

R. H. THORNE IS KILLED BY FALL

Pioneer Citizen and Head of Evergreen Cemetery Co., Dies Saturday.

While attempting to lower a water tank to the ground from its elevated tower Saturday evening, at his home at Evergreen cemetery, in East El Paso, Richard H. Thorne, pioneer of this city, lost his balance and, falling 30 feet, was almost instantly killed. He died shortly after being carried to his home by Mexican laborers.

Assisted by four Mexicans, Mr. Thorne was lowering the tank to make some repairs when the tackle broke, and losing his balance, he plunged to the ground, striking on his head. His skull was fractured. None of the Mexicans was injured.

Mr. Thorne was born in Camden, N. J., 58 years ago and was a graduate of Princeton university. He came to El Paso in 1885 and became associated with Gus Momsen in the hardware business on South Oregon street. He later engaged in the real estate business, and in 1894, founded Evergreen cemetery, which he managed until his death.

In 1896 Mr. Thorne was married to Frances Spencer Wilkin. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, a stepmother and brother. His daughters are Mrs. Hugo C. Meyer, of Albuquerque, N. M., and Mrs. E. E. Ferguson, of this city. His brother, E. J. Thorne, resides in Camden, and his stepmother in Washington, D. C.

The body was taken to the undertaking chapel of McBean, Simmons & Hartford.

The funeral service of the Elks lodge will be held at the residence Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Dr. G. H. Higgins will lead the service, El Paso lodge 187 supporting him.

Mr. Thorne was a member of the Elks, Eagles, Maccabees, Woodmen of the World, Fraternal Union and Redmen.