

**EDWIN C. ROBERTS, ONE  
OF THE PIONEERS, IS DEAD.**

**He Was President of the Elephant  
Butte Dam Company, and Engaged  
in Many Different Enterprises.**

Edwin C. Roberts, one of the best known citizens of El Paso and president of the Elephant Butte Dam and Irrigation company, died yesterday afternoon at six o'clock. His illness was of short duration as it was only last Saturday he went to the hospital for treatment for disease of the bladder. The case developed serious complications, necessitating an operation, which was performed, but it was too late, and availed nothing.

Twenty years ago the deceased came to El Paso to try his fortune in the little town upon the border.

Mr. Roberts's first business connection in this city was in the wholesale grocery business under the firm name of Roberts & Godepasture. After several years Mr. Godepasture died and the business was discontinued. Mr. Roberts then conducted a retail grocery store where J. Stolaroff now is on San Antonio street but in 1892 sold out to Gisling & Co., who afterwards failed.

In 1889 he was elected city treasurer of El Paso and next year was appointed deputy revenue collector for this district.

After retiring from the collector's office he originated the Elephant Butte dam scheme and was afterwards made president of the Elephant Butte Dam and Irrigation company, composed principally of English capitalists.

The latest organization of the deceased was a large investment company which was soon to have been launched.

A wife and three children survive the deceased, also a mother, two brothers and a sister who live in Denver, but arrived here this morning to attend to the funeral arrangements.

Edwin C. Roberts at the time of his death was 46 years old.