
DR. BAIRD, PIONEER, WAS VETERAN OF '61

El Paso lost one of its most prominent pioneers in the death, on Tuesday, of Dr. W. T. Baird.

Dr. Baird was born near Akron, Ohio, in 1832. When the civil war broke out he was commissioned a first lieutenant in company G, 40th Iowa regiment. Soon after enlisting he took part in the battle of Pine Bluff, Ark., where he was so severely wounded that he was forced to use crutches until some years after the close of the war.

While in the hospital he took up the study of surgery and graduated from the Western University of Iowa. In 1875 he came to Texas, locating in El Paso the following year. In 1898 he was appointed post surgeon at Fort Bliss and remained in this position for six years. Following his retirement from the army he engaged in private practice in this city. Dr. Baird is one of the charter members of the Emmett Crawford post, G. A. R., joining the post at its organization in 1886.

The funeral was held at 2 oclock Wednesday afternoon at 708 North Stanton street; the members of the local G. A. R. post attending. The burial was made in the family plot at Evergreen cemetery.
