

# Pioneer El Pasoan Is Suicide

**Veteran Citizen Shoots Self  
to Death in Alamo  
Hotel.**

**LIVED IN ARIZONA**

**Denounces Doctors and  
Charity Organizations in  
Death Note.**

Raquel C. Moreno, 75, pioneer settler of west Texas and formerly a well known merchant of Clifton, Ariz., was found dead in his room at the Alamo hotel, 310 1/2 South El Paso street, early last night. A bullet from a pistol found at his side had been fired through Moreno's brain.

In a note left to "The Authorities" Moreno asked that no one be blamed for his taking his own life. He said ill health and inability to work because of old age led him to shoot himself. He had been dead apparently since Sunday night.

Moreno's body was found by Joseph Avina, proprietor of the hotel, who went to the man's room in search for him. Avina said he missed the man yesterday morning, but thought little of his absence, thinking Moreno was spending the night with friends. When Moreno failed to appear in the lobby last night Avina became alarmed and opening the locked door of Moreno's room found the man shot to death.

## Verdict of Suicide.

Coroner R. B. Rawlins returned a verdict of suicide.

Moreno bitterly attacked doctors and charity organizations in his last note. He said he had spent huge sums of money with doctors in an attempt to regain his health, but when his money gave out they absolutely refused him further treatment. In commenting on charity organizations he accused them of giving charity only to the rich, using their money to support secretaries and to please sectarian organizations.

"I have held memberships in most all charitable organizations," Moreno said, "but when my time came to ask for charity I could not get it."

Friends last night said Moreno came to west Texas with the westward movement of United States soldiers and was one of the first clerks in the Old Fort Davis trading post. He came to El Paso first in 1865 and "knew every person on Santa Fe and El Paso streets by name."

## Writes Last Note.

In his last note Moreno said his only ambition was to write a book telling of the town of Franklin, Texas (now El Paso), as it was when he first came here. The town boasted a population of only 500 persons then, Moreno said.

Following the western movement of civilization Moreno moved to Clifton, Ariz., and to California. He prospered in Clifton and until 15 years ago was one of the most influential and well known merchants in the Clifton area.

Moreno returned to El Paso 12 years ago to make his home with relatives here. He became tired of hum drum home life, friends said, and a year ago moved to the Alamo

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hotel where he could be near the scene of "Franklin as he knew it more than 60 years ago."

## Pored Over Volumes.

For years Moreno, friends said, had pored over volumes, seeking as a free-thinker the whys and wherefore of life. He was identified with several societies which had new thought as their basis, and had written several volumes on his psychology of life. He believed there was nothing beyond the grave, the body returning to its component parts.

Moreno willed his personal belongings to Mrs. Maria Lopez, widow of Severiano Lopez, who was fatally shot by bandits here several months ago.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Peak-Hagedorn.