

MRS. HENRY M. HAMILTON  
GRATEFUL TO GRINNELL  
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Mrs. Hamilton wishes to express her hearty appreciation of every kind thought and word by friends in Grinnell in memory of her late husband. He had hoped to visit Grinnell, the place of "his first business venture", and would have been most cordially received by the few now here who knew him personally, and by all who are enjoying the fruits of the wisdom which laid the foundations of social, religious and educational interests here. It will be many a year before those who reside in Grinnell will be willing to forget their obligations to every one of its founders.

MR. HAMILTON APPRECIATED AT HOME.

The Home News of New Brunswick, N. J., recalls Mr. Hamilton's desperate struggle in freeing that state from the grasp of a single railroad when its legislature even was inclined to make the state subordinate to that corporation. It says of Mr. Hamilton:

"In the midst of this fight a representative of a railroad and a former State Governor had a conference with him and there was about a half a million dollars in the place at the time to make the conference interesting. A definite offer was made to buy Hamilton out, which included a salary of \$5,000 for the remainder of his life, with nothing to do. It was then that Hamilton made the statement, which has been known to only a few of his friends, but which showed the stamp of the man.

"I can afford to be defeated", he told them, "but I can't afford to sell out my friends".

In the face of all this opposition he succeeded in getting the charter and the charters for several other roads which were connected and transformed into what is at present the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. The road was finished in 1876, and was opened up in time for the Philadelphia Centennial celebration.

Mr. Hamilton was interested financially to a large extent in the road. He then established the town of Hamilton, in which he had since been laying out streets and intending to found a city there. But his expectations in that line were not realized. The town did not grow as he had expected. It has always been a station on the railroad. Mr. Hamilton did not die a wealthy man,

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but was comfortably fixed, as his neighbors say.

His son, Clarke Hamilton, was one of the chief engineers of the New York subway work and is at present in charge of the six track railroad system being built near Hartford, Conn., in which city he makes his home. His daughter, Mary B. Hamilton, made her home at the old homestead. He also leaves a widow.

He died on Sunday, January 13, and his funeral was held on Thursday, Jan. 17, being conducted by Rev. Henry Lockwood, pastor of the East Millstone Reformed Church, assisted by Rev. Floris Ferwarda, pastor of the Millstone Reformed Church. The interment was at Somerville, on Jan. 18.