

Thursday, August 31, 1961

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Mrs. Donai Dies Today; Services Slated Saturday

Mrs. Bessie Whitaker Donai, a resident of Grinnell for the past 12 years, died this morning at a local hospital following an extended illness.

Funeral services for Mrs. Donai will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the James-Schalinske Funeral Home with the Rev. Kenneth Pohlenz officiating.

Interment will be in Pella.

Mrs. Donai was born February 5, 1889, in Blue Grass, Scott County, Iowa, the daughter of David W. and Lugenia Nebergall Whitaker.

She served as an Army Nurse in a hospital in France during World War I and later served veterans hospitals in St. Louis, Mo., Knoxville, Ia., and St. Cloud, Minn.

Mrs. Donai was a member of the Friends church, American Legion and the Eastern Star at St. Cloud.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. B. A. Adams of Grinnell, and Nellie and Verna Whitaker, both of Oak Park, Ill.; and two brothers, Rolla Whitaker of Grinnell, and Lee Whitaker of Merced, Calif.

Mrs. Donai was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Donai, in September, 1942; brother, Bert Whitaker, and parents.