

FRANK SIMMONS TAKEN BY DEATH

Was Sheriff During Days
Of El Paso County's
Colorful Gunplay

Frank B. Simmons, sheriff of El Paso County from 1892 to 1898, died today at 9 a. m. at Hotel Dieu. He was 78. Mr. Simmons was born in Weatherford, Tex.

Funeral services are pending at Martin Mortuary.

Mr. Simmons was dean of the El Paso funeral directors. He became a member of the firm of McBean, Simmons and Carr after his service as sheriff. The firm later became McBean and Simmons and then Simmons and Hartford with the late Leo Hartford a member of the firm.

Colorful Days

The building housing Martin Mortuary was owned by Mr. Simmons at the time of his death.

Mr. Simmons was sheriff at the time of the killing of Captain Frank Jones of the Texas Rangers on the Fabens "Island" by Mexican bandits. Frank Simmons, accompanied by the mayor of Juarez and 25 Mexican soldiers, went to Mexico and brought Captain Jones' body to El Paso after an exciting period when it was held by Mexican authorities. Ed Bryant, Mr. Simmons' old-time friend, was one of his deputies when Jones was killed. Mr. Bryant accompanied the sheriff to the international border when he went after the body.

32nd Degree Mason

Mr. Simmons was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of El Paso Lodge No. 180 for many years. He was an Elk. Among his old-time friends are Dr. Herbert E. Stevenson and Dr. J. B. Brady.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Hubert Ziegler of Clarendon, Tex., who is here. Six grandchildren survive Mr. Simmons.