

PIONEER SHOOTS SELF TO DEATH AT LAS CRUCES

Nephew of Late Roy Bean And
Brother of El Paso Woman
Takes Own Life

Sam Bean, pioneer of Dona Ana County and brother of Mrs. M. B. Clark of El Paso, committed suicide in his home in Las Cruces today by shooting himself through the head. He was 74.

Mr. Bean was a nephew of the late Judge Roy Bean, famous Peace Justice and "the law west of the Pecos." He had been in ill health for several months.

Police said Mr. Bean shot himself through the head as his maid walked into his room at 5 a. m. today.

He left a note in which he said he had tried unsuccessfully for two hours to take his life with gas. He gave detailed instructions for his burial beside his wife in Las Cruces and the manner in which he desired his funeral to be conducted. Friends found the clothes in which he wanted to be buried carefully laid out on his bed.

Mr. Bean's father, the late Sam Bean, went to Dona Ana County in 1846 with the Doniphan Expedition. He was one of this county's earliest sheriffs and postmasters.

Mr. Bean owned considerable property in Las Cruces and Dona Ana County.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. O. W. Manning of Tucson, Ariz., and a son, Roy Bean of Seminole, Okla.