

BENJAMIN SHIELDS CATLIN.

Funeral services for Benjamin Shields Catlin, 72 years old, a pioneer Texan who died Saturday night in the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. W. Mitchell, 1819 Montana street, were held Monday morning in the chapel of Hartford mortuary. Dr. George H. Higgins officiated.

The pallbearers were R. L. Daniels, John H. Harper, John Connors, Frank B. Simmons, Seth B. Orndorff, Maury Kemp and Judge J. M. Deaver.

In the early days of El Paso "Ben" Catlin was one of the best known men in this section, he having arrived here from Marfa, Texas, in the early 80s, and was identified with the G. H. & S. A. railroad in various responsible positions. Later he entered politics and was appointed city clerk, which position he held for 14 years, during the administrations of Richard Caples, Robert F. Johnson, James Magoffin, Charles R. Morehead and Charles Davis, sr.

"Ben" Catlin was a staunch Democrat and was identified with local politics for practically a quarter of a century. Holding his age well he appeared 10 years younger than he really was, his friends claimed.

After his resignation as city clerk he returned to railroad work, and for many years past was connected with the claim department of the El Paso and Southwestern railroad. On account of his falling health he gave up the work about two years ago.

The survivors are his widow, Mrs. Lucy Catlin; four daughters, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Ethel Peck of El Paso; Mrs. S. G. Peticolas of Stelton, N. J.; Mrs. M. R. Wadds, of Toronto, Ont., and one son, Benjamin S. Catlin, jr., of Oakland, Calif., who was visiting him at the time of death.