

W. H. SEAMON FOUND DEAD IN HIS BED

Mines School Professor
Died During Night
Wife Finds

HAD BEEN ILL

GOING to call her husband, William H. Seamon, professor of mineralogy and geology at the School of Mines, at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning at their home, 2100 North Stanton street, Mrs. Seamon discovered he was dead. Death is believed to have occurred during the night. Heart disease was the cause, according to Dr. H. T. Safford, who had been attending him.

Dr. Safford stated professor Seamon had been suffering with heart trouble for some time, this being more or less acute during the past two or three weeks.

"His heart," said Dr. Safford, "had been failing him during this period."

About three years ago, Mr. Seamon had a light stroke of paralysis and since that time, it was stated, he had not been well.

M. Seamon was 58 years of age. He was born at Wheeling, W. Va., in 1859. He received his education at University of West Virginia and at University of Virginia.

In 1886 he was married to Miss Priscilla Coleman at Charlottesville, Va.

From 1888 to 1895 he was professor of chemistry at School of Mines at Rolla, Mo. He was with School of Mines at Socorro, N. M., from 1895 to 1898, and since that time was engaged in mining in Alaska, New Mexico, Arizona and Mexico.

Mr. Seamon first came to El Paso in 1898.

He was still identified with mining interests in the neighboring territory when in 1919 he accepted the professorship of geology at the El Paso branch of University of Texas.

On all occasions he was a consistent and enthusiastic booster for the mining college. He was particularly interested in the athletic activities and championed every movement which tended to further the school's supremacy in this line. He was also very fond of chess and was considered an excellent player.

In addition to his school and mining activities, Prof. Seamon was a contributor to the scientific and Masonic press, and was the author of "Manual for Chemists and Assayers", published in New York in 1910.

Mr. Seamon was also active in Masonic circles. He was past grand high priest of New Mexico and grand master of the York grand lodge of Masons of Mexico.

He was a member of the American Chemical Society, American Institute of Mining Engineers and Mexican Institute of Mining Engineers.

Surviving are his widow; a son, William H. Seamon, Jr., superintendent of La Cienega mines, Chihuahua; two daughters, Mrs. Isabelle Gordon Chalmers, Townesville, N. C., and Mrs. Anna Harding, Brooklyn, N. Y., wife of Nelson Harding, cartoonist of the Brooklyn Eagle; three brothers, F. H. Seamon, School of Mines; Andrew Seamon, Wheeling, and Harry W. Seamon, Ottawa, Canada; a sister, Mrs. Flora S. Rowe, Baltimore, Md. There is also a nephew, Mayo Seamon, with The El Paso Herald.

Funeral arrangements will not be made until the arrival of William Seamon, Jr., from Mexico. The body is at the Leo C. Hartford company mortuary.