

# W. C. Davis Dies At 71

Was Prominent In Louisiana  
Politics Before Coming  
Here 25 Years Ago.

William Chapman Davis, 71, for more than 25 years a resident of El Paso and a holder of extensive properties here, died at 10 a. m. yesterday morning at the home of his son, James A. Davis, 3223 Fort boulevard.

Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock this morning at Peak-Hagedon chapel. El Paso Elks' organization, of which Mr. Davis had been a member for years, will have charge of services at the chapel and at Evergreen cemetery, where burial will be in the Elks' plot.

#### Born In Louisiana.

Mr. Davis was a native of Louisiana, having been born in DeSoto parish of that state in 1861. He attended school in Atlanta, Ga., and returned to Louisiana, where he was in the mercantile business and owned several farms. He was a Democrat and prominent in Democratic activities of the state. He served on the Louisiana central committee of that party. Up to the time of his death he received letters from state political leaders seeking counsel.

In El Paso, Mr. Davis held for many years the controlling interest in Pomeroy's Transfer company. He

lived in an apartment house. He had been retired from active business for a number of years.

#### Active Lodge Member.

Besides being affiliated with the Elks, Mr. Davis also was a member of the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen of the World.

He is survived by his widow and a daughter, Mrs. L. G. Heffernan, both of Langley field, Hampton, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Annie Jordan, Marthaville, La., and two brothers, A. S. Davis, Alexandria, La., and Bradford Davis, New York city.