

DEATH CLAIMS CAPT. CHAS. DAVIS, EX-MAYOR OF THE CITY

MASONS WILL CONDUCT THE FUNERAL

Honored Citizen Passes Away, After Being Unconscious for 89 Hours, Suffering Greatly.

MENINGITIS THE FATAL ILLNESS

Deceased Had Held Many Positions of Honor in the City, Including that of Customs Collector.

Captain Charles Davis, Sr., ex-mayor of El Paso; ex-collector of customs of the Paso del Norte district; ex-alderman of El Paso; former colonel on the staff of governor, now senator C. A. Culbertson; past grand commander of the Knights Templar of Texas; large property owner and well known and popular citizen of El Paso, passed away peacefully this morning at 8:33 at his residence, 1017 Montana street, in this city, after being unconscious for 89 hours, during which the end was expected every moment.

The three children, Charles Davis, Jr., Lemuel Davis and Miss Alice Davis, were at his bedside from 1:30 o'clock until the end. During those long hours at times respiration was not perceptible and several times the members of the family thought the beloved father was dead, but respiration continued until this morning.

Dr. D. H. Haddock, the attending physician, was with the patient and members of the family until the spark of life took its flight.

With the announcement of the death of former mayor Davis, the bell at the Central fire station was tolled 60 times, the deceased having passed the 60th anniversary of his life. Flags hung at half mast at the city hall, court house, central fire station, Elks' home and on the flag pole in San Jacinto plaza. Several private flags are also at half mast.

The captain died from meningitis, which seized him several days ago, and there had been no hope for his recovery for some time past.

Captain Davis was in his 61st year, having been born in Eklorado, Arkansas, in Sept. 18, 1847, and had lived a useful and honorable career, and had held many public offices. Until a few years ago, when he retired from active practice, he was known as one of the most brilliant lawyers of west Texas. He owned considerable property in El Paso and was past grand commander of the Knights Templar of Texas, which order has charge of the funeral services. He was also an Elk and a member of several fraternal orders besides his Masonic connections.

Capt. Davis was one of 13 children and was the last survivor. His father was judge William Davis, of Mississippi, who married Miss Amanda F. Henderson, of Tennessee. The deceased was himself married in 1876 to Miss Alice Wilson, of Brazos county, Texas, where he was living at the time, and where he still has a large ranch. The wife died several years ago, and the three children are the only survivors of the deceased.

In the eighties Capt. Davis served as an alderman of El Paso and in 1905 was elected mayor. During the administration of Cleveland he was customs collector for the port and during the administration of Culbertson as governor, Capt. Davis was a colonel on his staff.

The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock at the First Baptist church Wednesday conducted by the Knights Templar, who will give their beautiful and impressive funeral service. The pall bearers, all old

friends of captain Davis, will be selected tonight by the eminent commander of the Knights Templar. The interment will be in Evergreen. McBean, Simmons & Carr have charge of the funeral arrangements.

Mayor's Proclamation.

Mayor Sweeney this afternoon issued the following proclamation relative to the death of Capt. Davis:

Death has removed from our midst a leading, progressive and enterprising citizen. Capt. Chas. Davis, Sr., passed from this life at an early hour this morning.

During his long and useful career, he enjoyed the confidence and respect of our citizens.

Therefore, I, Jos. U. Sweeney, mayor of the City of El Paso, Texas, hereby direct that the flags on the city buildings shall be placed at half mast until after the interment, and, as a further evidence of our grief and respect for the deceased, I hereby direct that the fire department attend the funeral, that the police department furnish an escort, and that all branches of the city government cease the operation of their various functions during the time of the funeral.

Business houses generally are respectfully requested to close their doors during the funeral as a mark of respect to the departed.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 28th day of January, A. D. 1908.

Jos. U. Sweeney,
Mayor.

Attest:
Percy McGhee,
City clerk.

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Captain Davis, Who Died Today



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