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HAMILTON, REVEREND J. F.

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Reverend Hamilton was a native of Kentucky. He taught Latin and mathematics in the Lexington, Kentucky Academy for several years. He was associated with James G. Blaine as a fellow instructor during his teaching. He enlisted in the Confederate Service. At that time he was resident of Alabama. He was assigned to the staff of General Bushrod Johnson and served throughout the war. He took part in the campaigns in Tennessee and Mississippi. He was at Shiloh but was transferred to Virginia before the close of the war. He was at Appomatox when General Lee surrendered. He was at Lee's headquarters when the formal surrender was made and had a copy of the order disbanding the Confederate army signed by Lee, a document which he prized highly. He returned to Alabama by horseback.

After the war he moved to Hannibal, Missouri, and his attention turned to ministry. In his early life he was a methodist, but entered the Episcopal ministry and was several years in the diocese in Texas.

Because of his health he had to move to the North and so came to Sauk Centre. He was sent here temporarily by Bishop Whipple in the fall of 1882. He made this his home until his death. The Degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him in 1898 by the Seabury Divinity School. He was Rector of the Church of the Good Samaritan in Sauk Centre for over nineteen years.

His wife's health would not allow her to live in Minnesota and so she divided her time between Minnesota, Texas, and Colorado. The Reverend J. F. and Mrs. Hamilton had three sons, Harry, Lee, and William, and one daughter, Mrs. Ward.

Reverend Hamilton died from affection of the stomach in Chicago where he had been taking treatments. He was buried on January 14, 1902 in Sauk Centre by F. M. Garland in the Church of the Good Samaritan. He was

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greatly beloved by his people and friends.

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FOR THE REVEREND J. F. HAMILTON BIOGRAPHY

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