

### **AN OLD PIONEER DEAD.**

**T. J. Bull Passes Away at His Home in La Mesilla.**

The news reached El Paso yesterday of the death of Thomas J. Bull at his home in La Mesilla, N. M., Thursday night.

Mr. Bull was one of the oldest America's settlers in the Mesilla valley, having resided in the town of La Mesilla for nearly fifty years. He was a native of Ohio, and after serving in the Mexican war, he started from New Orleans in 1849 overland to California, the great El Dorado. He got as far as El Paso, and, attracted by the country, concluded to stop. He located at La Mesilla, engaged in business, and continued there up to the time of his death.

In 1852 he married Miss Francisca de la O, a native of Chihuahua. Their children are now all dead, but two grandsons are living. Mrs. Bull survives her husband.

Mr. Bull had a store in Mesilla until his death, and up to about a year before his death he conducted one in Las Cruces also. He was a strong Democrat and prominent in Dona Ana county politics. He served several terms as county commissioner, and up to a few months prior to his death was president of the board of regents of the Agricultural college.

He left considerable property, which goes to his wife during her lifetime and then to his grandchildren.