

ORIGINAL MONTHLY RECORD OF OBSERVATIONS at Richmond, Va., for the Month of May, 1898.

DATE. 1898.	TEMPERATURE.							PRECIPITATION.										DATE. 1898.						
	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)
1	80	50	30	1	65									0					0	0	3	Clear	1	
2	92	58	34	10	75									T					0	0	2	Clear	2	
3	78	53	25	9	66					R	-----	8.45 p.m.		.01					0	0	3	Clear	3	
4	71	52	19	4	62									0					0	0	5	Pt. cloudy	4	
5	70	53	17	0	62					R	JN	JN	R	4.15 p.m.	-----	.64			0	0	8	Cloudy	5	
6	60	51	9	6	56					R	7.15 a.m.	-----	R	11.50 a.m.	2.05 p.m.	1.45			0	0	10	Cloudy	6	
7	51	47	4	7	49					R	7.25 a.m.	-----	R	10.20 a.m.	8.30 a.m.	.47			0	0	10	Cloudy	7	
8	51	42	9	3	46					R	-----	-----	R	5.00 p.m.	2.10 p.m.	.74			0	0	10	Cloudy	8	
9	67	40	27	8	54									0					0	0	0	Clear	9	
10	76	46	30	7	61									0					0	0	2	Clear	10	
11	69	53	16	0	61								R	9.40 a.m.	2.50 p.m.	.10			0	0	10	Cloudy	11	
12	80	56	24	7	68					R	-----	-----	R	6.15 p.m.	6.25 p.m.	.10			0	0	2	Clear	12	
13	76	59	17	0	68					R	-----	8.15 p.m.		.05					0	0	4	Pt. cloudy	13	
14	78	58	20	0	68					R	11.15 p.m.	11.25 p.m.		.7					0	0	5	Pt. cloudy	14	
15	80	59	21	2	70					R	8.50 p.m.	9.05 p.m.	R	10.42 a.m.	11.15 a.m.	.11			0	0	10	Cloudy	15	
16	86	66	20	6	76								R	12.25 a.m.	11.33 a.m.	.18			0	0	7	Pt. cloudy	16	
17	78	62	16	6	70					R	8.10 p.m.	8.30 p.m.		.01					0	0	4	Pt. cloudy	17	
18	76	55	21	4	66									0					0	0	2	Clear	18	
19	84	60	24	6	72									0					0	0	4	Pt. cloudy	19	
20	92	71	21	10	82									0					0	0	6	Pt. cloudy	20	
21	91	70	21	2	80					R	10.00 p.m.	JN	R	3.05 p.m.	3.15 p.m.	.03			0	0	8	Cloudy	21	
22	70	62	8	14	66					R	JN	-----	R	-----	8.15 a.m.	.57			0	0	10	Cloudy	22	
23	69	62	7	0	66					R	8.00 p.m.	8.25 p.m.	R	8.30 a.m.	10.25 a.m.	.19			0	0	10	Cloudy	23	
24	80	66	14	7	73								R	1.24 p.m.	4.20 p.m.	.02			0	0	7	Pt. cloudy	24	
25	82	63	19	1	72					R	12.10 a.m.	JN	R	2.10 p.m.	2.35 p.m.	.01			0	0	8	Cloudy	25	
26	72	61	11	6	66								R	1.45 p.m.	2.40 p.m.	.04			0	0	7	Pt. cloudy	26	
27	77	58	19	2	68					R	10.00 p.m.	10.15 p.m.		.7					0	0	7	Pt. cloudy	27	
28	86	65	21	8	76					R	9.30 p.m.	10.15 p.m.		.11					0	0	2	Clear	28	
29	89	66	23	2	78									0					0	0	3	Clear	29	
30	88	66	22	1	77					R	4.13 a.m.	4.34 a.m.	R	4.57 p.m.	5.20 p.m.	.50			0	0	5	Pt. cloudy	30	
31	76	60	16	9	68					R	JN	JN		.01					0	0	1	Clear	31	
S	2375	1790	586	148	2087			(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	5.28			(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
M	76.6	57.7	18.9	4.8	67.3			(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)			(a)	(a)	19.4	(a)	(a)	(a)

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† Use the following abbreviations: R—rain, S^d—dry snow, S^m—moist snow, Sl—sleet, H—hail. †† T indicates trace of precipitation.