

[Blackman, Bertie]

—We are pained to record this week the death of our esteemed Columbus correspondent, Bertie Blackman, son of Dennis Blackman, which occurred on the 5th inst. For eighteen years he had been a patient sufferer having received an injury when seven years of age from the effects of which he did not recover and which baffled the skill of many physicians to determine. His parents and two sisters deeply mourn their loss. The household has known much grief[,] three brothers [Frank, Hugh and Willie] having previously preceded him to the better land. While Bertie's body was too weak for manual labor¹, his brain was bright and active, and he had long been an acceptable correspondent of several local papers. His funeral was largely attended, Sunday afternoon, at the Universalist church, Rev. Geo. Adams officiating.

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¹ He used a wheelchair.