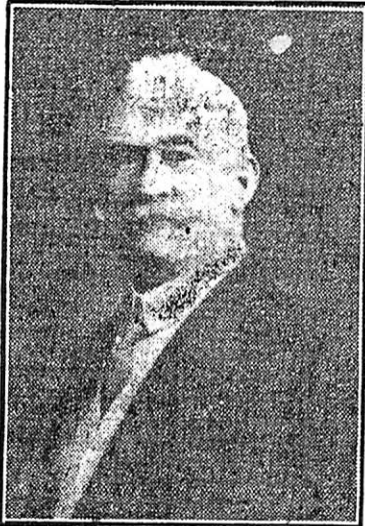


COL. N. D. LANE, A PIONEER, DIES

Col. Nathan D. Lane, one of the pioneers of El Paso, died Friday afternoon at his home in the upper valley, near Canutillo.

Col. Lane was weather observer at El Paso for many years, having come here in 1891 and having served as weather observer until his retirement in 1916.

N. D. Lane was born March 7, 1851, at Minot, Me., the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Lane. He received his education in Minot. When 16 he went to Portland, Me., to live, entering the Signal corps of the United States army at the age of 20, when the army was in need



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of young men, particularly in the west. He received his training at Fort Meyer, near Washington, D. C. His first station was at Augusta, Ga., for two years; then Port Huron, Mich., three years. Then for two years he left the government service to travel for the Stylographic Pen company, of Providence, R. I., a fountain pen concern in which he held an interest.

Helped Open the West.

The demand by the government for young men who were expert operators to open up the west caused him to again enter the service, and after a time spent in Washington, D. C., he was sent to New Mexico, at a time when the Indians were on the war-path. He opened posts in Socorro, Mesilla, Silver City, N. M., and Prescott, Ariz. In 1884, on March 5, he married Miss Jennie Casad, of Mesilla, N. M. They moved to Prescott, Ariz., where he had charge of the signal station. From Prescott he was stationed in Washington, D. C., and when the signal corps and the weather bureau became two separate departments, he chose his work with the weather bureau.

Came Here in 1891.

For two years he was in charge of the station at Portland, Me., coming to take charge of the El Paso office in 1891. He held this post up to the time of his retirement on account of ill health, in June, 1916.

Col. Lane came of one of the oldest New England families, his branch of the Lane family coming from England early in the 17th century.

He leaves a widow, Jennie C. Lane; a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Lorentzen, president of the El Paso Woman's club; a son, Wallace C. Lane, and one brother, Charles M. Lane, of Mechanic Falls, Me.

Funeral Sunday.

Funeral services for Col. Lane will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of the daughter, Mrs. Lorentzen, 521 Randolph street. Rev. Dwight J. Bradley will officiate.

Active pallbearers will be Humboldt Mandell, Joseph Bennett, Albert E. Sigal, Lewis Robinson, John Bolger and John Fisher, jr.

Honorary pallbearers are Hal E. Christie, Zach L. Cobb, Tom Lea, M. Shaver, H. B. Stevens and J. F. Williams.