Mar 1978 Cedar Rapids; his body was donated to the University of Iowa

8. Children Mildred (Mrs. Mason); Paul; Margaret (Mrs. Liddle); Sara (Mrs. Muepfl); Nancy (Mrs. Preston)

9. Names of parents James L. and Elizabeth Adell (Korn) McGrath

10. Education Graduated from Grinnell, Iowa High School in 1913

11. Degrees Graduate of Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa in 1919

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - World War I - U. S. Army
- He began auctioneering in 1917 with his father.
- He made a trip to France in 1919 in charge of a shipment of 750 dairy cattle for the French government.
- He was associated for several years in horse breeding.
- He also was involved in managing a cooperative elevator.
- He started his livestock auctioneering in 1917.

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Obituaries

Azel McIlrath

Azel Hull McIlrath, 81, Cedar Rapids, a former state legislator and for several years editor of the *Brooklyn Chronicle*, died March 3, 1978, at his home, 1735 C. Ave. NE, following an extended illness. He had been a Cedar Rapids resident since 1938.

Born at Hartwick March 3, 1897, he was a 1913 graduate of Grinnell high school and graduated from Iowa State University in 1919. He married the former Reatha Burke at Blairstown on March 19, 1938.

Mr. McIlrath was an auctioneer with his father. He served two terms as a representative from Poweshiek County in the Iowa Legislature beginning in 1927.

He was associated with Poweshiek County newspapers for several years. In 1933 he joined the Mortgage and Loan Department of National Life of Vermont as a field representative, a position he held for 20 years.

Mr. McIlrath was a member of the First Congregational church, a member of the Masonic Lodge at Brooklyn and High Twelve Club of Cedar Rapids, a veteran of World War I, a life member of the American Legion in Cedar Rapids and past commander of Francis

Gallagher Post of the American Legion at Brooklyn.

Surviving in addition to his wife are four daughters, Mildred Moses, Hollidaysburg, Pa., Margaret Liddle, Mountain View, Calif., Sara Whelpley, Doylestown, Pa., and Nancy Preston, Green Bay, Wis.; one son, Paul, Cedar Rapids; 18 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Emma Arthur of Ames; and three brothers, Ellsworth, Jacksonville, Fla., William Howard of Estes Park, Colo., and Arthur of Menlo Park, Calif.

The body was donated to the University of Iowa.

Memorial services were held Tuesday at First Congregational church, Cedar Rapids, by Dr. Glenn N. Bender.

Virgil McCammant

Virgil Franklin McCammant, 68, Malcom, Iowa died unexpectedly Feb. 27 of an apparent heart attack.

The son of Ed and Nancy Kurth Patten McCammant, he was born Jan. 22, 1910.

He farmed south of Malcom before moving into town where he had a blacksmith and welding business. He retired in 1974.

He married the former Opal Malotte on April 19, 1932. They

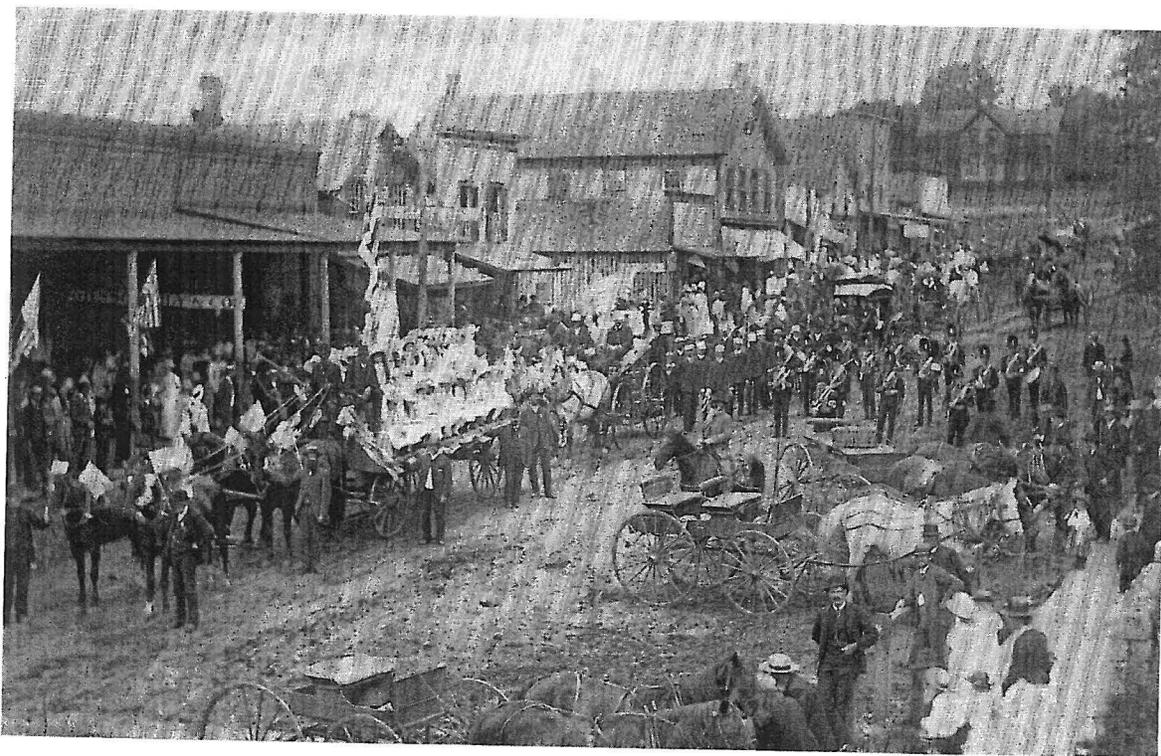
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BROOKLYN IOWA

The First 150 Years



By Carol Carpenter Hanson

2001

Published by The Brooklyn Historical Society, Brooklyn, Iowa

An account of the 1886 town fire reported the total loss of the McFarland Building, including the *Chronicle* office and those of doctors C. D. Conaway and Busby on the building's second floor. The burned building was demolished, and the *Chronicle* moved to the (first) Poweshiek County Bank Building at 114 Front Street. It shared the first floor with the bank, while the press and engine room were housed in the basement. Late in 1893 the newspaper offices were established in the former post office building at 118 West Front (currently the Coast to Coast location),



only to be totally destroyed for the second time in nine years, in the fire of 1894. A new press, equipment, files and records were lost. That building was rebuilt and the newspaper offices were once more housed there. (Reportedly the *Chronicle* also was housed at some period in the first Town Hall; we believe it was immediately after the '86 fire. Following the '94 fire, the *Chronicle* office was temporarily located in the T. J. Holmes building, and also in the Byers Building just east of Hotel Brooklyn on Front Street.)

In the early 1900s the *Chronicle* had over 1400 subscribers through a succession of editors. Among them was M. L. Gordon, who ran it for nine years and moved the office in 1919 to 118 Jackson Street (currently the site of the tanning center), and added a new press. The next editor was David Sutherland, who managed the paper from 1921 to 1923 and then moved to the county seat to publish the *Montezuma Republican*. Azel McIlrath managed the paper for several years; when he was elected as state representative to the 1927 and 1929 general assemblies,

Bill Roth operated Roth's Place on south side of Front Street for 30 years, beginning in 1933. The Little German Band from Cedar Rapids provided music for the opening of its outdoor beer garden. Francis Chovla was second from left; others included Gene Gallagher, Gus Van Renterghem and Ed Blomma. Behind the bar were Bill Roth and Jerry Wenger.

Darby Irwin Edwards

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Azel H. McClrath

Birth **3 Mar 1897** in [near Hartwick, Poweshiek Co., Iowa](#)
 Death **Mar 1978** in [Cedar Rapids, Linn Co., Iowa](#)

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Timeline (View details)

- 1897**
3 Mar

Birth
[near Hartwick, Poweshiek Co., Iowa](#)
Azel H. McClrath Representative from Poweshiek county, born near Hartwick, Iowa, March 3, 1897, son of J.L. and Lizzie A. McClrath. [7 source citations](#)
- 1900**
Age: 3

Residence
[Warren, Poweshiek Co., Iowa](#)
1900 United States Federal Census [1 source citation](#)
- 1910**
Age: 13

Residence
[Grinnel Ward 1, Poweshiek Co., Iowa](#)
1910 United States Federal Census [1 source citation](#)
- 1913**
11 May
Age: 16

Military
[Iowa](#)
Voluntarily enlisted in army, May 11, 1913. Appointed sergeant, then first sergeant, and was discharged and commissioned lieutenant in field artillery reserve, November 26, 1918.
- 1913**
Age: 16

Education
[Grinnell, Poweshiek Co., Iowa](#)
Graduated from Grinnell high school in 1913.
- 1915**
Age: 18

Residence
[Grinnell, Poweshiek Co., Iowa](#)
Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925 [1 source citation](#)
- 1917**
Age: 20

Occupation
[Iowa](#)
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- 1919**
Age: 22

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[Iowa](#)
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- 1920**
12 Jan
Age: 22

Marriage to Gay M. Huston
[Iowa](#)
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- 1920**
Age: 23

Residence
[Grinnel Ward 1, Poweshiek Co., Iowa](#)
1920 United States Federal Census [1 source citation](#)
- 1925**
1 Jan
Age: 27

Residence
[Brooklyn, Poweshiek Co., Iowa](#)
Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925 [1 source citation](#)
- 1926**
Age: 29

Election
[Iowa](#)
Following the deflation he supplemented work becoming editor of the Brooklyn Chronicle, president commercial club & commander American Legion post. Member Congregational church, Masonic & Knights of Pythias lodges, elected on republican ticket in 1926,

Family Members

Parents

- James L. "Mayor" McClrath**
1871 – 1955
- Elizabeth Adell "Lizzie" Korns**
1873 – 1945

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Spouse & Children

- Gay M. Huston**
1898 –
- Living McClrath**
- Living McClrath**
- Margaret A. McClrath**
1927 –

[Family group sheet](#)

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1900 United States Federal Census

1 citation provides evidence for **Name, Residence, Birth**

1910 United States Federal Census

1 citation provides evidence for **Name, Residence, Birth**

1920 United States Federal Census

1 citation provides evidence for **Name, Residence, Birth**

1930 United States Federal Census

1 citation provides evidence for **Name, Residence, Birth**

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

2 citations provide evidence for **Name, Residence, Birth**

Social Security Death Index

1 citation provides evidence for **Name, Death, Birth**

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Azal H. McIlrath - bio

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source: Iowa Official Register 1927-1928; Biographies of State Representatives; pg. 250

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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **Azel H Mcilrath**
Birth Year: **abt 1898**
Birth Place: **Iowa**
Gender: **Male**
Race: **White**
Marital Status: **Married**
Census Date: **1 Jan 1925**
Residence state: **Iowa**
Residence County: **Poweshiek**
Locality: **Brooklyn**
Relation to Head: **Head**
Mother: **Lozzie A Romo**
Mother's Birth Year: **abt 1874**
Mother's Birthplace: **Iowa**
Father: **James L Mcilrath**
Father's Birth Year: **abt 1872**
Father's Birthplace: **Iowa**
Marriage Place: **Iowa**
Spouse Name: **Gay M Mcilrath**
Roll: **IA1925_1922**
Line: **15**
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Household Members:	Name	Age
	Azal H Mcilrath	27
	Gay M Mcilrath	27
	Mildred P Mcilrath	3
	Paul N Mcilrath	1

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2007.
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 Azel MCILRATH

Birth Date: 3 Mar 1897
Death Date: Mar 1978
Social Security Number: 009-09-5865
State or Territory Where Number Was Issued: Vermont

Death Residence Localities

ZIP Code: 52402
Localities: Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa

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