

EX-GOVERNOR W. J. MILLS DEAD

Prominent for Years in New Mexico Affairs and Last Territorial Governor.

Las Vegas, N. M., Dec. 25.—Former governor William J. Mills died at his home here on Christmas eve. He was New Mexico's last territorial governor and was also chief justice of the New Mexico supreme court for many years.

Was Last Territorial Governor.

Governor Mills had always taken a prominent part in New Mexico's political and civic history since coming to the territory 25 years ago. He was appointed to the supreme bench by president McKinley in 1897 and held that position until appointed territorial governor by president Taft in 1909. He was the last territorial executive,



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Of New Mexico.**

being succeeded by governor W. C. McDonald in 1912, when New Mexico became a state.

Breaks Senatorial Deadlock.

Gov. Mills was a candidate for United States senator at the time senator Fall was named, his retirement from the race breaking a deadlock of six weeks in the New Mexico legislature.

He is survived by his wife, a son and daughter. He made his home in Las Vegas, although his duties kept him at the state capital much of the time.

Governor Mills was the guest of El Paso during the Statehood celebration to commemorate the granting of statehood for New Mexico and Arizona. Governor Mills made the principal speech in Cleveland square at this celebration and with governor Richard E. Sloan, of Arizona, and acting governor Gayou, of Sonora, and governor Abram Gonzales, of Chihuahua, was the guest of honor during the celebration.