

THOMAS COONEY DEAD.

Veteran, Who had Several Uncle Sam Twelve Years, Passed Away Last Night.

Thomas Toughy Cooney died last night at 1:45 o'clock at the residence of his daughter Mrs. W. F. Hempel, 124 Chihuahua street, age 72 years.

His death was the result of a fall down the stairway leading to the second story of the residence, which occurred ten days ago. His skull was fractured by the fall and his condition was considered critical from the first. He lingered however until last night when he breathed his last.

The deceased had been a resident of El Paso for many years and his loss will be mourned by a vast number of sorrowing friends. He was born in County Clare, Ireland, May 21, 1826, and came to America when but 21 years of age. He enlisted in the army of the United States in 1849 and served twelve years, finally being discharged in 1863 as an ordinance sergeant. During the civil war he fought in eight battles and was twice recommended for promotion for gallant and meritorious service.

Three children survive the deceased. They are Mrs. W. F. Hempel and J. A. and T. M. Cooney.

T. M. Cooney is now in New Orleans, but has been telegraphed for and the funeral will not be held until his arrival. The remains will probably be buried by the G. A. R. with military honors.

Thomas M. Cooney wired this afternoon that he would not be able to reach El Paso in time to attend the funeral of his father.

The funeral takes place tomorrow at 3 p. m. from the residence with services at the Catholic church.