

## **Death Takes Man Who Drove Wagon Trains**

Cecilio Gomez, who drove wagon trains through the Indian-infested wilderness of Texas, died today at Rio Vista Farm. He was 105 years old.

Mr. Gomez was born at Ysleta. He was the oldest living native of Ysleta.

Mr. Gomez worked 75 years ago for J. M. Gonzalez, owner of a wagon train company. The company carried freight and people between El Paso and Las Vegas, N. M., San Antonio and Chihuahua City.

Mr. Gomez became Mr. Gonzales' chief head driver. He conducted trains of covered wagons over most of the trails of the Southwest.

He had a score of battles with Indians.

As his train once was nearing Albuquerque on the way to Las Vegas a hundred Apache warriors swooped down on the train. Mr. Gomez and his handful of men jumped on mules and fled while the Indians robbed and burned the wagons.

Funeral arrangements were pending with Peak-Hagedon Mortuary.