

DEATH CLAIMS COL. GEO. E. BOVEE, AN OLD EL PASOAN

Passes Away Suddenly At
His Home in This City,
After a Very Useful and
Eventful Career.

Another of El Paso's old citizens passed away this morning in the person of Colonel George E. Bovee, who died in his home in the Buckler residence on North El Paso street a few minutes after seven o'clock.

Colonel Bovee had only been sick a few days and yesterday was talking about getting out on the streets in a few days. This morning about seven o'clock he seemed better than he had been at any time since he was recently taken ill and was talking with his wife. A few minutes later he expired. He had been a sufferer from asthma for the past thirty years and that first brought him to El Paso. It is thought that the disease suddenly closed his bronchial tubes this morning and thus caused his death.

Colonel Bovee was born in Amsterdam, N. Y., a little over 69 years ago and, after living there for a number of years, moved to Louisiana, where he resided for a long time, but, being a sufferer from asthma he moved to San Antonio, in 1884 and after residing there about three years came to El Paso in 1887, where his family has been residing ever since.

During his life Colonel Bovee took an active part in politics in the republican party. In the year 1868 he was elected secretary of state for Louisiana under Governor Warmouth. The following term he was a major on the governor's staff.

During his life in El Paso he also held a number of government positions, among which was that of deputy internal revenue collector under Webster Flanagan, being in charge of the San Antonio office and later the El Paso office, until it was abolished. Only a short time before his death he was appointed an inspector in the United States customs service at this port.

During the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893, he went there as one of the Texas editors and remained until after the fair closed, when he went to Mexico and lived for some time, but afterwards returned to El Paso. During his absence from the city he, however, always claimed El Paso as his home.

When he first came here Colonel Bovee established himself in the stationary and news business with a store on San Antonio street where the Palace drug store is now located. Later he was for some time an editorial writer on The Herald.

During his life Colonel Bovee was known as a public spirited man and when a movement was started for the betterment of the city he was sure, if in the city, to take an active part.

He leaves a wife and three sons as well as a very large number of warm friends not only in El Paso, but in other parts of the state to mourn his loss. Two of his sons, Shelly E. and Field V. Bovee, are in the city at present and were with him during his last moments. His other son, George S. Bovee, is now living with his family in Terlingua, Tex., and a telegram was sent to him this morning advising him of the death of his father, but up to the present time he has not advised when he will be able to reach here. The funeral arrangements will not be completed until he is heard from.

Colonel Bovee was a member of Linwood lodge of the Masonic order at New Orleans, La., but so far as known that was the only order to which he belonged.