

GEN. HOWE DIES IN WASHINGTON

**Father of Walter D. Howe
and Brother of Mrs. F. E.
Hunter; Indian Fighter.**

Brig. Gen. Walter Howe, retired, died at his home in Washington, D. C., Monday morning. He was the father of Walter D. Howe, of El Paso, who left here Sunday afternoon to be at the bedside of his father, but failed to arrive there in time to see him before his death. Gen. Howe was also a brother of Mrs. F. E. Hunter, of El Paso.

In the death of Gen. Howe the army has lost another distinguished officer. In the Indian wars, in the Philippines and in the old west Gen. Howe made promotion after promotion until he was retired on December 31, 1910, as a brigadier general. He visited his son here when he returned from the Philippine campaign and has kept in close touch with El Paso since his son came here to locate after graduating from the law department of the University of Indiana, Gen. Howe's native home.

Notified Custer's Family.

When Custer's famous battle of the Little Big Horn was fought and his entire command wiped out, it was Gen. Howe, then commanding in the west, who had to tell Mrs. Custer and the wives of the officers of the fate of their husbands. Gen. Howe especially distinguished himself in the Philippines and was mentioned a number of times in the war department records for valor in action.

Born in Indiana.

Gen. Howe was born in Ellettsville, Ind., December 31, 1846, and was the son of James Montgomery and Mary Graham Howe. He graduated from the United States Military academy at West Point in 1867. On September 21, 1869, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Dunn, of Bloomington, Ind. She survives him, as do three sons. Walter D. Howe is a practicing lawyer here; Alfred is a lieutenant in the United States navy, and George is professor in a college at Colorado Springs, Colo.

In Artillery.

Upon graduation Gen. Howe became a second lieutenant in the Fourth artillery, and served as first lieutenant, captain, major and lieutenant colonel of artillery until 1899, when he was appointed colonel of the 41st infantry volunteers, and went in command of that regiment to the Philippine islands, where he was commander of the provinces of Alby and Sorogon.

Before going to the Philippine islands he had participated in the Modoc war in 1873, and the Powder river expedition under Gen. Crook in 1876. After his return from the Philippine islands in May, 1904, he became a colonel of artillery, and on January 11, 1910, became a brigadier general in the regular army, retiring on account of age, December 31, 1910.