

# DEATH CLAIMS HENRY PFAFF

## Pioneer El Pasoan Succumbs At Home On Mesa Avenue

Henry Pfaff, pioneer El Pasoan, died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He had been in declining health for several years.

Mr. Pfaff was born in Saxony, Germany, September 8, 1862. He was educated at Dresden. In 1883 he went to Mexico, where he went into the coffee exporting business.

In 1886 he moved from Mexico to Texas, locating in Abilene, where he was in business for seven years. In 1893 he moved to El Paso, where he since made his home.

At that time El Paso was a comparatively small city. Mr. Pfaff was a great believer in future El Paso. He also possessed an almost intuitive knowledge of realty values.

He made many investments in the El Paso of that date. As the city grew these investments greatly increased in value. At his death he was one of the large holders of real estate, his holding being in many parts of both the business and residential sections.

Mr. Pfaff was active in many movements for the upbuilding of the city. He was a member of the Church of St. Clement, a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the Toltec and Country clubs.

Mr. Pfaff was married October 7, 1896, to Miss Ida Beaumont, of Victoria, Texas.

He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. J. B. Hunt, wife of Major Hunt, of the United States army, of Fort Sill, Okla., and Mrs. Willis McDonald, of New York.

Funeral arrangements are pending with the Hartford company.

# Pioneer Citizen Is Lost To El Paso In Pfaff Death

El Paso lost another pioneer citizen and picturesque figure in the death of Henry Pfaff which occurred Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at his residence 1000 North Mesa avenue. Funeral arrangements are pending. The Leo Hartford Mortuary company has charge of the body.

Mr. Pfaff was born at Saxony Germany, September 8, 1862. His education was gained at Dresden. He went to Mexico in 1883, where he engaged in the coffee export trade. Three years later he moved to Abilene and was in business there for seven years. From the latter place he came to El Paso.

Old timers here recalled Friday morning that Mr. Pfaff arrived here in 1893 or 1894. He went into business as the president and principal owner of the Southwestern Liquor company, headquarters of which were located in the building on San Antonio street, between the Wigwam theater and State National bank. He still owned this property at the time of his death.

Mr. Pfaff was a fancier of trotting horses and owned a number of fine ones. In the old days when the race track was at Washington Park and the annual El Paso fair was held, he always had entries in the events which carried away prizes. The racing plant was built by J. H. Boone, who was one of El Paso's sheriffs. The race track took up the space now occupied by the baseball diamonds. The surrounding stables were in the vicinity of the present zoo.

For years, Mr. Pfaff's home on North Mesa was one of the show places of the city. He was among the first El Pasoans to own an automobile and after the acquisition of the machine the horses were gradually given up.

Mr. Pfaff believed in El Paso realty values and made a number of investments. In addition to the San Antonio street property, among other pieces, he owned a block at Texas and Octavia streets, the property at San Antonio and South Kansas, opposite the court house and buildings on San Francisco street near the union station.

He was married to Miss Ida Beaumont, of Victoria, Texas, October 7, 1896, by whom he is survived and also by two daughters: Mrs. J. B. Hunt, wife of Maj. Hunt, Fort Sill, Okla., and Mrs. Willis McDonald, New York.

He was a member of the Church of St. Clements, the Scottish Rite bodies, a Shriner, and member of the Country club and Toltec club.

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