

## **Frank Wilhite Band -**

**Source:** [Crawfordsville Star, Dec 15, 1881 p 9](#)

Howard Wilson died at his mother's residence corner of High & Market Streets on last Friday evening with consumption, aged 23 years. Howard had been in gradual decline for some time, but until within the last 5 months continued to set type on the newspapers of this city. He was an industrious and faithful employee. The funeral was held at home on Sunday afternoon by Rev. Hays, pastor of the 1st Presbyterian Church. The pall bearers were fellow-typists out of the Journal office. The deceased was laid out in his military band suit, cap in hand, and was escorted to his last home in the Masonic's cemetery by his fellow members of the Frank Wilhite Band.

**Source:** [The last issue of the Boston Leader had this to say of the musical talent of our city:](#)

Crawfordsville Star, Feb 2, 1882 p 3

"Music in Crawfordsville is on the advance, the town being the home of some of the best musicians in the state. Among the vocalists of the town are: Miss Eva Cumberland; Mrs. HB Carrington; Miss Carrie Krout, the Hoover Sisters, Mr. John B. Rice and the Galey Brothers, also the Wilhite family, six in number, who have been the foremost exponents of brass band music for 40 years. Mr. Frank Wilhite is the leader of the Wilhite Band, which consists of 16 men and a drum major. Mr. Frank Wilhite is an excellent composer and arranger of band music. The Crawfordsville orchestra, lead by Mr. Chas. Rutledge, is composed of six men."