

Joseph W. Davis

(- 20 Jan 1864)

Davis. On the 20th inst., Joseph W. Davis, formerly of Cecil county, Md., in the 48th year of his age. His remains are interred in the Congressional Cemetery (Baltimore papers please copy).

The Evening Star, January 20, 1864

Death of a Well-Known Citizen

Mr. Joseph W. Davis, a well-known and estimable citizen, died this morning about 11 o'clock, of smallpox, at his residence on E street. Mr. Davis was a printer by trade, and was formerly a member of the Columbia Typographical Society. He was for a time a member of the Board of Common Council of this city; was for many years engaged as penny postman, and in that capacity gave very general satisfaction. Latterly he has been keeping the well-known grocery store at the corner of Ninth and E streets. Mr. Davis was 45 years of age.

The death of so many useful members of the community by this frightful disease [small pox] points out the necessity for proven action in staying the pestilence by every available means--vaccination, isolation of the infected from the community at large, and designation of the infected houses so that persons may not go unwarned into the very jaws of death.

The various measures to these ends before the two Boards of the city councils will, we trust, be made effective laws at their next session, and put into immediate force.