

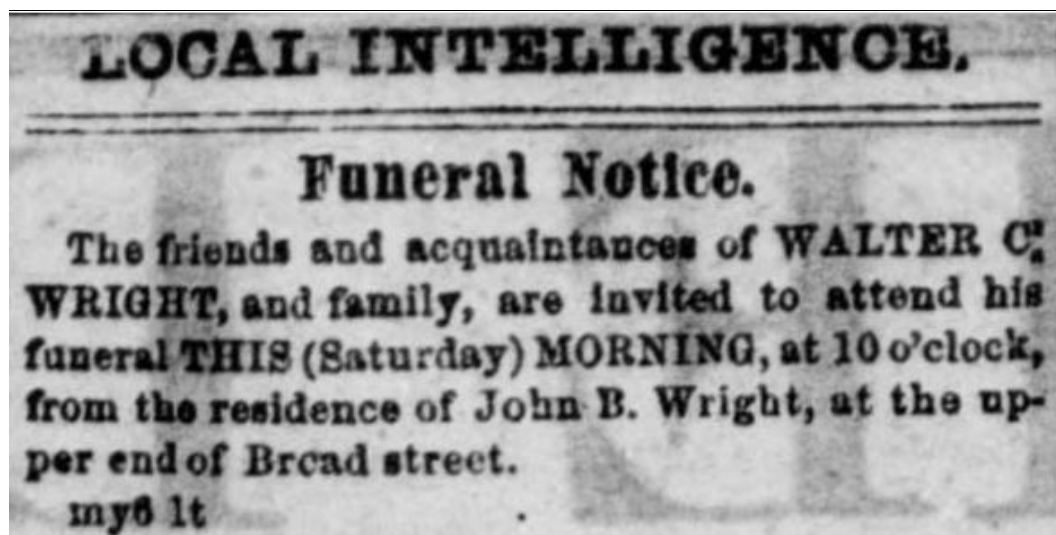
Today in Columbus History: On Saturday, May 7, 1864, *The Columbus Daily Sun* announced the funeral of one Walter C. Wright, a local merchant. Using a variety of sources, we can learn a bit about this man. He was in Columbus as early as 1850; a merchant, he was born in South Carolina, Feb. 3, 1827. He had a grocery store that was located on 1st Ave. and 14th St. In 1860 he was in the household of his brother-in-law John B. Wright (no relation), who had married Walter's sister Clarissa Wright, born ca. 1818. Walter and Clarissa were the children of Ebenezer and Hannah Curtis Wright, of Wethersfield, Connecticut. Ebenezer had a brother, David Wright, a builder, who had moved to Columbus in the 1830s – so Walter and Clarissa were David's niece and nephew. Walter died during the Civil War, but his death was not war related. According to his obituary, he had suffered with rheumatism for many years; the sexton's record says he died May 6 of paralysis. Walter has an impressive monument in Linwood Cemetery. One curiosity: His tombstone says he was born in Abbeville Dist., SC. Perhaps his parents relocated to S.C. – but there is no record of that. One of life's unsolved mysteries...

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