

ROBERTS' BODY TO COME HERE

Funeral of Pioneer Cattleman and Local Capitalist Thursday at 3.

Funeral services for Martin D. (Uncle Dick) Roberts, southwestern pioneer, who died Sunday morning in a sanatorium at Long Beach, Cal., in his 70th year, of pneumonia, following a brief illness, will be held at Trinity Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The body will reach here from the coast Wednesday. It is likely that El Paso lodge, No. 130, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, will conduct a ritualistic service at the grave. Rev. Percy R. Knickerbocker, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, where Mr. Roberts worshipped, will have charge of the religious service. The pallbearers will be Judge Peyton F. Edwards, U. S. Stewart, W. H. Austin, W. R. Piper, John M. Wyatt, W. T. Hixson and Alfred P. Colea.

Succumbs to Brief Illness.

Mr. Roberts had been at Los Angeles and Long Beach for two months. He was attacked by a sort of paralysis early last week, according to a letter from George W. Newell, an El Pasoan at Long Beach, and taken to the Sanatorium. Pneumonia followed. Mr. Roberts and his nephew, both unmarried lived at 1001 Mesa avenue, when in El Paso.

Pioneer of Ft. Worth.

Mr. Roberts's father moved his family overland from Surry, county, North Carolina, when deceased was a child, to Fort Worth, and Martin grew up there to young manhood. He lived for 10 or 12 years at Abilene, Texas, while engaged in cattle business. Later he moved to Grant county, New Mexico, settling on a ranch north of the Southern Pacific railroad, with Separ as his nearest postoffice. For many years he ran cattle on a wide range between Lordsburg and Deming.

Invests Heavily in El Paso.

Closing out his livestock, he came to El Paso and, with his nephew, built the Roberts-Banner building, at the corner of Mesa and Mills, in 1911, this being one of the first tall structures to be raised around San Jacinto plaza. Last year Roberts and Banner built the Martin building, at Mills and Stanton. Besides these they owned the Rio Grande apartments, at Ange and Rio Grande, and their home. Their investments in El Paso realty have an approximate value of \$875,000, it was said Monday.

Mr. Roberts's nearest relatives are two sisters, Mrs. Walter Scott and Mrs. Tina, living at Fort Worth, and one brother, Tom W. Roberts, Wichita Falls, Texas. Deceased was born at Mount Airy, North Carolina, Feb. 20, 1848.

Well Known Among Masons.

Mr. Roberts was a familiar figure at reunions and ceremonials of the Masonic fraternity here. He was a member of Deming lodge, No. 13, A. F.

& A. M., Deming Royal Arch chapter and commandery of Knights Templar, El Paso consistory No. 1 Scottish Rite, and El Malda temple, Mystic Shriners. He had many friends among the cattlemen of the southwest and the business men of this city. He was an honorary member of the El Paso County Medical association, which occupies library and club rooms in the Roberts-Banner building, the gift of the pioneer.