

**Mrs R Rohman, mother of Mrs. John Tays, died in California yesterday. Mrs. Rohman formerly resided in El Paso.**

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This is Mary Rohmann, wife of A.B. Rohmann. A.B. Rohmann arrived ca. 1852, then sent for his family living in Missouri. Their daughter Amelia and Mrs. Rohmann's niece Elizabeth (later Mrs. May) were said to be the first American women to arrive in El Paso. Amelia married Vincent St. Vrain who owned the property that Ponce's Ranch house sat on (Mills' map 1859). After St. Vrain's death, Amelia returned to El Paso (from New Mexico) and later married John B. Tays (younger brother of Parson JW Tays). Either through the partnership of A.B. Rohmann and St. Vrain, and/or through Amelias' marriage to John Tays, Mrs. Rohmann, Amelia, and John Tays became the owners of a large segment of Block 17 Mills Map. These people owned the Central Hotel property. In 1897, with August Andreas, the Tays' would build a two story building, "Plaza Block". Following John Tays' death in 1900, Felix Martinez and others bought the property, and in 1911 built a new "Plaza Block" that became the "McCoy Hotel" and "The White House". The building is currently (2006) owned by the El Paso Electric Co.

-Richard Bussell