

NEW MEXICO PIONEER DIES IN LAS CRUCES

**Mrs. Lawrence Lapoint's Father
Was First Treasurer**

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LAS CRUCES, N. M., Jan. 7.—Mrs. Lawrence Lapoint, daughter of the first treasurer of New Mexico in territorial days, died this morning in Las Cruces. She was 85.

Her father was the late Blas Lucero, member of New Mexico's oldest families, who went to New Mexico from Spain in the 19th century, settling near Albuquerque. He was prominent in political work in New Mexico before statehood.

Mrs. Lapoint was married to the founder of the Mesilla News, the first newspaper in that town when it was the county seat. Her husband also founded the Las Cruces Citizen. Mrs. Lapoint is survived by two daughters, Mrs. R. F. Norrie, El Paso, and Mrs. W. P. Kerwin, La Junta, Colo.; and a son, Lawrence Lapoint, of Los Angeles. Funeral arrangements are pending the arrival of relatives.