

SHALEM COLONY FOUNDER IS DEAD

A. M. Howland, Who Established Home for Children Near Las Cruces, Dies.

Andrew M. Howland, 82 years old, well known in his connection for the past 20 years with the Shalem colony, north of Las Cruces, N. M., died yesterday morning at 4 o'clock at 1019 East Rio Grande street following a long illness.

Mr. Howland's health was impaired about nine months ago and his condition had been critical for the past six weeks. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence. The Rev. Miles Hanson of the First Congregational church, will officiate.

The decedent was born at New Bedford, Mass., November 1, 1835. He was the only child of the family and received his education in Boston. When a young man he was in the wool brokerage business in Boston. In 1888 he became connected with a home for orphans and homeless children founded by Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Newbrough at New Orleans. Later they abandoned the home at New Orleans and through the efforts of Mr. Howland the Shalem colony near Las Cruces was founded.

Substantial and magnificent buildings including a dairy were erected on the Shalem estate, which included 1,500 acres with every improvement known to agriculturists at the time. Thirty-five homeless children from Boston were taken into the home in 1904. When the colony disbanded twenty-seven children remained on the estate. Many of them were provided with new homes.

Mr. Howland married Mrs. J. B. Newbrough in 1896. In 1908 Shalem colony was sold and Mr. and Mrs. Howland went to California, where they stopped for a year before coming to El Paso.

For a time Mr. Howland conducted a dairy in El Paso. He was the author of a religious book concerning the Shalem colony. Many of the books were sent to foreign lands as well as to different points in the United States.

Mr. Howland was one of 32 great grandchildren and heirs to \$1,250,000 under the will of Sylvania Ann Howland, which was held in trust by Hetty H. Green, of New York, until her death.

The deceased is survived by his wife, a step daughter, Mrs. W. B. Williams, of El Paso, and a cousin, Miss A. Baxter, of New Bedford, Mass.