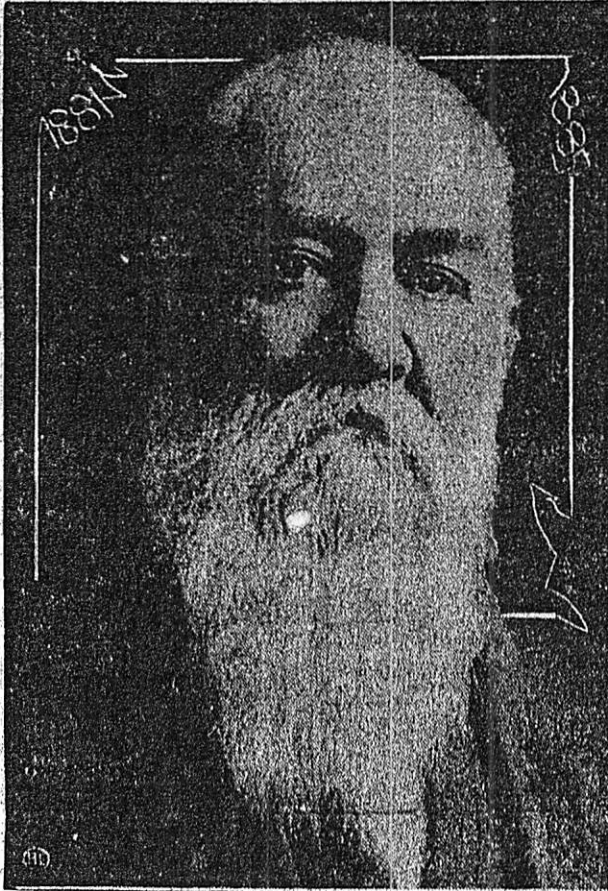


Four Times Mayor of El Paso Dies Unexpectedly in the East



JUDGE JOSEPH MAGOFFIN

JOSEPH MAGOFFIN IS CLAIMED BY DEATH IN WASHINGTON

Judge Joseph Magoffin is dead. The well known southwestern pioneer, four times mayor of El Paso, passed away suddenly in Washington, D. C., yesterday afternoon, aged 86, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Glasgow, wife of Colonel Glasgow of the United States army.

At his bedside when death came was Mrs. Anna B. Magoffin of 1130 Magoffin avenue, widow of James W. Magoffin, son of the former judge and mayor. Mrs. Magoffin went to New York about two months ago when Judge Magoffin was reported seriously ill. Since that time, however, his condition seemed to improve, and when he became ill suddenly a few days ago, passing away yesterday afternoon, it came as a surprise to his relatives here, who had been informed that he was quite well again.

Upon leaving El Paso last October, Judge Magoffin went with his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Anna Magoffin, to New York, where he had lived until recently, with his daughter, Mrs. Glasgow. The Glasgows maintain a home in New York, as well as in Washington.

Telegrams received at the Magoffin residence here stated that death was unexpected. No funeral arrangements have been made. Joseph W. Magoffin, Jr., a grandson of Judge Magoffin, announced last night.

Born at Chihuahua in 1837.
Joseph Magoffin was born at Chihuahua, Mexico, January 7, 1837. He was the son of James W. Magoffin, who, for a long period was American consul at Chihuahua and who later entered business in that city in partnership with his eldest son, Samuel.

Leaving Chihuahua in 1844 when signs of war became pronounced, Mr. Magoffin moved his family back to the United States, stopping at El Paso Del Norte, now Juarez, and at the Ponce de Leon ranch, which by that time was giving signs of turning into a hamlet and which later became Franklin and still later, El Paso.

While here with his family, Joseph's father made several investments in land in this section, some of which are still retained in the estate of Joseph Magoffin. The family then went to Missouri, where the elder Magoffin took up farming. Some time later, and while Joseph was still a small boy, the family moved to Lexington, Ky., where he attended the private school of Beverly A. Hicks. The Magoffin family had lived for some time in Kentucky and James Magoffin had always indicated his desire, even while in Mexico, of educating at least one of his sons in his native state.

In 1850 when Joseph was 13 years old, he finished his grammar school education at the Beverly A. Hicks school and entered Wyman's High school at St. Louis to complete his education.

Leaves Sister Living.

Of his two brothers and four sisters, but one, Mrs. Joseph E. Dwyer of San Antonio, is now living. His two brothers took an active part in the early trade and upbuilding of the southwest

and northern Mexico and have been dead for many years.

Having completed his education at St. Louis, Joseph joined his father here and associated himself with him in his store, later taking charge of it. He continued in the business until the arrival of Sibley's Confederate troops in 1861, when he was made a captain and attached to Sibley's staff. He accompanied Sibley as far into New Mexico as Dona Ana, and later went with him to Richmond to assist in explaining the retreat from New Mexico. While in the east he served in the battle of Seven Pines and was then ordered to Marshall, Texas. In 1864 he was promoted to major and placed in charge of operations and negotiations for securing provisions for the army. He was engaged in this work when the war closed.

At the close of the war he went to San Antonio and then came back to El Paso in 1866, following the death of his father at San Antonio. Upon arriving here he found his business interests in bad condition and much of his land in charge of the government. These matters were straightened out a few years later and he came into his inheritance. During this period he worked as bookkeeper at the Schultz store.

Shortly after his arrival he entered politics and was appointed justice of the peace. He was later elected to this office, and then as county commissioner and judge.

Third Mayor of El Paso.

Judge Magoffin, as he has been known for almost half a century, was active in the incorporation of the village of Franklin into the city of El Paso in 1873, and was the third El Pasoan to be chosen mayor of the city, being re-elected at the fourth city election, which was held August 8, 1881. After serving two terms Mr. Magoffin retired from active political life, but in 1887 again became a candidate for mayor and was elected by a large majority. He was re-elected, and was the only El Pasoan who has served four terms as the city's chief executive. His only other active participation in politics was when appointed collector of customs during the first Cleveland administration.

In 1881 he was instrumental in organizing the State National bank here and, upon its organization during that year, was named vice president, an office which he held throughout his active business career. Since El Paso became a city Mr. Magoffin was known throughout the southwest as one of the leading business men of the country and always held large real estate interests in both Juarez and this city.

He was the father of two children, James W. Magoffin, who was born in 1864 at Houston, and who was the father of Joseph Magoffin, Jr., now connected with the State National Bank, and Josephine Richardson Magoffin, who married Col. William J. Glasgow of the United States army, who for many years has been stationed in the east.

Judge Magoffin is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Glasgow, of Washington and New York, and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Anne B. Magoffin, of El Paso; grandsons, James W. and Joseph Magoffin, of El Paso; Lieut. M. Glasgow of Fort Riley, Kan., and William and Edward Glasgow of Washington; granddaughters, Mrs. Frank E. Fletcher and Mrs. Mary Magoffin, of El Paso, and Misses Harriet and Octavia Glasgow of Washington.