

PIONEER DIES

Death Takes Robert Murphy Who Helped Build Western Railroads.

One of the men who laid the rails and ties on the first railroads to span the continent died in El Paso yesterday.

He was Robert Murphy, 75, uncle of Edward A. and Joseph Caples and for 45 years a resident of El Paso.

As section hand and later foreman, Mr. Murphy followed the railroad construction camps westward from Missouri until they reached El Paso where he stayed and made his home.

For the past 20 years, Mr. Murphy has been operating a grocery at 714 North San Marcial street where he resided.

Surviving are his widow; a sister, Mrs. Agnes Vance, of St. Louis; three nephews, Edward A. and Joseph Caples, of El Paso, and W. J. Caples, of Dallas, and a niece, Mrs. Margaret Caples Barnes, of El Paso.