

ORIGINAL MONTHLY RECORD OF OBSERVATIONS at Richmond Virginia, for the Month of December, 1897.

DATE.	TEMPERATURE.							PRECIPITATION.										DATE.						
	Maximum. (b)	Minimum. (b)	Range. (b)	Change. (b)	Mean. (Max. and Min.) (b)	Normal.	Departure.	TOTAL EXCESS OR DEFICIENCY.		8 A. M.		8 P. M.		TOTAL. 8 p. m. to 8 p. m. (b) ††	Normal.	Departure.	TOTAL EXCESS OR DEFICIENCY.		SNOWFALL. (Inches and tenths.)		Average daily cloudiness (0 to 10).	CHARACTER OF DAY.		
								Since 1st of month.	Since Jan. 1st.	Character.	Beginning.	Ending.	Character.				Beginning.		Ending.	Since 1st of month.			Since Jan. 1st.	Unmelted. 8 p. m. to 8 p. m. (b)
1897																							1897	
1	50	26	24	4	38															0	0	7	Part cloudy	1
2	45	36	9	2	40															0	0	10	cloudy	2
3	39	36	3	2	38					R	9 <sup>25</sup> pm	---	R	---	4 <sup>00</sup> pm	.52			0	0	10	cloudy	3	
4	44	36	8	2	40						7 <sup>00</sup> am	---	R	---	3 <sup>58</sup> pm	.06			0	0	10	cloudy	4	
5	54	35	19	4	44					R	1 <sup>02</sup> am	3 <sup>15</sup> am				.05			0	0	5	Part cloudy	5	
6	46	33	13	4	40											0			0	0	0	clear	6	
7	56	33	23	4	44											0			0	0	3	clear	7	
8	53	36	17	0	44											0			0	0	0	clear	8	
9	64	35	29	6	50											0			0	0	3	clear	9	
10	68	39	29	4	54											0			0	0	5	Part cloudy	10	
11	68	52	16	6	60											0			0	0	8	cloudy	11	
12	60	46	14	7	53					R	12 <sup>30</sup> am	3 <sup>00</sup> am				.07			0	0	7	Part cloudy	12	
13	51	43	8	6	49											0			0	0	10	cloudy	13	
14	60	45	15	5	52					R	3 <sup>30</sup> am	---	R	12 <sup>45</sup> pm	9.10 am	.54			0	0	10	cloudy	14	
15	52	40	12	6	46					R	6 <sup>55</sup> am	8.44 pm 14"	R	---	11.50 am	.10			0	0	10	cloudy	15	
16	61	34	27	2	48											0			0	0	2	clear	16	
17	58	43	15	2	50											0			0	0	7	Part cloudy	17	
18	56	34	22	5	45											0			0	0	8	cloudy	18	
19	36	28	8	13	32											0			0	0	8	cloudy	19	
20	38	28	10	1	33					R	7 <sup>20</sup> am.	-----	R	-----	-----	.39			0	0	10	cloudy	20	
21	48	38	10	10	43					R	---	7 <sup>40</sup> am				.21			0	0	10	cloudy	21	
22	46	36	10	2	41					R	9 <sup>10</sup> pm	3 <sup>20</sup> am				.14			0	0	10	cloudy	22	
23	42	29	15	7	34											0			0	0	3	clear	23	
24	32	20	12	8	26											0			0	0	0	clear	24	
25	36	19	17	2	28											0			0	0	5	Part cloudy	25	
26	44	29	15	8	36					R	3 <sup>10</sup> am	-----	R	-----	11 <sup>35</sup> am	.55			0	0	10	cloudy	26	
27	45	29	16	1	37											0			0	0	3	clear	27	
28	38	26	12	5	32											0			0	0	5	Part cloudy	28	
29	47	25	22	4	36											0			0	0	8	cloudy	29	
30	58	38	20	12	48											0			0	0	0	clear	30	
31	54	34	20	4	44											0			0	0	5	Part cloudy	31	
S	154.5	103.8	50.7	148	129.2	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	2.63	(a)	(a)	(a)	0	(a)	19.5	(a)	(a)
M	49.8	33.5	15.8	4.8	42.1	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	0	(a)	(a)	(a)	0	(a)	6.3	(a)	(a)

\* It is believed the maximum temperature recorded at 8 a. m. on the following day occurred after midnight. † Use the following abbreviations: R - rain, S<sup>d</sup> - dry snow, S<sup>m</sup> - moist snow, Sl - sleet, H - hail.