

Member Of Pioneer EP Family Dies

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Mrs. Myra P. Bassett, 86, of 717 Blacker Avenue, member of a pioneer El Paso family and resident of El Paso for 60 years, died Monday in a local hospital.

Mrs. Bassett was the widow of the late Charles N. Bassett, president of the State National Bank from 1921 to 1943 and chairman of the board at the time of his death in 1944.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Harding-Orr & McDaniel Pershing Drive Chapel, with

Dr. Frank F. Jones officiating. There will be a private family interment in Evergreen Cemetery.

She is survived by daughters Myra Daugherty and Betty Hammond, both of El Paso; a sister, Marjorie Sauer of El Paso, and nine grandchildren, Giles Weisenberger, H. M. Daugherty Jr., Flory Ellis, Charles B. Hammond Jr., and Myra Hammond, all of El Paso, Barbara Tomicki, John's

Island, Fla., Elizabeth Craig, Bedford Hills, N. Y., Kathy Ulmer, Washington, D.C., Vicky Marvin, New Rochelle, N. Y.; and nine great grandchildren.

Mrs. Bassett was born in 1889 in Decatur, Ill., as Myra Powers, the daughter of Theron Avery Powers. She first came to El Paso in 1909 to attend the wedding of Sen. A. B. Fall's daughter, Carolyn, who was her classmate at Mount Vernon Seminary in Washington, D.C. She did not meet Mr. Bassett, however, for a year on her next visit to El Paso. She returned to Illinois and after a lengthy courtship the two were married in 1915.

Mrs. Bassett took a vigorous interest in affairs of the bank, was present for groundbreaking ceremonies of the present State National building in 1970 and only a month ago was present for bicentennial ceremonies lighting the bank building in color with two huge American flags.