

COL. J. P. HODGSON DIES

TWELVE YEARS CLERK OF THE
FEDERAL COURT.

At His Office in the Federal Building
Saturday Morning, But Later in the
Day Goes To His Home, Succumb-
ing To Pneumonia.

Col. Jeremiah P. Hodgson, for 12 years clerk of the federal court at this point, died at his home, 912 North Virginia street, yesterday morning at 9 o'clock with pneumonia. The announcement of his death was a great shock to his many friends in this city, few of whom knew that Colonel Hodgson was even sick, as he was not taken to his bed until last Saturday. For several days Colonel Hodgson had complained of a deep-seated cold, but felt no alarm. He was at his office in the Federal building Saturday morning, but later in the day went home and took to his bed. His condition grew steadily worse and Sunday night it became apparent that he was a very sick man. Yesterday morning the malady seemed to involve his heart and he died while few of his friends realized that he was ill.

The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. Clement's Episcopal church, of which deceased was a member, the Rev. Henry Easter officiating.

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Virginia Gentleman.
Colonel Hodgson was universally recognized as one of the most affable and courteous gentlemen in El Paso. He was a Virginian by birth and carried in a marked degree the evidences of gentle breeding. His father, Colonel Hodgson, now almost 100 years of age, is still living at the old home in Fluvanna, Virginia.

Twelve years ago Colonel Hodgson, who was at that time a resident of San Angelo, Texas, was appointed to the position of deputy clerk of this federal district by District Clerk Hart. Many of the old time El Pasoans were acquainted with Colonel Hodgson at that time and during his twelve years' residence here he widened his circle of acquaintances and friends until it included most of the best people in this city. He was a very efficient clerk, taking a great pride in the work of his office and was frequently highly commended by Judge T. M. Maxey for the manner in which he conducted the business of his office. He was highly thought of by the attorneys, who, as a mark of respect, will attend his funeral in a body.

Once a Wealthy Man.

Colonel Hodgson was only 52 years of age and was at one time one of the wealthiest men in Western Texas. He was a lover of the free on-door life and came to Texas when a young man and took up the life of a cattleman. In the early seventies he became the owner of a ranch near San Angelo and prospered so rapidly that he became one of the wealthiest cattlemen in that famous section. He gave his attention largely to sheep raising and owned thousands of head of sheep. He knew all the army officers of those days and frequently rode with them over the plains. He liked to tell of his feats of horsemanship and of the rides that he had taken to San Antonio, Austin and other points.

Through the cruel adversities of fate he failed in business and the fortune that he once possessed slipped from his grasp. Of a light-hearted and philosophical nature he took his adversity coolly and never lost the cheerfulness of disposition that characterized him among men.

Colonel Hodgson was married some years ago in Austin to Miss Laura Green, daughter of Gen. Tom Green,

one of the famous men in Texas and for whom Tom Green county of which San Angelo is the county seat, was named. His married life was notably happy. He had one son, Hal, a boy of 12 years, and a more devoted husband and father did not live in El Paso. The widow and son survive. Besides his father, who lives in Virginia, he leaves a brother, Dr. Hodgson, in Mobile, Ala.

The news of Colonel Hodgson's death was yesterday telegraphed to Clark D. H. Hart, at San Angelo, who will in all probability arrive here to attend the funeral and to make arrangements for placing some one in charge of the office. Deputy United States Marshal Hillebrand is temporarily in charge. As the next term of the federal court convenes next month the office can ill afford to be vacant at this time.

Deceased was a member of the Knights of Honor and the United Moderns, in both of which lodges he held the position of secretary.