

Rites Arranged For B. F. Darbyshire

Funeral services for B. F. Darbyshire, pioneer El Pasoan and president of the Darbyshire Steel Co., Inc. who died late yesterday, will be held at 4 p. m. tomorrow at St. Clement's Episcopal Church.

Rev. William G. Wright, rector, will officiate, assisted by Rev. Bancroft P. Smith. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery under direction of Kauter and Maxon Mortuary.

Mr. Darbyshire was 87.

He had resided in El Paso since 1889, having come here as general freight and passenger agent for the Texas and Pacific railway.

Born in 1862

Mr. Darbyshire was born May 17, 1862, in Sabina, Ohio, the son of Benjamin Jennings and Maria Louisa Moore Darbyshire. The Darbyshire and Jennings families, Quaker immigrants from England, settled in Bucks County, Pa., in 1770. Later both families moved to Ohio, settling on land given them for services to the American revolution.

Mr. Darbyshire's father, who lived to be more than 100 years old, donated land and funds for the building of the old Quaker College at Wilmington, Ohio.

His mother, granddaughter of Morris Covert, a prominent clergyman of colonial Virginia, was an artist and writer.

Wrote Weekly Column

Mr. Darbyshire started his career in the newspaper field. He wrote a weekly column for the Sabina newspaper and in 1881 became an Associated Press reporter in Cincinnati. In 1883 he went to Dallas as superintendent of Western Union. In Dallas, in 1894, he married Miss Mary Catherine Martin Spencer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Robert Martin Spencer, pioneer Dallas residents.

After coming to El Paso Mr. Darbyshire purchased, in 1904, the old Paso City foundry from the Ter-

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razas family. It later became the Darbyshire Steel Co.

At about the same time that he went into the steel business here he purchased two oil wells near Beaumont with his brother, O. M. Darbyshire.

Helped Develop Cloudcroft

The first Darbyshire home in El Paso, at 811 East Overland street, is still standing. After the Rio Grande flood of 1898 he built his present home at 719 North Florence street.

Mr. Darbyshire, secretary of the El Paso Northeastern Railroad Co., and the railroad's president, Charles B. Eddy, helped develop Cloudcroft, N. M., by extending a rail line there. He was an associate of C. R. Morehead, who, with O. T. Bassett, founded the State National Bank. He had been a State National director for more than a half century.

Met Taft and Diaz

Mr. Darbyshire was active in El Paso civic affairs. He was on the reception committee for the meeting of Presidents Taft and Diaz in El Paso in 1909. He was a charter member of the old Toltec Club and the El Paso Country Club.

He was a founder and director of the first Sunshine in January Carnival, predecessor of the Sun Carnival. He was known for generous contributions to charity, made with the reticence characteristic of his Quaker faith.

Survivors Listed

Mr. Darbyshire is survived by two sons, R. O. Darbyshire of Anthony, N. M., and Martin Spencer Darbyshire of El Paso; two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth W. MacCallum and Mrs. Clifford C. Stevens of El Paso; a brother, Oliver M. Darbyshire of Sabina, and a sister, Mrs. William F. Church of Ottawa, Kan.; and four grandchildren, Frank K. MacCallum, Russell O. Darbyshire, Jack F. Darbyshire, and Mary Frances Darbyshire. Mrs. B. F. Darbyshire died in 1933.

Active pallbearers will be Judge Ballard, Coldwell, Frank McL. Barger, Theodore Heimcamp, Peter J. Puzzi, W. V. Holik, and Mallory Miller. Honorary pallbearers will be Crawford Harvie, R. W. McAfee, George G. Matkin, Gus Momen Jr., Homer Hirsch, Robert B. Stryker, C. H. Murphy, J. H. Pruett, Hal E. Christie, William L. Knowles, Dr. C. H. Mason, J. R. Dalby, Ray Isham of Kansas City and Robert S. Potter of Dallas.