

Joe Eastburn, 77, Pioneer El Paso Printer, Succumbs

"Thirty" was written early yesterday morning for one of El Paso's pioneer newspapermen, Joseph R. Eastburn, 77, of 501 Ceboea street. He died at the home of S. W. Dodge, 8525 Morehead avenue.

Mr. Eastburn was one of the early composing room foremen of The El Paso Times. He came to El Paso in 1888 and was employed by Juan Hart, owner and publisher of The Times, as foreman. He directed the composition of the paper when the type was set by hand.

In 1900 he aided in the formation of a typographical union and was a charter member of the organization. The union soon was disbanded and in 1901 a new order was formed. Mr. Eastburn joined the union in 1902 and was a member of it continuously and at the time of his death was its sergeant-at-arms.

On New Year's day he went to the home of his friend, Dodge, for a short visit. Wednesday night he retired, apparently in good health. He was found dead in his bed.

Mr. Eastburn was well known and popular among El Paso's pioneers. He took an active part in the city's early social and civic development.

Funeral services will be held at the Peak-Hagedorn chapel at 3:30 p. m. today. Burial will be in Restlawn cemetery.