

Developer Of El Paso Dies In N.Y.

C. B. Eddy Built El Paso Northwestern, and Other Lines In This Section.

Charles B. Eddy, 69, pioneer El Pasoan and builder of the El Paso Northeastern railroad, died in New York at 1 o'clock yesterday, according to word received here by Coles Bros. from Judge W. A. Hawkins, La Luz, an old friend.

It was Eddy's dream which materialized in the irrigation project and town of Carlsbad, formerly called Eddy. In 1858, then a cattleman with headquarters at Seven Rivers, on Pecos, Eddy developed water which now forms the Carlsbad project.

In the early 90's, Eddy and his associates built the El Paso & Northeastern railroad from El Paso to the coal fields at Capitan. He was also the builder of the Sacramento railroad to Alamogordo and Cloudercroft. He established and built Cloudercroft, forming a lumber industry in Alamogordo, which he also founded.

Moves to New York.

He left the southwest to become a successful promoter, with New York as headquarters.

Eddy did perhaps more toward the founding of El Paso than any one man. Following the panic of '93, he built up the railroad which started the real growth of this city.

He is survived by a brother, J. A. Eddy, of Denver, who assisted him in his work in the southwest, and a sister, Mrs. Mary E. Fox, in New York City.

"To Mr. Eddy is the Pecos valley irrigation system and development entirely due," Judge W. A. Hawkins declared last night. "He first came from Colorado in 1858, and engaged in the cattle business at Seven Rivers, and there conceived the idea of the redemption of the great valley for irrigation purposes. He interested Colorado capitalists, among whom was J. J. Hagaman, of Colorado Springs, a wealthy mining man.

"With the aid of capital secured from Hagaman, and from others, Mr. Eddy was able to carry out his dream of making the valley what it is today. At that period, Roswell was but a small cowtown, and the town of Carlsbad, which was established under the name of Eddy, was made headquarters of the enterprise.

"The county of Eddy was established as a result of this proposition, and was named for him by the New Mexico legislature.

"After getting the irrigation enterprise well-launched, he extended his operations by building the railroad from Pecos, Tex., to Eddy. Subsequently, he secured the building of his line on to Roswell.

"After this enterprise was well established, Mr. Eddy came to El Paso, and built the White Oaks railway to Capitan. This line was later extended from Carrizozo to Dawson.

"He also built the railway to Cloudercroft, and, associated with his brother, John A. Eddy, built the town of Alamogordo.

"Mr. Eddy in his later years financed a railway in Spain.

"In the last few years he had been engaged, at times, in some eastern Texas oil enterprises. He was operated on just a month ago."