

James M. Bryant

Occupant Name: James M. Bryant

Location: Section F

Date of Birth: 1865

Date of Death: 1935

Date of Burial: 1935

Veteran: No

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



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**Blind Man
Fatally Hurt
By Truck**

**Jas. Bryant, 66, Formerly Of
Brownstown, Killed At Col-
umbus Sunday Evening.**

James Bryant, 66, blind broom marker who spent the greater part of his life near Brownstown in the Sygo neighborhood, was fatally injured about 6:30 Sunday evening when he was struck by a truck on road 31 just west of the bridge over White river at Columbus.

Funeral services for Mr. Bryant were held at Columbus this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, and the remains brought to Brownstown for burial in Fairview cemetery.

His wife, Mrs. Myrtle Slate Bryant, who was leading him at the time, was severely hurt. She suffered two broken ankles and bad bruises.

The following particulars of the accident are taken from the Columbus Republican:

The couple, who live just west of Columbus, were going to the city to attend church when the accident happened. Mr. Bryant was taken to the Columbus hospital where he died three hours later.

They had crossed the junction of Roads 31 and 46 when a large truck from the L. E. Meyers Construction company, of Chicago, driven by Lester Thomas, 23, of Peoria, Ill., came around the curve of Road 31, head-

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ed toward Columbus. As the truck made the curve, Mr. Thomas told Raymond Boll, state police officer, that he was blinded by lights on the south-bound line of traffic and in order to avoid a collision with an automobile turned his truck toward the side of the road. As he did so he saw the man and woman, he said, but not in time to avoid striking them. He applied his brakes immediately and tracks on the pavement showed he skidded his wheels for some distance.

Mrs. Bryant was thrown to the side some distance but Mr. Bryant was hurled to the pavement and one of the wheels of the truck passed completely over his body.

Following the truck was Donald O'Bryan, of Paris, Ill., manager of the construction company, in a light coupe, and back of him was a small truck driven by Rellie Mattison, of Savoy, Ill. They were all together and were enroute from New Albany to Shelbyville. The company engages in trimming trees for the Public Service Company. Although Mr. O'Bryan was not held he and the others in the group were ordered to appear here tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at which time Coroner C. M. Jackson will continue an investigation he started today.

The couple had lived at Columbus the past few years.

He was a member of the Christian church. Surviving are his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Clyde Morgan, of Seymour, Mrs. Harry Gresham, of Vallonia, and two sisters, Mrs. Nancy Smith, of Champaign, Ill., and Mrs. Agnes Baker, of California.