

THEO. EGGERS, PIONEER, DIES

**Left Germany When Boy;
Lived Here 27 Years;
Had Mexican Hotels.**

Theodore L. Eggers, El Paso pioneer and proprietor of Hotel Linden, on North Oregon street, died suddenly Monday night in his apartments at the hotel. Mr. Eggers was 64 years of age and came to El Paso in 1881. He had many friends among the "old timers" and younger generation of the city. Born in Linden, Germany, he left his native land and came to America when he was 15 years old. Except for nine years spent in Mexico City and Cuernavaca, where he owned a chain of hotels. "The" Eggers, as he was best known, lived in El Paso for the last 36 years.

Asks for Water; Dies Quickly.

Mr. Eggers had not been in good health for several years. Recently he had been sleeping at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. W. Underwood, 1818 East Rio Grande street. He slept more soundly there, he said, than at the hotel. Sunday night he rested there and apparently had a refreshing sleep. He came down town Monday morning and went to the hotel, where he dropped off to sleep. He slept most of the day. Monday night, a few minutes before 8 o'clock, he called for a drink of water. Five minutes later he died. Bright's disease was the cause of death.

Leaves Brother in Germany.

Among his survivors are his widow, two daughters, Mrs. O. W. Underwood and Mrs. Roy J. Martin, three grandchildren, two girls and a boy, all of El Paso. A sister in New York City and a brother in Germany also survive him.

Mr. Eggers was a charter member of the El Paso Elks lodge and the Pioneers' association. The Elks will have charge of the funeral services, which will be held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Underwood residence on East Rio Grande street. Interment will be in Evergreen cemetery.

Was a "Big Elk."

The Elks never had a member who was universally more popular than "The" Eggers. Not many months ago, after he had been ill for a long time with rheumatism, when he appeared at the lodge one evening there was an outburst of applause in the lodge room that any member might have been proud of. In the days when he was younger and more active, "The" Eggers was always one of the leaders in every entertainment the Elks gave and any entertainment he had connection with, was a success. As chairman of the committee on refreshments he had no equal, and he was a worker. He would always see that everybody got everything there was to eat and drink; his sole desire seemed to be to see the others have a good time.

He was one of the organizers of the Quilen Sabe club of Elks and helped to make that organization famous. He was one of the uniformed members of the first club, which made such a hit in its charro suits to Salt Lake City in July, 1902.