

ONE OF THE VALLEY'S EARLIEST SETTLERS DIES

**Mrs. Mary C. Jones, Whose Husband Was Customs
Collection in El Paso Under President Buchanan,
Passes Away in This City and Is Buried at
Las Cruces—She Had Lived in This
Section Since 1858.**

Mrs. Mary C. Jones died at the residence of her son-in-law, R. Y. Anderson, Sunday. She was born in Buckingham county, Virginia, in 1826. In 1858 she came to El Paso with her husband, Col. Samuel J. Jones, who was collector of this port under president Buchanan, which position he resigned at the breaking out of the civil war, settling at Mesilla, near Las Cruces, N. M., where his family resided until 1900.

Mrs. Jones traveled by stage from the Missouri river to El Paso and was the first woman who came over the route and one of the first American women in the Mesilla valley, where she resided for forty years, being widely known and universally respected and loved.

Her remains were taken to Las Cruces Sunday night to be interred by the side of her deceased husband and seven children.