

Death Claims James W. Magoffin

Well Known El Pasoan Dies
After an Operation;
Leaves a Family.

JAMES W. MAGOFFIN, aged 49 years, died Wednesday night at 9 o'clock at Hotel Dieu. Death was caused by peritonitis, for which he was operated upon Monday.

Mr. Magoffin was born in Houston, Texas, Nov. 28, 1864. He came to El Paso with his father in 1868.

Mr. Magoffin was chief deputy collector of customs in El Paso when Capt. Charles Davis was collector during president Cleveland's second term. He also served as alderman of El Paso and as county treasurer. Mr. Magoffin belonged to the Masons and the Elks and was one of the organizers of the El Paso Social Club.

Surviving him are his widow and four children, his father, Judge Joseph Magoffin, and a sister, the wife of Capt. W. J. Glasgow, of Fort Myers, Virginia.

The funeral service will be held from the church of the Immaculate Conception Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Flags in the plaza and on the city hall were at half mast Thursday in honor of the death of Mr. Magoffin.

The New Mexico-Texas boundary hearing also adjourned in honor for Mr. Magoffin, who had been one of the interpreters in the hearing.

Mrs. Magoffin's mother, Mrs. Emily Buford, of Torreon, and Mrs. Glasgow, of Fort Myer, Mr. Magoffin's sister, are expected to arrive in the city for the funeral services.

Mr. Magoffin was the son of Judge Joseph Magoffin, vice president of the State National Bank of El Paso, former mayor of El Paso, former customs collector of the El Paso district and former president, Cleveland.

His grandfather, Gen. James W. Magoffin, was the first consul appointed to the state of Chihuahua after the state was formed in the early '50s. There he married Miss Gertrude Valdez. He left Mexico in 1842, but returned during the Mexican war and was made a colonel in recognition of his services during the war with Mexico. After returning to El Paso in 1849, Gen. Magoffin located Fort Bliss at a point east of the present central part of El Paso. He was a noted figure in the life and development of the little town that sprang up and which was then called Franklin. He remained here until 1862. Under governor Sam Houston, he was appointed brigadier general of the state troops. He was appointed by governor Hamilton chief executive of Texas to conduct the reconstruction work in El Paso in 1867, which task he successfully accomplished.