

El Pasoan was community activist

Mary Austin Fraser, a lifelong resident of El Paso and the descendant of one of the city's pioneer families, died Tuesday (Oct. 24, 2000). She was active in the Sun Carnival Association, the Junior League of El Paso and the El Paso County Historical Society. Her grandfather was Maj. Richard F. Burges and she was the daughter of Jane Burges Perrenot, whose residence was bequeathed to and is now the home of the El Paso County Historical Society.

Survivors include her husband, Roderick John Fraser; her sons, William B. Hooten and Preston Rust Hooten; her daughters, Jane Masters, Carlie Pine, Barbara Clawson, Claire Perkins, Laurie Kunert and July Wesen; one brother, Richard Burges Perrenot; 17 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. today in the First Presbyterian Church. Arrangements are by Futrell Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the El Paso County Historical Society, the Burges House Fund or to the charity of your choice.