

NEGRESS, BORN SLAVE, DIES HERE AT 105 YEARS OF AGE

El Paso lost probably its oldest resident Saturday when Mandy Benton, a tottering old negress, quietly breathed away her last life breath in a little cabin home at 3309 Bisbee street. Like all old negroes, Mandy had kept no accurate account of her age, but her son, with whom she lived, estimated it to be 105 years.

Mandy was born in Virginia, a slave girl, and was brought to west Texas when a child. All she remembered about the date was that it was "before the first Mexican war." She lived in the southwest from that time to her death.

Besides her son, she is survived by one married daughter in New York and one in San Francisco. She was buried in Concordia cemetery.