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The remains of Ezra Cowan were laid to rest Tuesday morning, the services being conducted by Rev. Marsh, at the Rivarre M. E. church at 9:30 o'clock sun time. The news of Mr. Cowan's sudden death caused a shock here, where he was so well known. He was in the city on Thursday greeting his acquaintances and attending to business, and seemed in robust health. Friday night at about eleven o'clock he suffered from an attack of indigestion and Dr. Visard was summoned from Pleasant Mills. He seemed to improve, and Saturday morning felt much better, and was about the house, though it was the first time in twelve years he failed to open his store and postoffice. At about 1:30 Saturday afternoon he was lying on the lounge, fully dressed, when suddenly he seemed to feel a pain at his heart, and raised up on his elbow, as quickly he fell forward, rolling from the couch and died instantly.

He was born in Wayne county, Ohio, January 11, 1840, and at the time of his death was aged sixty-nine years, three months and twenty days. When two years old he came to this county with his parents and has since resided here, being one of the pioneers of the county. He was married in 1868 to Miss Sarah Death, who survives, with two children, Mrs. Jesse Steele and Mr. Kit C. Cowan, two sons and one daughter having died.

Mr. Cowan served three years as a soldier during the civil war, and was one of the bravest men who marched from this county. He enlisted in Company I of the 89th infantry, August 14, 1862, and was discharged August 8, 1865. During the entire service of his regiment he was always present for duty and being a sergeant was frequently called on to perform hazardous and dangerous duty. His regiment participated in a number of battles, including Fort DeRussey, Pleasant Hills and Yellow Bayou, La., Tupelo, Miss., Nashville, Tenn, Spanish Fort, Fort Blakley and the capture of Mobile. His regiment traveled 10,700 miles during his term of service of which distance they marched 2,063 on foot.