

DEATH OF DR. A. L. JUSTICE RATHER SUDDEN

Had Been Ill for Several Months, But Was at His Office on Sunday and Died Wednesday Night.

Dr. August L. Justice, 66 years old, a resident of El Paso for 26 years and one of the best known and respected physicians in the city, died at his home, 1117 Magoffin avenue, of Bright's disease, Wednesday after hovering several days between life and death. The end came shortly before 8 o'clock as the family and a few friends were gathered at the bedside.

Dr. Justice was at his office in the Coles building on San Antonio street Sunday morning and complained of feeling badly. He went home Sunday afternoon and went to bed. He grew gradually worse and for the last two days his life was despaired of. Drs. Richmond, Raffey, Shaver, Race and Vilas attended him and everything possible was done for the sick physician, but without avail.

Dr. Justice came to El Paso in 1881 and had been here since that time. He was regarded by his brother physicians as one of the best physicians in the west. Dr. Justice was born in Virginia in 1841. His family moved to Christian county, Kentucky near Bowling Green when he was still a child and lived on a farm for many years. Young August Justice was sent to a medical school in Louisville but had not finished his course when the war began in 1861. He however joined the staff of Dr. L. P. Vandell Sr., of Louisville, father of Dr. W. M. Vandell, who died in El Paso several years ago. Together they worked in the Confederate Army and Dr. Justice was twice wounded in battle, one bullet entering his left lung and the other in his hip.

When he became 21 years old he was made a surgeon in the Confederate army and after the war went to Rush Medical university, Chicago, where he finished his course. The injuries sustained in the war had left him in a weakened condition and Dr. Justice went west in search of health. He first went to Montana where he remained for several years. He then established himself in Denver and after practicing some time there went to Santa Barbara, California, where he remained for some time, finally coming to El Paso in 1881.

Dr. Justice built up a good practice in El Paso. In 1894 he was married to Miss Stella Veque in this city. Three children resulted from the union, Carroll, aged 10, Norma, aged 8, and Howard aged 6.

Deceased was up to two years ago state quarantine officer in El Paso and has been a valued member of the El Paso County Medical society. He was highly esteemed by the medical fraternity of El Paso.

The body will be returned to the family residence this afternoon and the funeral will be held from the house at 8 o'clock Friday afternoon. The body will be laid away in Evergreen cemetery.

Dr. Justice had but one brother whom he did not hear from often, but who is thought to be living in Honolulu, Hawaii.

All members of the El Paso county Medical Society have been requested to meet at the city hall tomorrow at 2:30 to attend the funeral of Dr. Justice, in a body.