

SUDDEN DEATH OF COLONEL HINTON

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WORTHY LIFE ENDED

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Now Resides.

News of the death in London of Colonel Richard Joseph Hinton was received with regret in this city, where the veteran newspaper man was well known, and where, too, he had spent several years. His son, Arthur R. Hinton, is a resident of this city, and is engaged in the real estate business.

Colonel Hinton was the last of the John Brown provisional government formed at Chatham, Canada, before the Harper's Ferry raid. He and Richard Realf were the only members of that government who escaped with their lives. Colonel Hinton fought in the first Cuban war for independence under General Gomez and was wounded.

Colonel Hinton was born in London, England, November 26, 1830. His early life was one of hardship—a struggle for bread.

The colonel served through the war of the rebellion, having attained the rank of brevet colonel at the time of mustering out.

He came to El Paso in 1865 as a government messenger to dispose of a lot of condemned guns. These were turned over immediately by the purchasers to Juarez, across the river and it is said that the delivery of the sinews of war marked the turning of the tide against Maximilian.

Col. Hinton was in El Paso again in 1881-2, where he occupied for eighteen months the editorial chair of The Times. His next visit here was as chief of the United States irrigation inquiry commission under President Harrison, and he came again with the senate committee to investigate the question of an international dam—an undertaking which he heartily favored. His death was sudden, his trip to England being for the purpose of adjusting some family affairs.

Colonel Hinton has held many official positions. Among them the following:

Reporter constitutional convention, 1858, Leavenworth. Reporter court of impeachment, Kansas, 1862. Lieutenant, captain and brevet lieutenant colonel (volunteers) union army. Commissioner of emigration in Europe, 1867. Inspector United States consulates in Europe. Special agent of President Grant to Vienna in 1873. Special agent state and treasury departments on the frontier and in Mexico, 1883. Irrigation engineer United States geological survey, 1889-90. Special agent in charge department of agriculture, April, 1890, May, 1892, of the United States artesian and underflow investigation, and of the irrigation inquiry. In these latter capacities he has written nine volumes of reports, all extensive and large; these reports are accepted as the highest authority in the work they cover. In addition to these he made a report to the United States in 1869, on the "Decline of the American Tonnage." Other reports by him are as follows: On labor questions in 1871-2, and in 1884-5; on agriculture in Mexico 1883; on the commerce of the Mediterranean, 1873-4; on reciprocity in Mexico, 1883.

Colonel Hinton had been elected an honorary member of various scientific and other societies in Europe and America.