

# MRS. R. E. THOMASON DIES SUDDENLY IN LOCAL HOSPITAL

Following an operation, Mrs. R. E. Thomason, aged 37 years, wife of R. E. Thomason, died last night at 10:55 o'clock at a local hospital.

Mrs. Thomason, with Mr. Thomason and their two children, Billie, 7, and Isabell, 4, attended the Kiwanis, round-up last Wednesday. She was taken suddenly ill upon returning home and was rushed to the hospital. An operation was performed in the hope that her life could be saved. She was conscious up to the time of her death. Her husband was at her bedside.

Mrs. Thomason was the daughter of Judge and Mrs. W. O. Davis, of Gainesville, Texas, which was her home until she moved here with Mr. Thomason about 11 years ago. Since that time she had made El Paso her home, where she was socially prominent.

#### Family Was Noted.

The Davis family is well and favorably known in East Texas, particularly in Dallas and Fort Worth, as well as in Gainesville. Judge Davis is and has been one of the most prominent east Texas lawyers. Mrs. Davis, the mother, is enroute to El Paso, but efforts will be made to intercept her, as the body of Mrs. Thomason will be taken this afternoon at 4 o'clock on the Texas & Pacific to Gainesville, where interment will be made. Mr. Thomason will accompany the body.

Mrs. Thomason attended school in Fort Worth and Dallas. Gainesville was her girlhood home and also that of her husband. His family is also prominent residents of that city.

#### Husband Is Prominent.

Mr. Thomason is one of El Paso's most prominent attorneys. He served two terms in the state legislature, the second time he was elected without opposition and was made speaker of the house. He was a candidate for governor of the state in the last primaries. Mr. Thomason is a member of the law firm of Lea, McGrady and Thomason. Besides being well known here he enjoys distinction throughout the state. He has been prominently mentioned as a prospective candidate for the United States senate.

Besides her husband, two children, mother and father, Mrs. Thomason is survived by a brother, Owen Davis, and a sister, Miss Sarah Davis, both residing at Gainesville. The latter had visited her sister here on several occasions.

The body will be at the late home, 1211 East El Paso Street, between 4:00 and 5:00 o'clock. It will then be taken to the funeral home.

# BURY BODY OF MRS. THOMASON AT GAINESVILLE

R. F. Thomason and his son, Billie, and daughter, Isabell, will leave this afternoon at 4 o'clock with the body of their late wife and mother, Mrs. Belle Thomason, for Gainesville, Tex. Mrs. Thomason died at 11 o'clock Friday night at a local hospital, following an operation.

Mrs. Thomason, with her husband and children, had attended the Kiwanis roundup Wednesday. Immediately after they had returned home she became ill and was taken to the hospital.

#### Married in 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomason were married on St. Valentine's day, 1905, in Gainesville, Tex. She was born in Gainesville in 1884. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Davis, who still reside in Gainesville, where Mr. Davis is a prominent attorney. She went to school at her home and at St. Mary's college in Dallas. A brother, Owen Davis, and sister, Miss Sarah Davis, survive, beside her parents, husband and children, Billie, and Isabell, 4.

Mrs. Davis is now on her way here, having been summoned when Mrs. Thomason's illness became critical. She has been telegraphed to wait at Pecos and join Mr. Thomason there.

#### Prominent Socially.

Mrs. Thomason was an earnest Red Cross worker during the late war, and was one of the first El Paso women to hold a benefit bazar for the Red Cross. She took an active part in the League of Women Voters, was a member of the Woman's club, the A. R. U. D. C., and taught a primary class in the First Presbyterian Sunday school. Before coming to El Paso she was state secretary of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mr. Thomason was born in Cook county near Gainesville. His parents live there now. He served two terms in the state legislature as a representative. In his second race he was elected without opposition and was speaker of the house. He was a candidate for governor in the last primaries. At present he is a member of the law firm of Lea, McGrady, Thomason & Edwards.

#### Attorneys Offer Sympathy.

Members of the El Paso Bar association met at the home of Mr. Thomason, 1321 East Rio Grande street, expressing sympathy for the bereaved and presenting floral offerings.

"Mrs. Thomason was a great lover of the beautiful," said Tom Lea, "having in her home many beautiful paintings and works of art."

Mrs. Thomason's body was laid in state at the home from 1 to 3 o'clock and many friends called there to express sympathy.

Burial services were held Saturday morning as follows: C. S. Pickrell, Judge J. R. Harper, Dr. F. D. Garrett, M. Nealon, R. M. Dudley, Jasper Coldridge, R. T. Neill and W. L. Oxworth.