

Roger W. McCown, Confederate Vet, Dies On Saturday

Roger William McCowan, custodian of the Eight court of civil appeals, veteran of the Confederate army, resident of El Paso for 25 years, died suddenly Saturday morning in his home, 1312 Marr street, at the age of 81 years, five months.

Up to Friday night Mr. McCowan had been actively attending to his duties at the courthouse and had said that his health was never better. During the night he was seized with a fatal heart attack, but apparently rallied, until he fell back in bed, expiring about 7 o'clock.

Mr. McCowan was born in Hempstead county, Arkansas, Sept. 11, 1844. He married Josephine Pharr at Richmond, Texas, Nov. 8, 1866. His widow and three children, W. B. McCowan, linotype operator on The Herald, 3626 Hamilton street; Mrs. U. S. Devore, 4405 Hueco, and Mrs. E. P. Mills, 220 Hardesty street, survive the veteran. A son, Lonnie H. McCowan, is dead. Surviving grandchildren are: Jack, Allfree, Ralph and Walter Devore, Mrs. Marie Mills Diamond and a great granddaughter, Dorothy Ruth Diamond.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Peak-Hagedorn, under direction of the family and the Confederate veterans and Pioneers associations.