

CHARLES R. MOORE DIES; WAS FORMER RANGER ON BORDER

Deputy United States Marshal Succumbs to Appendicitis Attack.

Charles R. Moore, deputy United States marshal and former sergeant in the Texas rangers, died at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning at Hotel Dieu, following an operation Friday.

Although a young man, ranger Moore had a life of intense action on the border as a deputy sheriff, a ranger and a federal officer. In company with ranger Charles Webster, he stopped a company of Orozco revolutionists on the island near Fabens, on May 21, 1912, and commanded them not to cross the international line, or the two rangers would have to arrest them. The rebels turned and rode back to Guadalupe without taking the road toward Juarez, which crossed the line. Again, on January 29, 1913, they stopped a bunch of Salazar's rebels on the border and had a running fight with them, Moore getting a Mauser carbine as a souvenir of this engagement. Salazar afterwards said that three of his men had been killed during the fight.

Carries Message Under Fire.

When Juarez was taken by Villa last November, Moore was selected by Gen. Scott to carry a message to the rebels in Juarez not to fire into the United States and the deputy marshal crossed the bridge under fire and delivered the message. When the mutiny occurred in Juarez two years ago, he was sent, in company with ranger Webster, to deliver governor Colquitt's notice not to fire into Texas territory. He was also stationed at Amarillo at the time of the prohibition trouble and at Brownsville when the chief of police was killed there.

Before entering the ranger service "Charlie" Moore, as everyone knew him, was employed as a Pullman conductor in Mexico for more than two years, and made a careful study of the history of the country while traveling through it. He was one of the best informed men on recent Mexican history, and was considered one of the best read men in El Paso; having read and studied the history of practically all of the countries of the world. He continued his studies of Mexican history after leaving Mexico and had a library of books referring to the ancient and modern history of Mexico. When he returned to the United States from Mexico, Mr. Moore was employed at Watson's store in El Paso for a short time, and then entered the sheriff's office here as a deputy. This was the beginning of a career as a peace officer which continued until the death of the former ranger officer. From a deputy sheriff, Moore was appointed a ranger in Capt. John H. Roger's company A, of the Texas rangers. He was later promoted to be a sergeant and served in this capacity at Esleta and along the border until he was appointed deputy United States marshal, when Capt. Rogers was made marshal.

Was a Mason.

Mr. Moore was a member of the Masonic lodge, a Knight Templar and a Shriner. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Moore, live at Port Lavaca, Texas. A brother, Frank R. Moore, is a passenger conductor on the S. P. between Houston and Victoria, and another brother, William Moore, is a mining man in Nevada. The brother, Frank, is expected to arrive here Thursday to arrange for the funeral. The Masonic lodge will be in charge and it is probable that the body will be returned to Port Lavaca for burial. Mr. Moore was about 35 years old, and unmarried.

Federal court adjourned Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock until Wednesday morning out of respect for Mr. Moore. The adjournment was ordered by Judge Waller T. Burns as soon as he learned of the court official's death.