

Wife of Revolt Leader Dies in El Paso at 108

Daughter of a revolutionary general and widow of a revolutionary colonel, Mrs. Mariana Roa, 108, died in her humble home at 2008 Magoffin Wednesday afternoon.

Born in Mexico City during the stirring days when that country was throwing off the yoke of Spain, Mariana Roa was one year old when her father returned from war.

He had helped win independence for Mexico and a general's epaulets decorated his shoulders. Little Mariana knew nothing of revolutions then, but she was destined to see many during her more than century of life.

She was married to Col. Mariano Roa in Mexico City. In the Madero revolution of 1910 Col. Roa was a leader. Shortly afterwards he died.

Mrs. Roa went first one place, then another, but found no peace and quiet until she took up her residence with a granddaughter 12 years ago at the Magoffin address.

In the little home next to the El Paso Sheet & Metal company, with the noise of hammers beating a tattoo on steel and iron, probably recalling days when Mariana could hear the rattle of rifles, with father or husband in the thick of fighting, Mrs. Roa spent her last years in happiness.

She had her great-grandchildren and spent much of her time telling them of the great days of years ago.

Services for Mrs. Roa were to be held Thursday afternoon under direction of Peak-Hagedorn. A church service, then the journey to Concordia and peace.