

**Illness Is Fatal
To Civic Leader,
Early Cowman**



Walter S. Clayton

**Death Claims
W. S. Clayton**

**Pioneer El Pasoan Dies At
Home In Which He Had
Lived Since 1901.**

Death yesterday dropped another picturesque figure from the fast thinning ranks of El Paso pioneer citizens, when Walter Summer Clayton, 66, died at 12:30 p. m.

Mr. Clayton died at 1103 East San Antonio street, the home in which he had lived for 32 years. He bought the place in 1901, the year of his second return to El Paso. Other pioneer El Pasoans moved from the neighborhood, but Mr. Clayton stayed on. For one thing, it was within convenient reach of his hay, grain and feed business.

Although Mr. Clayton had been ill for a long time, his death was unexpected and it came as a shock not only to his immediate family, but to his many friends.

Mr. Clayton was born in New Orleans, July 19, 1867. He was educated in the public schools there.

Came Here in 1889.

His being a pioneer spirit, Mr. Clayton journeyed west. He started as a cowboy in the Fort Stockton country. Later, he was in the ranching business.

Mr. Clayton first came to El Paso in 1889. He went to Chihuahua in 1891 as a representative for the Mexican Central railroad. He returned to El Paso in 1901 and lived here continuously from that time until his death. It was in 1901 he launched his hay, grain and feed business.

Mr. Clayton's first entrance into the political circles of the city came when he served as an alderman with

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Mayor Robinson until the latter's death. The late C. E. Kelly was appointed to complete the unexpired mayoralty term. Mr. Kelly was then elected and Mr. Clayton was one of his aldermen from 1909 to 1915.

When the late R. M. Dudley announced for mayor in November, 1922, Mr. Clayton, along with H. P. Jackson, A. B. Poe and Milton Tracy, was named in the aldermanic lineup. Mr. Clayton later withdrew. That was the year of the Dudley-P. E. Gardner campaign, one of the bitterest political battles this city has known.

Was Board Member.

Mr. Clayton's other public service consisted in being president of the chamber of commerce in 1912 and twice president of the city school board.

Mr. Clayton's wife, Mrs. Rose Gaines Clayton, who he married in New Orleans July 16, 1895, died here in March, 1916.

Mr. Clayton is survived by three sons and two daughters. Word was sent to William E. Clayton, El Paso representative who is attending the session of the legislature, of his father's death. The other two sons are Frank B. Clayton, assistant district attorney, and Walter G. Clayton, cashier in the county tax collector's office. Miss Frances Clayton lived with her father. The other daughter, Mrs. Rose C. Jenkins, Albuquerque, who was notified, arrived last night.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Kaster & Maxon mortuary.