

# Pioneer Building Contractor Dies

George Paul Built

Old E. P. Smelter

George H. Paul, pioneer El Paso building contractor and retired owner of the old Paul's Brick Yard, one of the city's first, died today.

He was 73 and had lived in El Paso 55 years.

A native of Newcastle, England, Mr. Paul came to the United States during his boyhood, when his mother and father moved to Colorado.

## Built First Smelter

At an early age, Mr. Paul joined his father in the contracting business and they came to El Paso to live. The firm built some of the city's major industrial plants, including the old El Paso Smelter and a business building at San Francisco and El Paso streets.

Under contract from the Mexican government, the Paul firm built opera houses in Chihuahua City and Zacatecas, Mexico. They operated a brick yard in Guadalajara, Mexico, before opening the El Paso plant.

## Rites Pending

Mr. Paul was a member of an early engineers' union and was active in the early social affairs of the City. He attended the St. Clements's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include his brother, James M. Paul of El Paso, and four sisters, Mrs. Sallie Marshall of El Paso, Mrs. Annie Westlake and Miss Bessie Batey Paul of Houston and Mrs. Binah Spriggs of Alhambra, Cal.

Funeral services are pending with Peak-Hagedorn.