

James B. Gibson, Pioneer, Dies Here

James Banta Gibson, 62, former Texas Ranger and retired member of the El Paso Police Department, died Wednesday morning in his home at 3715 Mountain Avenue.

Funeral services will be held in Peak-Hagedorn Chapel at 4 p. m. Thursday with Rev. I. L. Yearby in charge and Rev. J. Fred Cole assisting. Burial will be in Restlawn Cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be J. H. Buckner, O. J. Wilson, Joe Evans, J. E. Quaid, L. S. Reavis and J. J. Hacking. Honorary pallbearers will be J. M. Walthall, Cyrus Jones, Dr. John A. Hardy, J. S. Kemp, Tony Rowden, I. M. Davis, R. M. Shaver and H. W. Quinn.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Mae Mansfield Gibson; a daughter, Mrs. Leah Mae Gibson Heath of El Paso, and a sister, Mrs. Roxie Sharp-ley of Uvalde, Texas.

Mr. Gibson joined the Rangers in 1878 and took part in several Indian fights in the Panhandle. Later he moved to the San Antonio area, read law and began practice in Pecos. He served as district and county clerk there 16 years and was mayor of Pecos four years.

Mr. Gibson also practiced law after coming to El Paso in 1914, but during the World War he joined the Police Department and continued as a member until 1933, when he retired. Mr. Gibson was the author of many articles on frontier life.