

JAS. ROBERTS, PIONEER, 74, DIES AT WORK

Funeral services for James Roberts, 74 years old, the first employe of the El Paso Laundry company and pioneer El Pasoan, who died Wednesday afternoon in the laundry from a stroke of apoplexy, were held at 2 p. m. Thursday at J. J. Kaster's chapel. Rev. George Higgins, of St. Clement's Episcopal church officiated.

Mr. Roberts came to El Paso 41 years ago from Denver, Colo., in the survey party of the Mexican Central railway. He drove a coach between El Paso and points in Chihuahua for D. B. Robertson, who had charge of the construction of the railway.

He was a personal friend of the late Buffalo Bill and Gen. Custer.

Mr. Roberts took charge of the engine room of the El Paso Laundry in 1895, when the firm opened business.

He had been in ill health for several years and had drawn a pension from the laundry for the past 10 years, according to James M. Harvie, president of the company.

Dr. Ernest K. Armistead was called, but Mr. Roberts died before he arrived.

Residents of Cripple Creek, Colo., named the city in honor of a brother of Mr. Roberts who died recently in Denver. The man was crippled and was a resident of that vicinity all his life.