

Z. B. CLARDY IS DEAD

Prominent Lawyer and
Good Citizen Has
Passed Away

DIED SUDDENLY

The Summons Came Just
Before Day Break This
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Unexpected.

Hon. Zeno B. Clardy, one of the most prominent attorneys and citizens of the southwest, as well as one of the heaviest real estate holders in El Paso, died very suddenly at 5 o'clock this morning at his residence on Mesa avenue.

Death was wholly unexpected and came as a severe shock to the many friends and associates of the well known lawyer. His wife and daughter, who were with him when he died, were completely prostrated by the terrible calamity which had befallen them in the early morning hours.

The malady which cut short Z. B. Clardy's career so suddenly and while he was yet in the prime of life was one of the most dangerous known to the medical profession. He died from neuralgia of the heart and received little or no warning that the end was near. Even the immediate members of the family believed him to be in perfect health with many years of a vigorous, active life yet before him.

He retired last night in his accustomed health and spirits, but when another day dawned the lawyer was dead.

Yesterday at noon the malady, which proved fatal seventeen hours later made itself slightly manifest by a sharp pain in the region of the heart, but no attention was then paid to it. After a late supper at the English Kitchen he retired for the night and at 4 a. m. Dr. Stark was summoned to relieve what had become intense pain in the left side and was then causing the lawyer considerable inconvenience.

The physician administered an opiate and withdrew leaving instructions that he be called at the first indication of further trouble of a like nature.

At 5 a. m. an urgent telephone message reached him to return at once to the Clardy residence. He lost no time in complying with the summons and upon arriving there found that Dr.

Anderson and Turner had also been hastily called.

The three physicians entered the bedchamber of the attorney and after a hasty examination of his heart and pulse conditions announced that life was extinct, and had been so for several minutes.

This was the first intimation that the family and near neighbors who had been called upon for assistance had that the lawyer's soul had taken its flight.

The deceased came of an excellent Missouri family. His early years were spent at Libertyville, 150 miles southeast of St. Louis, where he was born. He removed to this city in 1884 and has resided here ever since, at all times exhibiting great faith in the future of El Paso and investing his money in real estate. Nor was his judgment at all faulty in this respect, for at the time of his death he had amassed a fortune bordering the hundred thousand dollar mark.

Attorney Clardy was a quiet, unassuming man, who pursued the even tenor of his way with perfect tranquillity and few can remember ever having seen him excited or when his feelings were ruffled and the fact that one of his temperament succumbed to heart trouble caused considerable surprise.

The father of the deceased, John E. Clardy, now resides on a ranch near Sweetwater, Texas, where he removed four years ago from St. Louis. Martin L. Clardy, the uncle of deceased, is one of the most prominent lawyers of St. Louis. For ten years he represented the tenth Missouri district in congress and is now the general attorney of the Missouri Pacific system at St. Louis—a position formerly held by the late ex-Governor John C. Brown, of Tennessee.

Attorney Clardy leaves a widow and only child—Miss Josephine. They have long resided in this city and have the sympathy of their many friends in their hour of affection.

Miss Clardy is quite prominent in St. Louis society and has been a frequent visitor to that city. She was educated there and only last Friday night returned from St. Louis to El Paso with her father who had been absent three weeks.

Although Attorney Clardy was seldom seen in the courts yet his office practice was extensive and he derived a good income from his business. His holdings were chiefly El Paso realty the value of which had increased enormously in the last few years.

At the time of his death the lawyer was 45 years old. He was a member of the Knights of Honor and Woodmen of the World and of the Christian church.