

# Mrs. E. M. Bell Is Dead In California

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bell, mother of Mrs. A. P. Coles of 800 Magoffin avenue, and an aunt of Mrs. Benjamin Sherrod of 2929 Grant avenue, and a resident of El Paso for more than 40 years, died in Santa Barbara, California, yesterday afternoon, according to news received here by Frank and Otis Coles.

Mrs. Bell had gone with Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Coles a month ago to Santa Barbara, where they have a summer home. She had made her home with her daughter and son-in-law at the Magoffin street address for many years. Mrs. Bell had been ill about six months.

Mrs. Bell's death marks the passing of a pioneer woman of El Paso. She came here in the early eighties to make her home with her uncle, Judge William Pierson, one of the founders of El Paso. A widow at that time, Mrs. Bell brought her two children with her, Nellye P. and Frank M. Bell. Later her daughter married Mr. Coles. Her son was killed in an airplane accident in Mississippi some years ago, in the early stages of flying. Mrs. Bell was a native of Alabama.

Judge Pierson built the Pierson hotel at Kansas and Mills street shortly after Mrs. Bell's arrival. At that time this hotel was one of the finest in this part of the country. Later it became the property of Mrs. Bell.

During her peaceful life here with Mr. and Mrs. Coles, Mrs. Bell formed many friendships among the pioneers of El Paso. She saw El Paso grow from a small village to the modern city it is today.

The funeral of Mrs. Bell will take place in El Paso Sunday at 3 p. m., at 800 Magoffin avenue. Burial will be in Evergreen.