

William R. Martin, Pioneer Southwestern Railroad Man, Dies In His El Paso Home

**Spent Almost 47 Years
In El Paso; Came
West For Health.**

William R. Martin, 83, pioneer El Pasoan, retired southwestern railroad executive, died yesterday at noon at his home, 418 Upson Avenue.

Coming to the southwest for his health in 1887, Mr. Martin, native of Canada, outlived most of his contemporaries.

He first became connected with the Southern Pacific Railroad at Lordsburg, but after a short while came to El Paso, and rose quickly to the position of chief dispatcher of the old Galveston, Houston and San Antonio Railroad.

Joins Northeastern.

Later he was named superintendent of the railroad, and held that position until 1903, when he resigned to become general manager of the El Paso and Northeastern Railroad Company.

In 1905 he resigned to take a similar position with the Gila Valley, Globe and Northern Railroad with headquarters at Globe, but was recalled in 1906 to become manager of the then new Union Station Company, which controls the El Paso union railroad depot. He held that position until his retirement in 1928.

Was Physician.

Mr. Martin made his home in El Paso for all but a few of the 47 years he spent in the southwest. He was a graduate physician, but never practiced medicine.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Caroline Martin; four daughters, Miss Isobel Martin, Mrs. Margaret Wilder, Mrs. Alves Divon and Mrs. W. L. Follett, and two sons, Robert and Turner Martin.

Private funeral services will be held at 4 p. m. today in the Koster & Maxon chapel. Relatives ask that no flowers be sent. The body will be taken to Los Angeles tomorrow for cremation.