

Rodeo Judge Dies



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DEATH TAKES E. P. CATTLEMAN

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William R. Franklin, widely known cattleman, died of a heart attack early today at his home, 1119 N. Brown St. He was 61.

His partner, W. C. Roberts, said that excitement at the El Paso Rodeo last Sunday and Monday may have caused his death. Mr. Franklin was one of the promoters of the rodeo, and was a judge at The Herald-Post Kids' Rodeo. He attended all performances.

Ill Yesterday

He became ill at 9 a. m. yesterday and died at 3:15 a. m. today.

Mr. Franklin was born at Tilden, Tex., in 1875. He had operated ranches throughout the Southwest and for many years had been a cattle buyer.

On June 24, 1902, he married Miss Josephine Lang at Portales, N. M. He moved from Portales to Knowles, N. M., and in 1912 came to El Paso.

He was a close friend of the late Will Rogers, famed cowboy humorist.

Had Twin Brother

Survivors include his widow, a son, Lang Franklin, El Paso; a daughter, Mrs. (Capt.) M. H. Mattison, of Brussels, Belgium; two sisters, Mrs. T. A. Kerr, Lordsburg, N. M., and Mrs. Webb Rhodes, George West, Tex.; a brother, Allen Franklin, San Antonio, and a grandson Jackie Mattison, now in El Paso.

A twin brother, Wiley Franklin, died in Dalhart in 1918.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Peak-Hagedorn Mortuary.