

DEATH CLAIMS W. W. FOLLETT

Hydraulic Engineer Dies After Long Illness; Here 26 Years.

William W. Follett, one of the best known consulting engineers in the southwest, died at his home at 515 West Missouri street at 3:10 Thursday morning after an illness which had extended over a period of several years.

Born in New Sharon, Me., Mr. Follett was 58 years old at the time of his death. He was graduated from the university of Michigan in 1881 and, in 1914, was honored by the university by having the honorary degree, master of engineering, conferred upon him. He came to El Paso in 1889 from Denver, where he was a consulting engineer. He came here to take the position of consulting engineer under the geological survey in a series of investigations of the international dam proposed for the Rio Grande near El Paso.

Boundary Engineer.

Later he was appointed consulting engineer of the American section of the international boundary commission by Gen. Arson Mills, commissioner. He served with the commission for more than 16 years. It has been said of Mr. Follett that no man living knew the Rio Grande in all of its twists and turns and meanderings as did W. W. Follett and he was considered an authority on water boundary matters.

He was a member of the society of American Engineers and was one of the leading hydraulic engineers of the country. He was consulting engineer for the El Paso & Southwestern system in planning the water supply for the system from the White mountains of New Mexico. He was tendered the position of consulting engineer for the Elephant Butte project and the El Paso Valley Water Users' association, but on account of failing health, he was forced to refuse it.

Funeral Friday.

Mr. Follett is survived by his widow and two sons, Will Follett, aged 26, who is engineer in charge of the Franklin canal, and Leslie Follett, aged 18, who is attending the New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 3:30 from the parlors of Massey & Kester and will be in charge of the Masonic blue lodge No. 130 with mayor Tom Lea officiating. The burial will be in Evergreen cemetery. The Michigan society of El Paso will attend.