## [Blanchard, Roy Allen]

## SCHOOL BOY, ILL TWO DAYS, DIES Roy Allen Blanchard, Aged 16 Years, Victim of Pneumonia

Roy Allen Blanchard, a member of the Freshman class in Watertown High School, died very suddenly at 11:30 Friday night at the family home, 914 Franklin street, following a two days' illness of pneumonia, aged 16 years. The young man had attended school until Wednesday. He complained of a severe headache when he returned home from school Wednesday afternoon and the pain continued Thursday. He remained in bed all day Thursday, and Friday afternoon his parents thought it advisable to call a physician.

Dr. G. S. Farmer was called, but did not regard the ailment as serious. The boy's condition became critical Friday night and Dr. Farmer was again summoned. He found the condition more serious than was at first supposed and called his son, Dr. Harlow G. Farmer, into consultation. Preparations were being made to remove the young man to the hospital when he suddenly passed away.

He was born April 24, 1901, in the town of Watertown, on a farm on the Adams Ridge road, son of Allen C. and Vannie C. Mantle Blanchard. The family came to this city from Ellisburg five years ago. They had lived in that village six years. The boy graduated from Academy street school last January to the High school and was entered in the commercial course. He attended All Souls Universalist church.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen C. Blanchard, he leaves two brothers, Robert, aged 17 years, and John, aged 11, all of this city.

The funeral will be held from the family home, 314 Franklin street, at 2:30 Monday afternoon, Rev. Harry Westbrook Reed, pastor of All Souls Universalist church, officiating. Interment will be made in Brookside cemetery.

The boy had been very sick about a week before as a result of eating canned salmon. He and his brother went on a hike to a shack near the city limits and had canned salmon for lunch. The physicians maintain that there was no indication of ptomaine poisoning as revealed by their diagnoses, but admitted that there might be an infection of the system, if the boy had been poisoned at that time.

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