

[Christman, Dayton]

DAYTON CHRISTMAN

When it was learned on Monday that Dayton Christman had passed away in the County Hospital at Phoenix Mills, the previous evening, everyone felt that a soul had left a body ravaged by disease, and the effects of infantile paralysis, suffered when a young man.

Dayton Christman was born in Van Hornesville on February 21, 1879, the only child of Clarence and Marcella Ford Christman, and when a tiny baby, his people moved here and Schuyler Lake has been his home ever since. They lived on a farm near the village, and while tending hop box he strained the muscles of his legs, and this brought on the attack, and he was never able to walk without crutches, and for a long time he was in a wheel chair.

For many years he sold goods from a cart for "Clarke & Stephenson," and later, when [after] the partnership was broken up, for M. J. Clarke and he did a great many things that oftentimes seemed impossible for him to do, but he was very persistent, and in the end it would be done. When his mother died and left him alone, Mrs. Ardale Yale came and cared for him, until she was unable to do so, and she did all she could to alleviate his sufferings and "keep his courage up." When she was obliged to leave, he broke up his home [sold his house] and went to live at the County Farm.

The funeral was held on Wednesday, October 9th from the Universalist church, with the Rev. Charles Kramer officiating, with burial in the family plot in the village cemetery.

He was a member of the Universalist church and all his life a strong Republican.

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