

Attorney Who Passed Land To College Dies

Judge Walter B. Grant Taken by Death In Boston

Judge Walter B. Grant executor of the \$600,000 Frank B. Cotton estate that was left to the College of Mines, died last night in Boston. He was 78.

Major Horace Morison, a member of the Cotton family, informed J. Frank and Otis C. Coles of Judge Grant's death.

Judge Grant, a leading lawyer in the East for many years, became affiliated with Mr. Cotton in the 1900's. He came to El Paso in connection with the Cotton properties first in 1905 and had returned frequently since then.

He became president of the American Tube Works in Brookline in 1907 at the death of Mr. Cotton. The company manufactured a great deal of seamless brass and copper tubing for the Government.

Was One Piece

Judge Grant handled the Cotton Addition, comprising about 500 acres, and an additional 29,000 acres in El Paso County, which included Hudspeth and Culbertson counties when Mr. Cotton purchased the property in 1881.

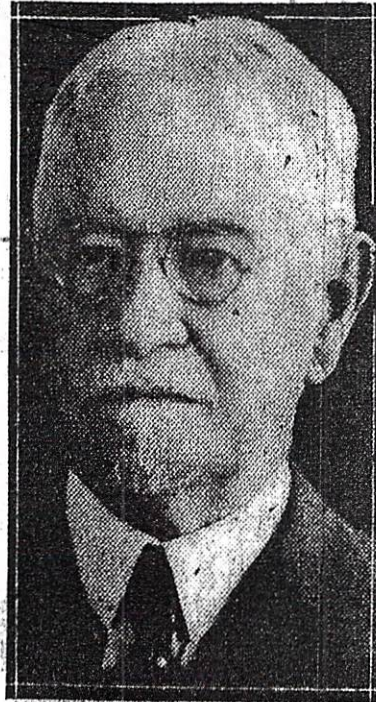
"Cotton Addition was in one piece when Judge Grant came to El Paso," said Otis C. Coles. "He laid out the streets, supervised street paving, built a large number of houses and graded and improved the property."

Through His Efforts

Dr. D. M. Wiggins, president of the College of Mines, said it was through the efforts of Judge Grant that the Cotton estate was transferred to the Texas University Board of Regents for the benefit of the El Paso college.

The property given to the College of Mines includes El Paso business property, approximately 500 acres

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of city lots, and range lands in Hudspeth and Culbertson counties. Property in El Paso County has been placed on the market for conversion into cash.

Hudspeth and Culbertson County property will be held for mineral rights.

"It was Judge Grant's deep confidence and interest in the College of Mines that resulted in the transfer," said Dr. Wiggins. "The gift was made after a visit to El Paso. His death is regrettable to his many friends in El Paso."

Judge Grant followed in Mr. Cotton's belief that El Paso would become a mining and trading center.

He was chief counsel for the United States, associated with Richard Burges and J. U. Sweeney of El Paso, in the Chamizal zone case. The unsettled case involves a dispute between the United States and Mexico over a slice of South El Paso.