

Deerfield Man Dies Suddenly in Racine;

William J. Hamilton of 27 Central avenue, Deerfield, Ill., a pioneer resident of Lake county, died suddenly April 23 on the streets of Racine, Wis., after a heart attack. Mr. Hamilton returned from California two weeks ago where he had spent the winter, and was in apparent good health, although he has had slight heart attacks at intervals for the past year or two. He left with his wife yesterday morning in their car to drive to Racine to see about some of his property located there.

Mr. Hamilton was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hamilton and was born March 30, 1852 on a farm which is now in the west part of North Chicago. January 19, 1882, he was married to Helen Atteridge, who preceded him in death, October 23, 1917. In November 1922 he married Olive Roberts, who survives him. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Woolley of Elgin; a niece, Mrs. Carl L. Krafft, and nephew, William R. Kemp, both of whom reside in Lake Forest. Mr. Hamilton sold the farm in North Chicago many years ago, and resided for a considerable length of time in Lake Forest. The

last seven years he has been a resident of Deerfield. He was a life long member of the Episcopal church and will be mourned by a large circle of friends.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon, and burial was in the Oakwoods cemetery, Waukegan.

March of This Year Holds Record for Big Snowfall, Report Says

A snowfall which established new records in several portions of the state was the outstanding feature of March weather, according to a survey completed by C. J. Root, government meteorologist, and published at Springfield last week.

Despite the fact that the snowfall was excessive, the precipitation throughout the state as a whole averaged less than the half the normal amount. Depths of the snow which fell on March 25 and 26 averaged from 5 to 20 inches. The greatest fall was recorded at Chicago where all previous records were shattered.

The snowfall, it is estimated, cost Chicago several millions of dollars in clearing streets and elevated railway tracks. More than 20,000 men were employed by a Chicago street car com-

pany alone, in clearing its right of way.

Vegetation had an early start in February, but did not make much progress in March and the below freezing temperature that occurred frequently apparently caused little harm. The dry weather was favorable for working soil, according to the report.

Temperatures ranged above normal during a large portion of the month. On March 16 the average state temperature was 18 degrees above normal on the second and from the 25th to 27th. The highest station readings ranged from 70 to 80 degrees and occurred on various dates. The lowest station readings ranged from 7 to 22 degrees and occurred mostly on the second and third days of the month.

Precipitation totals varied from less than an inch to nearly three inches, with the greatest amounts in the northwest area and the more southwest counties. All stations with the exception of Chicago, reported below normal for the month.

Fire of undetermined origin, believed to have started in the janitor's room on the second floor of the Schwartz building, 28 N. Genesee street, caused damage estimated at \$50,000 last week.

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