

J. E. TERRY DIES; EL PASO PIONEER

One of the Few Survivors of West Texas Early Days Passes Away.

One of El Paso's most highly esteemed pioneer citizens passed away at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon when J. E. Terry died at his home in East El Paso.

Deceased 75 Years Old.

The deceased was 75 years of age and was born in Autauga county, Alabama. He came to West Texas in 1853 and engaged in the hazardous undertaking of stage driving between El Paso and old Fort Concho, now San Angelo.

In those days West Texas was over-ridden by Indians on the warpath and Mr. Terry had more than one or two hot brushes with the painted braves. But he was a crack shot with rifle and pistol, was not afraid of anything that rode, walked or crept and soon taught the redman to keep a safe distance.

Fought for the South.

When war was declared between the north and the south, J. E. Terry joined the southern gray and enlisted under Col. John R. Baylor. He fought through the war, making a splendid record as a fearless and reliable trooper.

Removes to El Paso.

After the war Mr. Terry located in West Texas and in 1881 took up his permanent abode in El Paso as a building contractor and has been here ever since. He was an honest, straightforward man, commanding the esteem and confidence of his neighbors.

Some weeks ago, while still as straight and alert as a man in his prime, Mr. Terry suffered a stroke of paralysis and since that day his end was in sight. He sank slowly until the end came yesterday afternoon.

The deceased leaves a widow and four children, all married. They are Randolph Terry, a well known young lawyer, Mrs. L. A. Spitzer, Mrs. O. E. Patterson and Mrs. W. E. Fletcher whose husband was Mr. Terry's partner in the building business.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and will be conducted from the undertaking parlors of Peak & Lyons.