

I. H. Bell Dies; Drove First Cattle Herd West of Pecos

Irbin H. Bell, 89, Confederate veteran and Indian fighter, who drove the first herd of cattle west of the Pecos in 1865, died early today at the home of a son, Charles K. Bell, 3231 Louisville.

Mr. Bell crossed the Pecos a year before Col. Charles Goodnight.

His death depleted the ranks of the John C. Brown Confederate Veterans' camp in El Paso to three. He was camp commander.

Born in Boonville, Mo., in 1844, Mr. Bell came to Texas as a boy.

He enlisted in the Confederate army at 18. He was wounded in the battle of Pleasant Hill in southeastern Missouri.

After the Civil war, Bell became a "minute man" in Palo Pinto county, Texas, guarding the frontier against Indian raids.

Bell was a close friend of Col. Goodnight. They fought in many battles together against the Comanche and Kiowa Indians.

He was in the cattle business near Midland until about 12 years ago, when he came to El Paso.

Bell recently celebrated his 65th wedding anniversary.

He is survived by his widow; three sons, Charles K. Bell, Lee Bell, Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers' inspector in El Paso, I. C. Bell, Tyler, and two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Shumate, El Paso, and Mrs. Orah Bloominghale, Wichita Falls.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Peak-Hagedorn Mortuary.

Death Leaves Three Veteran Camp Members

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Confederate Veterans' camp in El Paso, Mrs. Eugenia Perkins, adjutant, said today.

Mr. Bell was commander of the camp.

Mrs. Perkins said a meeting of the camp will be called to pass a resolution regretting the death of Mr. Bell.

To maintain its charter, the camp must have at least three members, Mrs. Perkins said.