

Amzi Berla, 76, Former El Pasoan, Taken By Death

El Paso friends yesterday were advised of the death of Amzi Berla, 76, pioneer El Paso plumber and charter member of the El Paso Elks' club, at his home in South Orange, N. J.

Mr. Berla came to El Paso in 1889 and opened the first plumbing shop here in an adobe building at San Antonio street and Mesa avenue, where the Popular Dry Goods store now is located.

He took part in the dedication of the first Elks' club building here. He returned to El Paso three years ago to participate in the dedication of the new club building.

In 1893 Mr. Berla returned to New Jersey, his native state, but always considered El Paso his home. He is survived by his widow, two sons, and a daughter.

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(It was city councilman Amzi Berla who suggested changing the name of the Fair Grounds to Washington Park)