

# Man Who Doctored Rare Old E. P. Trees Taken by Death

El Paso's first horticulturist, Geddes Wilmett Mabee, the man who put cement filling in El Paso's

rare old trees years ago, died today. He was 71.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. in Peak-Hagedorn Chapel.

Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery.

Mr. Mabee came to El Paso in 1889 from Ontario, Can., where he was born and reared.

The horticulturist doctored the trees and vines of many of the old families here.

Mr. Mabee pruned trees in the Upper and Lower Valley for the Mountain States Telephone Co. and the El Paso Electric Co. He was the "right hand man" of the El Paso Garden Club. His friends said he devoted 48 years to transforming El Paso from a sandy village to a city of gardens and trees.

Mr. Mabee trained his son, Geddes Wilmett Mabee Jr., to carry on his work.

Other survivors are: Mrs. Mabel E. Mabee, his widow, and a son, John O. Mabee.