

L. W. Hoffecker, Noted EP Coin Collector, Dies

L. W. Hoffecker, one of the nation's leading collectors of valuable and rare coins, died in his home at 1514 Montana St. Thursday night. He was 86 and had been a resident of El Paso for 54 years. Mr. Hoffecker operated the L. W. Hoffecker Door and Sash Co. here until 1922, when he retired.

In a story published in The Times when he sold the business he pointed out that he had "been in the harness for 22 years" and planned to devote the remainder of his years to resting.

But instead of resting Mr. Hoffecker made a fulltime job of expanding and improving his coin and currency collection which was valued at \$50,000.

Mr. Hoffecker had started his collection as a hobby in 1886 when he was employed in the postoffice in Dalton, Pa. Immigrant miners and railroad workers in the area patronized the postoffice and from them he secured his first coins.

During his lifetime he visited 72 different foreign countries, picking up coins and currency.

In recent years he has arranged numerous coin exhibitions in El Paso. One of his most unusual items was a 500 quintillion Hungarian pengo note, the largest inflationary bill in his collection.

Mr. Hoffecker served as president

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of the American Numismatic Association. He was the first man from west of the Mississippi River to hold the position.

An active mason, Mr. Hoffecker was a charter member of El Maida Shrine Temple and a member of El Paso Commandery, Knights Templar.

Survivors include his daughter, Mrs. E. B. Vaile, two grandchildren and three great grandchildren, all of El Paso.

Funeral arrangements were pending with Kaster and Maxon.