

# JOHN PORCHER, PIONEER, 83, DIES AT YSLETA

John Stoney Porcher, 83 years old, a resident of the lower valley for the past 30 years, died Monday at his home near Ysleta.

Although in poor health for the past two months, Mr. Porcher was not thought to be in danger. The end came suddenly, an attack of heart trouble causing death.

Mr. Porcher is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sarah Davis Porcher, three sons and two daughters. The sons are Julius T. Porcher, of Canutillo; T. Davis Porcher, of Ysleta; Lieut. T. Gadsden Porcher, of the coast guard service, stationed at Savannah Ga. The daughters are Mrs. Fred Easter, of Pershing Drive, and Miss Ellinor Porcher, of Ysleta.

Mr. Porcher was born in South Carolina, December 29, 1838. He served with distinction in the Civil war and played an important part in the rehabilitation of South Carolina after the war. He was active in organizing the work of the agricultural department in his native state and brought to the El Paso valley the same interest in improved farming methods. Mr. Porcher was influential in the betterment of irrigation methods and did much to establish higher standards through the valley.

To his latest moments he was a man of singularly alert and penetrating mind and never relinquished his interest in national and international affairs, or in the progress of the church, which played so large a part in his life. One of the sons, T. Davis Porcher, is vestryman at St. Clement's church.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at St. Clement's Episcopal church, Rev. Corwin C. Miller and Rev. C. S. Sargent, officiating. Pall bearers will be J. I. Ormsbee, K. L. Simons, J. C. Wilmarth, T. F. Davis, Volney B. Stiles and David McKnight.

Funeral services are under direction of the Simmons-Hartford company.