

Calvin Mitchell dies suddenly

Mr. Calvin Mitchell, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, died suddenly Tuesday afternoon a few hours after he had received word of the successful invasion in France. He had spent most of the day listening to the radio accounts of the landing. Within an hour after a heart attack he passed away. The funeral will be held Friday morning at ten o'clock at his late residence on Mitchell Street. The V. F. W. will give the military service. Interment will be in Euclid Lawn cemetery. Mr. Mitchell was born Dec. 15, 1859, in Effingham County, the son of school teacher parents. He followed in their footsteps and taught school in five states. During his journeys he became a prospector for gold in Alaska, returning to Illinois in time to enlist in Co. F of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Illinois regiment and was stationed in Puerto Rico, during the war. He came to Arlington Heights in 1922, purchasing seven acres on Foundry Road, which he later sold and purchased five acres in the western part of the village, which he subdivided and on which he built a number of homes. Mr. Mitchell was a self-educated man. He had ideas that were several years ahead of his times. He believed so much in them that he used considerable amount of his own funds in passing those ideas on to government officials, senators and congressmen. His files contain letters from the office of the president of the United States and members of cabinet. He did not live to see his monetary ideas adopted by the U. S. treasury department, but he never became discouraged because he was convinced he was right. Mr. Mitchell married Kate Gordon Dec. 25, 1917, who survives him. There is also one brother, Claudius who resides in Effingham.