

COL. PENDER IS DEAD IN EL PASO

Noted Character of World-
wide Reputation Passes
Away in This City.

FIRED FIRST GUN AT GETTYSBURG

Was Miner in Southwest;
Prominent in Arizona
and This Section.

COL. JAMES W. PENDER, who fired the first gun at the battle of Gettysburg, is dead in El Paso. The end came at a local hospital at the advanced age of 83 years. So far as known he had no living relatives.

When the first shot was fired at Gettysburg, Pender was in the column of artillery on Longstreet. His artillery opened the bloodiest battle of the civil war. In this engagement, his cousin, Pender, was killed.

Came of Prominent Family.

Col. Pender came of the American branch of the famous English Pender family.

His uncle, lord Pender, laid the Atlantic cable. He married a daughter of lord Grenville and other members of the family were prominent in English politics.

He was born in Virginia in 1831 and went to England not long afterwards, where he entered the mining school at Cornwall. Returning to this country, he entered upon a remarkable career of mining and travel. There is not a mining camp of prominence in the world that had not at one time or another known the famous fighter and miner.

Built Railroad Across Andes.

Among the notable achievements of Col. Pender was the building of the first railroad across the Andes, connecting Chili and Peru, and the building of the first copper plant that was ever erected in Japan. He had mined in Ceylon, South Africa, Abyssinia and all of the big camps of North and South America and China.

Made and Lost Millions.

For the past 10 years Col. Pender has called El Paso his home, though he has been engaged in mining in both Arizona and northern Mexico. He is reputed to have made millions of dollars in his successful ventures and lost more millions in gigantic schemes that staggered the financial worlds of Europe and this country. At the time of his death, besides interests in Mexico, he was actively connected with the Fortuna mines near Yuma, Ariz.

Funeral Held Wednesday.

The funeral service was held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock from the chapel at 709 North Stanton street and the burial was in Evergreen cemetery. Rev. Herman G. Porter, of the First Methodist church conducted the service.