

# Will R. Brown Passes Away

Santa Fe Division Agent,  
Pioneer El Pasoan, Dies  
At Age Of 69.

William R. Brown, 69, division freight and passenger agent for the Santa Fe railroad, an El Paso resident for 42 years, died at the family residence, 519 Los Angeles street, late yesterday.

Mr. Brown had been in ill health for nearly a year. His condition became critical shortly after he and Mrs. Brown returned from a Christmas holiday trip.

#### Sent To Deming.

He was born at Brodhead, Wis., Nov. 24, 1865. In 1887 he was sent to Deming, N. M., as a clerk in the depot agent's office. In 1892 he was transferred to El Paso and remained here except for brief intervals when he was sent to other sections on the railroad to act in official capacities.

Five years after he was sent to El Paso Mr. Brown received his first appointment as an official of the railroad. He was named city ticket agent. Later he was named city freight and passenger agent and a few months afterward was made division freight and passenger agent.

Several times he was offered higher positions with the Santa Fe, but because the acceptance of these offers would have necessitated his removal from El Paso he declined them.

#### Active in Mining.

He was prominently identified with the development of the mining industry of the southwest and took an active part in obtaining federal aid for the Elephant Butte irrigation project. He always served as a delegate to mining and irrigation congresses.

Although he was intensely interested in the civic affairs of El Paso he never sought a political office.

In 1898 he was married to Miss Kate Moore of El Paso. Mrs. Brown, and a sister, Mrs. Jessie Morehouse, survive him.

Funeral services will be held at the Kaster & Maxon chapel at 2 p. m. tomorrow, with the Rev. Wistor R. Smith officiating. It was Mr. Brown's request that his friends not send flowers to his funeral.