

S. E. Patton, Pioneer, Dies

Well Known El Pasoan's
Funeral Will Be Held
Tomorrow.

Samuel E. Patton, 83, pioneer of El Paso and the southwest and builder of the first transcontinental telegraph line across the southern states, was found dead in his bed at the family residence, 3520 Douglas street, yesterday morning.

Mr. Patton was well known throughout west Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, as an architect and contractor. He came to this section immediately after the Civil war. As head of the U. S. army signal corps he built the government's telegraph line from Texas to California. Soldiers fought off Indians as workers erected the lines.

Was With Schools.

He was connected with the city schools as architect and superintendent of buildings and grounds for 12 years, retiring from that position because of ill health several years ago. During his connection with the schools he built Franklin and Douglass schools and the additions to Aoy and Beall schools.

He made a hobby of signal corps work and during the World war he taught classes in radio and telegraph.

As a contractor in El Paso Mr. Patton built Trinity Methodist church, St. Clement's Episcopal church, the old Baptist church on Magoffin avenue and the Crawford theater building. He also erected buildings in Phoenix, Ariz., and Roswell, N. M.

He was a member of El Paso Lodge No. 130, A. F. & A. M., and of El Matda Temple of the Shrine.

He is survived by one daughter, Miss Ruby Patton of Los Angeles.

Funeral Tomorrow

Funeral services will be held at the Peak-Hagedorn chapel at 10 a. m. tomorrow, with the Rev. W. B. Gray officiating. Burial will be in Masonic cemetery.

Pallbearers will be R. R. Jones, Fred Kitchens, L. A. McCollum, H. T. Ponsford, Dave Crockett, and J. H. McBroom.