

S. Stratton Hood

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Fatal Occurrence

It is with feelings of extreme sorrow that we record the death of S. Stratton Hood, aged about fourteen years, son of John Hood, Esq., of the General Land Office. Yesterday afternoon he was engaged in playing with his companions, and, while running, fell in the street, thus dislocating his neck. He was conveyed to his home in the neighborhood, but before the physician, Dr. Wilson, arrived to attend him, his spirit had departed. The occurrence is additionally mournful from the fact that several minutes only before the fatal event he was in the possession of good health and joyous spirits--happy in the society of his comrades, without a cloud of care, but "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye," death interposed to end his brief career, and rive the hearts of those at home who so fondly loved him, and spread over that happy household an impenetrable gloom. Human sympathy, in this dark hour of his friends' distress, cannot assuage the grief so poignantly experienced.