

PHIL SMITH, EL PASO PIONEER, DIES

Came to El Paso From Dallas in 1884; Lived Here Since.

Phil Smith, a pioneer El Pasoan, died at his home, 111 South Santa Fe street, Friday morning at 8 o'clock. He was 61 years old at the time of his death and was one of the well known El Pasoans of the earlier days. He came to El Paso from Dallas, Texas, to take charge of the cafe in the Grand Central hotel in 1884. He was a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he conducted a cafe.

In 1888 he established the Ranch in El Paso, which was one of the popular resorts of that time. He established the first "merchants' lunch" in El Paso in connection with his cafe and was one of the quartet of well known saloon men, which included Bob Austin, Phil Young, Cy Ryan and himself.

In 1901 he was married to Mrs. Emma Levy, and is survived by his wife and her three children, Ike Levy, of Phoenix; Stella Levy, of the El Paso postoffice, and Mrs. Eugene Clark, of El Paso. A brother, Jake Smith, lives in Chicago; another, Henry Smith, in Birmingham, Ala.; a sister Mrs. Mary Paalz, in Tell City, Ind., and another sister in Cincinnati. No arrangements will be made for the funeral until an answer has been received from Ike Levy at Phoenix, who is expected to attend the funeral. Mr. Smith was a member of the Pioneers' association and this organization will attend his funeral in a body.

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