

PIONEER EL PASOAN DIES IN NEW JERSEY

J. Freudenthal a Mine Oper- ator and Mercantile Or- ganizer.

News has reached El Paso of the death at Towaco, N. J., July 4, of Julius Freudenthal, first business man of early El Paso and pioneer copper mining man of Arizona. Death ended a life of 80 years, which has left its mark in business monuments of the southwest, notably the Arizona Copper company and the H. Lesinsky company of El Paso.

A native of Germany, Mr. Freudenthal came to New York, and thence almost immediately to New Mexico. That was in 1861. A general mercantile business was established at Belen. A few years later a large business house was established at Las Cruces in association with Charles and Henry Lesinsky.

That firm engaged in extensive mining operations and produced the Longfellow Copper company at Clifton, Ariz., in 1876. In the name of the great New England poet, a fancy of Mr. Freudenthal, the company mined and smelted copper ore. It was the first successful operation of that kind in the territory. Products were sent 700 miles overland, in the absence of railways, and Indian hostility caused an endless source of difficulties. In 1882 the holdings were sold to a foreign syndicate, the Arizona Copper company resulting.

The house of L. B. Freudenthal was established in the early eighties in El Paso, the pioneer being associated with his son, Ludvick, also known to many early settlers of this city. This concern soon became a leading business venture of El Paso, a general mercantile business being transacted. The Freudenthals relinquished their local holding 10 years ago, and the same concern evolved into the H. Lesinsky Co.

Surviving are Ludvick, Freudenthal, now a resident of Newark, N. J., and S. J. Freudenthal of El Paso, a nephew, who is secretary and treasurer of the H. Lesinsky company.

Mr. Freudenthal never resided in El Paso for any great length of time. He lived in New York city, making frequent trips west in inspection of his business ventures. Since the sale of the local company he has been almost inactive in business, spending his declining years at his New Jersey country home.