

JUDGE KEMP PASSES AWAY

Death Claims Hero of Civil War and One of El Paso's Respected Men.

LEAVES HONORABLE CAREER BEHIND

Judge Wyndham Kemp, a hero of the battle of New Market, where the Virginia Military Institute cadets distinguished themselves against the federals; a member of the squad that fired the salute over the grave of general "Stonewall" Jackson, when he was buried, and a member of one of the oldest law firms in the state of Texas, and the oldest in El Paso, died this morning about 8 o'clock at the family home, 965 Magoffin avenue.

Wyndham Kemp, a member of an old Virginia family of distinguished colonial and English ancestry, was the son of Anne Louise Perin Kemp and Judge Wyndham Kemp. He was born in Gloucester county, Virginia, Jan. 3, 1845, where he was reared.

At the time the civil war broke out Wyndham Kemp, jr., was a student at the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, Va., and went to the front with the corps of military cadets from that institution which distinguished itself at the battle of Newmarket and elsewhere.

Mustered Out; Reenlists.

On account of their extreme youth, the cadets were mustered out following this battle, but Wyndham Kemp soon afterward became a member of the Richmond Howitzers. He was one of the few soldiers to fire the salute over the grave of general Stonewall Jackson, who was mortally wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville. At the battle of Sailor's creek he was captured and remained a prisoner until the close of the war.

Came to El Paso.

After the close of the war, when admitted to the bar, he came to Texas and located at Calvert. There he became a member of the firm of Davis, Beall & Kemp, and this firm continued to exist until the death of the late Maj. B. H. Davis. There was an intermission of a year in the partnership, when, on account of poor health, Judge Kemp resided in Palestine, where he was attorney for the New York and Texas Land company. He came to El Paso in 1884, renewing the partnership with Maj. Davis, brother of the late Capt. Charles Davis, former mayor of El Paso, and later they were joined Capt. T. J. Beall.

Wyndham Kemp was first married at Concord, N. C., to Mary Lewis Maury, Feb. 7, 1876. Of this union two children, Maury Kemp, former county attorney of El Paso county, and Anne Perin Kemp, a teacher in the public schools, survive. On Feb. 14, 1888, at Snyder, Texas, he was united in marriage with Mary Samuel Herndon, the widow who survives him with their four children, John Page Kemp, Emily Wyndham Kemp, Herndon B. Kemp and Roland Kemp.

Judge Kemp is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Emily Page, of Chester, Pa., and Mrs. Joseph E. Washington, residing in Tennessee. Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson Page Goggin, mother of Judge J. M. Goggin, of this city, was a cousin of Judge Kemp.

Injured on Dec. 31.

On Dec. 31, while entering a carriage at Fort Bliss, as he was about to return from a dance at the post, Judge Kemp wrenched the muscles of his leg, and had been confined to his home since. His condition, however, was not considered serious until a few days ago. Death was due to heart failure and a complication of the lungs.

Judge Kemp had for years been chairman of the El Paso bar committee. He was a member of the society of Sons of the Revolution, also a member of John Brown camp Confederate Veterans and an Odd Fellow, a member of local lodge 284. The deceased was a vestryman of St. Clement's Episcopal church. For a number of years he was city attorney of El Paso and also served on the public school board, as well as serving as chairman of the county Democratic committee. Out of respect to the memory of Judge Kemp flags on the city hall and court house are at half mast, and also the flag at the G. H. & S. A., Judge

Kemp having been attorney for that railroad in El Paso.

Came Here For Health.

Wyndham Kemp came to El Paso with the hope of being benefited in health, remarking to friends many times that he arrived here "with one lung and a slim, skinny fellow." He gained in flesh and strength and was apparently in good health up to the time of his last illness.

Upon receiving word of his death this morning, mayor Sweeney immediately sent the following telegram to the superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, Va.: "Judge Wyndham Kemp, a V. M. I. graduate; a hero of Newmarket, and eminent lawyer and noble citizen, died here this morning."

Miss Anne Kemp, daughter of the deceased, has been in San Antonio recuperating. She has been informed of her father's death and is now en route to this city. She will reach here Wednesday morning.

Arrangements for the funeral have been made. It will be held at 10 a. m. Thursday, and the Odd Fellows will conduct the service at the grave. The body is being prepared for interment by McBean, Simmons & Carr.

Bar Banquet Postponed.

The banquet of the bar association, which was to have been held Saturday night, has been indefinitely postponed because of Judge Kemp's death.