

# JOSHUA H. CHENEY DIED YESTERDAY

Man Whose Affairs Have  
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plicated Tangle  
Succumbs.

## KIDNEY TROUBLE CAUSE

Two Brothers With Him at  
Last—Shortly Before Death  
Made Will Annulling  
Previous Document.

## BODY TO BE BURIED HERE

Joshua H. Cheney, the Torrance, N. M., ranchman, who, to escape the alleged harassment of a cowboy, who, it is alleged, was trying to get possession of his property, came to this city and entered Hotel Dieu, a sufferer from Bright's disease, died yesterday afternoon. The remains will be buried in Concordia cemetery this afternoon.

A brief funeral service will be conducted by the Rev. Robert Bruce Smith, pastor of the Baptist church, at the undertaking parlors of Emerson & Berrien this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The deceased was a member of the Baptist church, an ordained minister and once an evangelist. As he was a stranger in this city, Dr. Smith invites all Baptists who will to attend the funeral service this afternoon.

He was 58 years of age and had lived in this section about 25 years, coming west from the state of New Hampshire, where he was born, and where he grew to manhood. He located near Torrance, N. M., where he owned a ranch and was quite well off in this world's goods.

Two brothers, L. H. Cheney, of Colorado, and W. H. Cheney, of Wyoming, were at his bedside when he passed away, having come here a few days ago at the solicitation of the attending physician of the deceased, who felt that the old man's relatives should be here, particularly as there seemed to be some outside interference with Cheney's property affairs.

It is said that shortly before Cheney came to this city and entered Hotel Dieu he had taken up with a cowboy, who had himself appointed manager of his estate, and who is alleged to have induced the old man to make a will leaving him all his property.

A prominent doctor of Torrance interested himself in the old man's affairs and, for the purpose, it is said, of thwarting the designs of the cowboy, secured an appointment from a probate judge as guardian of the old man on the ground that the latter, from infirmities, was incapable of managing his estate. Both the doctor and the cowboy followed Cheney to this city, each claiming that the other was trying to take an advantage of the old man. While this conflict was going on Dr. Herbert Stevenson, Cheney's attending physician, telegraphed for the two brothers, who arrived and took charge of their brother, and who will remain here to straighten out his affairs from the strange tangle in which they seem to be involved.

It is said that Cheney before his death made a will revoking all former wills that he might have made, which means that he annulled the will which the cowboy is said to have induced him to make. The cowboy left El Paso, returning to New Mexico immediately after the arrival of the two brothers in this city, and news was received here yesterday that he had been arrested in Torrance for being mixed up in a shooting scrape, the details of which were not given.