

Former Owner of Herald Dies at 88

John M. Hawkins of 2931 Grant avenue, former publisher of The El Paso Herald died in his residence today. He was 88.

Mr. Hawkins leased The Herald in 1895. H. D. Slater bought the paper two years later and continued as owner for many years.

Mr. Hawkins was born in Huntington, Tenn. In his early manhood, he worked as a reporter on Sacramento and San Francisco papers.

In 1885 he went to Silver City and was associated with his brother, W. A. Hawkins, in publishing The Silver City Enterprise. He then went to Eddy, now known as Carlsbad, to promote an irrigation project.

Following his connection with The Herald, he was part owner with Felix Martinez of The El Paso News. He was postmaster at Alamogordo from 1902-1914. He returned to El Paso 20 years ago.

He retired in 1914. He lived with his daughter, Mrs. T. W. Williams, for 20 years.

Active to the last, Mr. Hawkins maintained a keen interest in the Southwest and its early history. He dictated a long lyric poem yesterday for his granddaughter's birthday.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Hagedorn-Harding Funeral Home.