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## Nellie McIlrath Services Today

Mrs. Nellie C. McIlrath, 96, widow of J.L. McIlrath of 1109 Broad St., Grinnell, died late Thursday evening at her home. She had been in failing health the past few months.

The daughter of David and Eliza Rowland, she was born at Victor, Iowa, on April 10, 1874, one of a family of 12 children. On Jan. 9, 1892, she was married to H.H. Compton at Victor. During their marriage, the couple lived in Cedar Rapids, Neb., where he operated a mercantile store until his death in 1913. She then took her family to Nampa, where they made their home for 12 years.

In June of 1946, she was married to J.L. McIlrath in Grinnell. He preceded her in death in 1955. Mrs. McIlrath was a member of the Royal Neighbors.

She is survived by her children, Mrs. Beatrice King of Portland, Ore., Mrs. Irene Cairncross of Laguna Hills, Calif., Rowland Compton and Leon Compton, both of Portland, and Howard Compton of New Cumberland, Pa.; seven grandchildren; and six stepchildren, Azel McIlrath of Cedar Rapids, Ellsworth McIlrath of Jacksonville, Fla., Howard McIlrath of Denver, Arthur McIlrath of Palo Alto, Calif., Mrs. Grace Ellis of Marengo, and Mrs. Emma Arthur of Ames.

She was preceded in death by both her husbands, her son Earl Compton, a son and daughter in infancy, and three brothers and eight sisters.

Funeral services for Mrs. McIlrath were held at 3 p.m. today (Monday) at the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Ralph Beebe officiating. Organist was Norman Goodbrod, and pallbearers included Lyman G. Case, G.F. Hatcher, Virgil Jones, Larry A. Mindrup, James R. North and Max A. Smith. Honorary pallbearers were Carl E. Child and R.S. Kinsey. Burial was in IOOF Cemetery, Victor.