

Mrs. Anna P. Burges, Here Since 1895, Dies On Friday

Mrs. Anna Pollard Burges, 86, pioneer El Paso resident, died in a local hospital Friday.

Mrs. Burges had lived in El Paso since 1895. She was born in Fulton, Mo., on Feb. 7, 1872. In 1895, she came to El Paso to visit her brother, J. H. Pollard, and met and married William H. Burges, a prominent lawyer. Mr. Burges died in 1946.



MRS. ANNA P. BURGES

For many years, the Burges home at 1302 Montana Ave. was a gathering place for Southwestern scholars. Mr. Burges was renowned as a lover of scholarship and the family library of more than 1600 volumes was long considered the finest in El Paso.

Mrs. Burges fully shared her husband's interest in scholarship and education. In 1956, the El Paso School Board honored the pioneer scholar by giving his name to the high school which opened that year in Cielo Vista.

Mrs. Burges attended the dedication of William H. Burges High School on March 11, 1956. It was one of her few public appearances in recent years.

She was active for many years in the Associated Charities, and the Woman's Auxiliary of Texas Western College. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and a charter member of the Woman's Club of El Paso.

In recent years, Mrs. Burges had made her home with a nephew, J. Mason Pollard, of 3421 McKinley Ave.

Survivors include Mr. Pollard and a niece, Mrs. Jane Burges Perrenot, both of El Paso.

Funeral services were pending with the Harding and Orr Funeral Home.