

Rites For James I. Hewitt Set For 3 o'clock Today

*Widely Known El Paso Citizen, Former Alderman
and Mayor, Dies at Masonic Hospital.*

JAMES I. HEWITT, 81, one of El Paso's most widely known and beloved citizens, will be buried in Masonic cemetery this afternoon in a plot he selected himself some time ago.

Funeral arrangements for the pioneer builder, former alderman and mayor pro tem, will be held in the First Presbyterian church, of which he was a member, at 3:30 o'clock. The Rev. J. E. Congdon will officiate.

Members of the Masonic lodge No. 130 will be in charge of funeral services at the cemetery.

Mr. Hewitt died suddenly at Masonic hospital early Tuesday night of pneumonia after an illness of five days. He died only a short time after being taken to the hospital for treatment.

Coming here 32 years ago from Oxford, Ohio, he became one of El Paso's leading contractors. His firm was known here as James I. Hewitt & Son, and this firm built many of El Paso's largest buildings, including the Masonic temple, the Texas Grand theater, Lockie hotel, St. Clement's Episcopal church and the First Presbyterian church.

All Masonic bodies in El Paso had his name on their rolls. He held every important office in the Scottish Rite and York Rite Masonic orders and was a 33 degree Mason, the highest honor bestowed upon any Mason.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian church and was prominent in the church's Christian work and business affairs.

Mr. Hewitt was drafted to serve as city alderman for two terms, and upon the death of Mayor W. F. Robinson in 1910, he completed the unexpired term as mayor pro tem. He was elected alderman for a second term during the administration of Mayor J. U. Sweeney.

He is survived by three sons, J. Arthur and F. C. Hewitt, of 2228 Grant avenue, and Fred A. Hewitt of Milwaukee, Wis., and a daughter, Mrs. H. D. Vinnege, also of Milwaukee.

Kaster & Maxon have charge of the body.

Pallbearers will be Frank Klohs, Alfred Carpenter, Ethan Allen Wells, Harry Vaughan, Oscar Allen and J. W. Lorentzen.