

Woman Here 59 Years Dies

Mrs. Schmidt, 96, German Native

An El Paso resident, Mrs. Mary Schmidt, 96, who during her 59 years of residence here saw the city grow from a tiny village to its present size, died Thursday night in the home of her son, August E. Schmidt, 504½ West San Antonio Street.

Although she was a native of Germany, Mrs. Schmidt loved the United States so much that she never cared to return to her native land.

She lamented, however, that the United States and Germany should ever be at war and, on the rare occasions when she discussed the conflict, expressed extreme regret that so many persons were dying and were to die because of political differences.

Mrs. Schmidt was born in Clauthal, Germany. In 1887 she came to America with her children where they joined the late Carl Schmidt.

When Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt and their family moved to El Paso, they established residence near the site of the American Smelting and Refining plant in the Upper Valley. Mr. Schmidt, then a brick mason, helped in the erection of the plant.

Later, Mr. Schmidt became a member of El Paso's police Department. He died in 1906.

Only two of her children still are living. One, her son, with whom she made her home, and a daughter, Mrs. S. H. Bridgers, of Rosita, Mexico. There are eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grand child.

Mrs. Schmidt's last remaining connection in Germany was an 88-year-old brother, August Schreier, of Hanover. She last heard from him in 1938 when he sent her a Christmas package.

Her brother, until his last package arrived, frequently sent little



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gifts of candy and delicacies which they had enjoyed as children in the homeland.

Funeral services were pending with Barry Hagedorn Funeral Home.