

Judge Davis Dead.

Although the death of Judge Bennett H. Davis has been expected for some time, the final termination of his life at 9 o'clock this morning caused a shock to his relatives and friends. That fatal disease, paresis, had been eating away the life threads for several months and at last it snapped the last chord that bound the spirit to the body taking away from our midst a just and upright citizen, an indulgent parent and a kind brother.

Judge Davis was greatly esteemed by all who knew him and in fact many with whom he had no acquaintance honored him highly owing to the high esteem in which he was spoken of by his acquaintances.

He was born at Somerville, Fayette county, Tennessee, February 5th, 1832. In 1852, while he was attending Hanover college near Madison, Indiana, his parents moved to Texas, he following a couple of years later when his college course was completed. During the war of the rebellion he rose to the rank of major and served with distinction on the staff of General Wharton of this state. Thirty one years ago soon after the close of the war, he formed a co-partnership to practice law with Captain T. J. Beall at Bryan, Texas. This co-partnership was only dissolved by the death of the senior member. In 1881 the firm removed to El Paso and in 1875 Judge Wyndham Kemp was added to the firm.

Major Davis was never an office-seeker and although often urged to enter the race for congress he would never consent to have his name go before the people. The only position he would consent to accept was that of a member of the constitutional convention of 1876.

Judge Davis leaves to mourn his loss a daughter, son and brother here, Miss Lucille, Will W. Davis, customs inspector, and Collector Charles Davis, and a brother, Calhoun Davis, in New Mexico.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock from the Baptist church.

