

OLD TIME EL PASO- AN PASSES AWAY

JOE BEACH, WHO OPERATED
FIRST RESTAURANT HERE,
IS DEAD.

Was a Prospector in the Early Days
and Had a Mine in Van Horn
Country, Which Once
Promised Much.

Another old-timer in El Paso crossed the great divide last night and another of El Paso's landmarks has passed away.

Last night in his home in this city Joe Beach passed to his reward. Mr. Beach was 80 years of age when he died and had been living in El Paso county about 32 years. He came originally from New York state. He had the distinction of running the first restaurant ever operated in this city, which was nearly 30 years ago, when he opened up a small restaurant near what is now known as the corner of El Paso and Overland streets.

When the rich strikes began to be made in the Van Horn country Mr. Beach, like a good many others of this city, spent some time prospecting in that camp and finally located what is known as the Cincopanza property, which he operated for some time and later sold to El Pasoans, who, however, gave up the property, when it reverted back to the original owner, who spent considerable time trying to dispose of it which, owing to the camp dying out, he was unable to do.

From time to time after that he worked in different mining camps, but has always made El Paso his home.

The remains will be buried this afternoon in Concordia cemetery.

Mr. Beach was for many years during his youth a sailor and during the civil war he was on one of Uncle Sam's war vessels. He has several relatives living in New York, among whom is a brother who is operating a bank there. He also has another brother living in Australia, who is interested in mines.