

W. M. HOYT, PIONEER, SUMMONED BY DEATH

Prominent Resident of Winnetka
and Green Cove Springs, Fla.,
Dies in Southland

William M. Hoyt, pioneer Chicago business man, and one of the best known residents of Winnetka, passed away at his winter home in Green Cove Springs, Fla., Thursday of this week, at the age of 88 years.

Despite his advanced years, Mr. Hoyt had been remarkably well preserved both physically and mentally. In recent years he gave much of his time to writing on various subjects and many of his articles appeared in Florida newspapers. He had been retired from business for several years and was an enthusiastic golfer.

Mr. Hoyt came to Chicago in 1855 from Vermont when the population of the city was about 60,000. After working for a brief spell as clerk in grocery and fruit stores, he launched into the fruit business for himself, beginning on a capital of \$89. Unfailing attention to his enterprise brought a development of business that was nothing short of phenomenal. The Chicago fire, which wiped out his business, failed to deter him, and, from the ashes of the great loss was built one of the greatest wholesale grocery establishments in the Middle West.

In recent years Mr. Hoyt spent his winters at Green Cove Springs, maintaining his beautiful summer home at 550 Sheridan road in this village. His had been a most happy outlook on life and living until last April when death claimed Mrs. Hoyt after 65 years of beautiful comradeship. From

that time the aged pioneer began to fail rapidly, and, at the time of his departure for Florida early in the autumn, he seemed to welcome the day when he would join the departed companion of more than three score years. He had decided to dispose of his Winnetka home.

Birthday anniversaries were occasions of great jollification in the Hoyt family and were invariably accompanied by a large assemblage of relatives and friends. Last April the elder Hoyts celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary amid scenes of great festivity. Four days later Mrs. Hoyt was summoned by death.

Mr. Hoyt is survived by a son, N. Landon Hoyt; four grandchildren, William M. II., Landon Jr., Mrs. Elliott E. Stearns of Cleveland, and Mrs. P. L. Sutherland of Green Cove Springs, and two great grandchildren.

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