

## **Pioneer El Paso Nurse Dies**



MISS DIETRICH

Miss A. Louise Dietrich, 1001 E. Nevada St. and resident of El Paso for 60 years, died Monday. Services were pending with Harding & Orr Montana Avenue Funeral Home. She was the 48th nurse to be registered in Texas.

Miss Dietrich was general secretary of the Texas Graduate Nurses Association from 1928 to 1955 and education director of the State Board of Nurses Examiners. She is credited with spearheading professional improvement of nurses and improvement of nursing as a profession on the local, state and national levels for many years.

She came from New York and was superintendent of nurses and superintendent of Providence Hospital five years during which she organized and became the first president of El Paso Graduate Nurses Association. From 1908 to 1916, Miss Dietrich was superintendent of St. Mark's Hospital and, through the Health League of El Paso, began the first public health work here. She was named chairman of the newly-organized Red Cross Nursing Service Committee in 1912. She served as president of Texas Graduate Nurses Association and promoted affiliation with American Nurses Association of which she was a director from 1923 to 1936.

In addition to nursing, Miss Dietrich has been active in the Episcopal Church, Texas League of Women Voters P-TA and Equal Franchise League.