

Mrs. R. B. Bias, Early El Paso Resident, Dies

Mrs. Malinda Frances Bias, 84, El Paso pioneer died Sunday morning in a Los Angeles hospital.

Mrs. Bias was born in Independence, Ind. in April, 1863, and came to El Paso with her parents in 1881. She made her home here until she went to California a few years ago to make her home with her sons. She was the widow of the late Robert B. Bias, who came to El Paso with the first railroad. For many years she and her husband operated a grocery store on the site now occupied by the Western Union Telegraph Co. They later operated the Bias Fuel Co. at 1014 East Missouri Street. Mr. Bias died in 1919.

Mrs. Bias was a charter member of the First Methodist Church and was a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

She is survived by two sons, William H. and James Bias, a daughter, Mrs. Coral R. Hogue all of Los Angeles; three grandchildren, Mrs. Addie Jo Sharp, El Paso, James Bias of the U. S. Navy in Japan and William Bias, who is attending Columbia University, and two great grandchildren, Coral and Hugh Sharp, both of El Paso.

The body will be returned to El Paso for funeral service and burial. Funeral arrangements were pending with the Hagedon-Harding Funeral Home.