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## Information

### **The Virginian**

Thursday 10/20/1825

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Departed this life, on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. At the residence of his uncle, Thos. Higginbotham, in Amherst, in the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of his age, Mr. JAMES D. HIGGINBOTHAM, son of James Higginbotham, decd. (who was at the time of his death of the state of Kentucky.) This young man fell a victim to that fatal malady denominated by physicians the "galloping consumption;" which, in this instance, from its attack to its mournful termination, progressed with the most unexampled rapidity. But yesterday the deceased was in the midst of us—his cheek suffused with the glow of health—his eye delighted, and his heart thrilled with the deceitful prospects and illusory hopes of future years. Yes, he was with us, the cherished promise and beloved object of his relatives, and the delight of his juvenile friends and acquaintances. And now, alas! Cut off in the midst of his hopes, his leaf is withered by the untimely frosts of death—the grave numbers him with its mouldering tenants. Thus fades man, whose flower is often enflashing, when blighting is nearest. It must be a source of pleasure, though a mournful one, to his friends and relatives to remember, that, since his death was an event that no human skill could avert, the malady which produced it was neither lingering nor painful; during the whole period of which, though in the full possession of his mental faculties, he was unconscious of any the least degree of physical suffering. He fell asleep in death as one who wraps his mantle about him, and lays him down upon his couch to pleasing dreams.

*"No further seek his virtues to disclose,*

*"Nor draw his frailties from their dreaded abode,*

*"There they alike in trembling hope repose,*

*"The bosom of his Father and His God."*