

**EL PASO ATTORNEY
CLAIMED BY DEATH**



ALFRED RUST BURGES

**A. R. BURGES DIES
SUDDENLY IN
DOCTOR'S OFFICE**

Alfred Rust Burges, 53, well known El Paso attorney, died suddenly at 2:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon of heart disease. Death came to him in the office of Dr. F. D. Garrett in the Two Republics building, where he had gone for medicine to relieve the suffering he was undergoing. Before Dr. Garrett could comply with the request Mr. Burges was dead. Maj. Richard F. Burges, a brother, with whom the deceased had been associated in the practice of law for a number of years, telephoned to W. H. Burges, another brother, to come to the Two Republics building as rapidly as he could. Mr. Burges was very ill. W. H. Burges' law offices are in the First National bank building. He hurried over to the Two Republics, but when he reached there his brother was dead.

On Auto Trip Down Valley.

Rust Burges, as he was familiarly known and called by many, accompanied by Preston Perrenot, son-in-law of Major Burges, made an auto trip down the valley yesterday morning. Mr. Burges owns several pieces of valley property. He formerly lived on one of the tracts, located about six miles down the valley on the main valley road.

On the return trip to the city, Mr. Burges complained of suffering with what he thought was a spell of acute indigestion. When the Two Republics building was reached, he got out of the car, stating he was going up to Dr. Garrett's office to get some medicine.

"Wait and I will go up with you," Mr. Perrenot said to him.

"No," replied Mr. Burges, "that will not be necessary. You take the auto key up to my office and leave it on my desk." With that he went in the building and entered the elevator.

Mr. Perrenot took the automol. key up to the law offices of Burges & Burges and left it on Rust Burges' desk. He had no idea that Mr. Burges was seriously ill.

Dies Before Getting Medicine.

Mr. Burges entered Dr. Garrett's office, complained of suffering with indigestion and asked for some medicine. Before the doctor could give it to him, he died.

Rust Burges was born in Seguin, Texas, February 16, 1891. Although his was a nature that was apparently reticent and retiring, he possessed a personality that made for him many warm and sincere friends by whom he was ever loved and never forgotten. He had the capacity for making real friends.

As a boy in his home county, he was known and loved by practically every person within its boundaries. He carried this same faculty for making and keeping intimate friends with him to San Angelo, Texas, and when he left there to come to El Paso, he left behind many friends, just as he did in the county of his birth. He made friends in El Paso, for to know Rust Burges was to be his friend.

Student of Texas A. & M.

His early education was gained in the public and private schools of Seguin and he then entered the Texas Agricultural & Mechanical College. He left the latter in 1891 and went to San Angelo, where he read law in the offices of Cochran & Hill.

Mr. Burges was admitted to the practice of law about 1894. He took and passed the bar examination at San Angelo and continued in the practice of law until 1912, the year he came to El Paso. On arriving here he formed a law partnership with Major Burges in this partnership continued until the time of his death.

Some of the larger clients of this firm were the Southwestern Portland Cement company, the Two Republics Life Insurance company, the El Paso Water

Users' association, the Pullman company and the Texas Pecos Valley Water Users' association. With the exception of the latter, which came up more or less recently, Rust Burges attended to all the details connected with the law business of the other concerns while Major Burges was in the army and in France during the World war. Rust Burges was regarded by leading attorneys as an excellent lawyer.

Attends to \$700,000 Bond Issue.

The last legal business he was attending to, prior to his death, was that connected with the issuance of \$700,000 worth of bonds for the recently organized water improvement district in Hudspeth county. The issue was mainly for the purpose of putting in irrigation ditches in the section embraced.

Rust Burges was a captain during the Spanish-American war. At the outbreak of the war, when the country was calling for volunteers, he enlisted. He was in San Angelo at the time and raised a company of men. Former Senator C. A. Culberson, then governor of the state, appointed him a captain. As commanding officer of Company F, Fourth Texas Infantry, Captain Burges went to Houston with his men to be mustered into service. He was later sent to San Antonio, where he was stationed. Much to his chagrin, he was never able to get out of the state and into the actual conflict. After he was mustered out of the service, Captain Burges returned to San Angelo and remained there until January, 1912, when he came to El Paso.

Here he lived with his brother, W. H. Burges, until December 20, 1914, when he was married to Miss Leona Stanley of Austin, Texas, but who had been living here. Mr. and Mrs. Burges resided in the city until 1920, when they moved to their valley home, where they lived for some time. After this they returned to the city. The present home is at 3501 Louisville street.

Mr. Burges was a member of the county and state bar associations. He bore an enviable reputation among those in the legal fraternity, as well as in the ranks of those in other walks of life.

He is survived here by his wife and two brothers, W. H. and Maj. R. F. Burges. The body is at Peak-Hagedorn's. Funeral arrangements probably will be completed today. Miss Gray Stanley of Dallas, a sister of Mrs. A. R. Burges, is expected here to attend the funeral.