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Mr. J. D. Seaver, whose health for the past six months, has been declining, has been stopping with his daughter, Mrs. Gunn of this place, a few days. While looking upon the poor old man, we can but help thinking the sands of his ever busy life are nearly run out. He was one of the early settlers of Cooksville from Chautauqua Co., N. Y.

September 3, 1873, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Calvin Seaver was in town yesterday, having accompanied down from Menasha his brother, Frank, who was taken seriously ill there, a couple of weeks ago and has come home to recover his health.

September 29, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. J. D. Seaver, of Cooksville, celebrated his 87th birthday on Wednesday, the 7th of June. His children were all there but two daughters--Mrs. Griswold and Mrs. Dodge; his grandchildren, all but four, his great grandchildren, all but one. The dear father was remembered with presents from all, and enjoyed the occasion, and all wished to meet the dear loved one at his home one year from that day, it being the 7th of June, as happy as they left him on that day.

His eldest son, Mr. C. W. Seaver and daughter, of Neenah, Mrs. S. A. Gunn and niece, Maudie Seaver, his nephew, D. C. Griswold, wife and son, from Evansville, his niece, Mrs. George Patty and husband, and Mrs. Clark and daughter, Fond du Lac, were among the family group. It was a happy occasion to all to meet at the dear old home of father Seaver. He is always happy and tries to make all around him enjoy themselves. May he be spared to his family a long time yet, is the wish of the four generations that met there.

Saturday June 17, 1882, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. J. D. Seaver, of Cooksville, suffered an ill attack a few days ago, that caused considerable alarm in his family, but he rallied shortly and was apparently none the worse. His age was 61 years, last June.

January 15, 1886, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Benajah Griswold made us a call Monday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Griswold came from their home in Darien, N. Y. to attend the funeral of Mrs. Griswold's father, John E. Seaver, of Cooksville, who was buried at that place Sunday last.

February 12, 1886, p. 2, col. 1, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

DIED, at Cooksville, Wis., February 2d, 1886, Hon. John D. Seaver; aged 90 years and eight months.

Mr. Seaver moved with his family from Darien, Genesee county, N. Y.

in the season of 1846, and settled in Cooksville, making the entire journey with a horse team by land. The following year he built the house wherein he lived until his death. His wife died in 1872, leaving him to pursue life's journey alone, but keeping up the semblance of his family and a home, and where it was always the pleasure of the different members of the family to assemble often, to see "father." The domestic affairs of the household carefully reposed in his youngest unmarried daughter, Miss Evelin [Seaver](#).

In the fall of 1850, Mr. Seaver was elected to the [Wisconsin](#) Legislature and served the term of 1851. He was republican in politics, and early in life, was a member of the Christian denomination. He was also a master mason, and one of the charter members of Union (Evansville) lodge.

As a citizen and neighbor, many kind things might be said of him, as his council was often sought in civil as well as in political affairs.

The funeral was held Sunday, Feb. 7th, under the care of Rev. H. Sewell, of this place, and his remains were taken in charge of by the Masonic fraternity of that place, assisted by a delegation from this lodge.

February 12, 1886, Evansville Review, p. 2, col. 4, Evansville, [Wisconsin](#)

Cooksville Cemetery, Cooksville, Porter Township, Rock County, Wisconsin

07-04-05	Seaver	Harriet Love		Jan 28, 1872	72 y	(W - monument) (w/o J. D.)
07-04-04	Seaver	John D.	June 7, 1795	Feb 2, 1886		(N - monument)

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Death of Mrs. W. R. Ruggles.

DIED.—Maud Alene, wife of W. R. Ruggles aged about seventeen years Of puerperal convulsions, on Friday, July 27, 1888, at 12:20 a. m., after an illness of twenty-one hours.

Death is ever a sad event, but there are instances in which the passing away of a loved one more than the usual wave of sorrow on the stormy sea of life,

When the victim of Death's cruel sickle is in the morning of a bright promising life; when the past is replete with pleasure and the future is presented full of hope and expectancy; when all is radiant sunshine, rosy health and buoyant happiness, 'tis then that the blasting touch of Death excites to frenzied despair the emotions of men and taxes to the utmost extent human endurance.

Such were the conditions surrounding the above sorrowful event. The deceased was a young and lovely woman in all the vigor and health of blushing womanhood. To her the future was a rainbow-tinted panorama; a cloudless canopy, where sparkled and glittered in the effulgent rays of Heaven, the gems of human hope. The bitter the past had brought but served to brighten and welcome the future.

About half past three o'clock Friday morning, during the labor incident to child-birth, she was attacked with convulsions, which occurred at frequent intervals. After the first convulsion she remained unconscious to the last.

About four o'clock a little girl was born, calculated to arouse maternal love and make glad the heart of its suffering mother, but destined otherwise.

Words are empty; language is powerless before the task of giving expression to the grief of the loved ones who remain behind. Only he who has felt the gentle pressure of a loving wife's hand, conveyed to him a world of confiding devotion one moment, and the next has felt that pressure go, and watched all that was mortal of the dearest of earth's treasures turn to lifeless clay, can form a conception of the sorrow of the bereaved husband.

Only she who has a mother's tender love, has experienced a daughter's affectionate caresses, and seen that daughter cut off in her budding womanhood, can estimate the grief that swells the heart of the distracted mother

Funeral services were held at the M. E. Church, conducted by Rev. James Kyle. The church was full of sympathizing friends of the bereaved husband and mother.—*Ipswich Gazette.*

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well remembered as the pretty little Maud Seaver, who lived with her Aunt Mrs. Gunn, in this place for several years and was here for several days the first of last September upon her wedding tour with her husband, Mr. Ruggles; publisher of the above named paper and being a printer he was a frequent caller at this office with whom it was always a pleasure to meet. therefore we extended our most sincere sympathy to him who is suffering the greatest bereavement which mankind is called upon to endure.

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