

# OLDEST PIONEER IN EL PASO DIES

William Treyer, the oldest member of the Pioneers' society, and without doubt the oldest citizen of El Paso, died this forenoon at his home in East El Paso.

By virtue of the fact that he was the oldest pioneer in the society, he held the position of honorary president. It is not known for certain at what date he came to El Paso, but it is said to be a few days prior to the arrival of judge Joseph Magoffin, who first came here in 1859.

For many years deceased drove a small express wagon around the city and was well known to many, especially the old timers. For the past year, however, he has been in poor health and could not work.

For a time he was in the hospital, but was later taken to a little home which he owned in East El Paso.

The funeral will probably be held tomorrow and will be conducted by the Pioneers' society.

### **William Treyer.**

The funeral of William Treyer, who died in this city yesterday morning, will be held at 4 o'clock Thursday conducted by the Pioneers' society. Treyer possessed the distinction of being the oldest continuous resident of El Paso, having come to this place in 1853 and having resided here continually ever since. Judge Magoffin first arrived in El Paso, but left later to go to the war, and this breaks his record of continuous residence here. With the death of Treyer, however, it is said judge Magoffin becomes the oldest continuous resident of El Paso. The Pioneers will meet at the city hall at 3 o'clock and from there march to the undertaking parlors where they will conduct the funeral exercises in accordance with the ritual of the order. There will be a funeral car to take the Pioneers to the cemetery. Treyer was a member of the city council at one time in the early history of the city and the flag on the city hall will be at half mast tomorrow. Arrangements have also been made to have the fire department attend the funeral. According to the by-laws of the Pioneers, every member must furnish a sketch of his life for the archives and many have done so, but unfortunately Treyer had not complied and a complete sketch of his life is unobtainable.