

# DEATH TAKES W. W. TURNEY AFTER ILLNESS

El Paso Lawyer, Rancher,  
Former State Senator  
Is Dead

W. W. Turney, prominent attorney of West Texas, died today at 4 a. m. in a local hospital.

Mr. Turney was 77. He had been ill for several months.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 3 p. m. at the family residence 1205 Montana street.

Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery with Peak-Hagedorn Mortuary in charge. Rev. W. H. Mansfield will officiate.

#### Ex-Senator

He was a member of the firm of Jones, Turney, Hardie, Grambling and Howell.

Mr. Turney was a former State Representative and State Senator. He was a prominent ranchman of the Big Bend District and worked consistently for the cattle interests.

He has been praised as the man who helped to build the foundation on which the cattle business now stands.

He served twice as president of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Assn., now



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the Texas' Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Assn. He was a former vice president of the American Livestock Assn.

Mr. Turney went to Washington many times for the state organization. He was active in adjusting differences between the cattle raisers and the packers.

#### Became Lawyer

He was born in Harrison County near Marshall.

He was graduated from Sam Houston Normal. He went to Ft. Davis in 1886 to teach school. He found there 11 saloons, four stores, a fort and 75 school children, he frequently recalled. He taught the children of the cattlemen, army officers and saloon keepers to read and write. He studied Blackstone at night.

He was granted his license to practice law by the late Judge T. A. Falvey of El Paso in 1887. He was appointed first county attorney of Brewster County in the same year.

He began practice of Law in Alpine. He became a law partner of Judge Walter Gillis.

#### Cattle for Fees

It was receiving cattle in fees that started him in the cattle business.

"I drove the cattle down the road until I saw good grass that nobody was using or seemed to want," he reminisced to his friends.

He bought the O-2 Ranch which had 200,000 acres after he expanded his holdings. At one time he had 18,000 head of cattle on his ranch before the time of fences.

He married Miss Iva Guthrie of Alpine Dec. 15, 1892.

Mr. Turney moved to El Paso in 1893. He served in the House of the State Legislature from 1892 until 1896. He was State Senator from 1896 until 1902.

#### Burges Partner

He became a law partner of Will H. Burges in the firm of Turney and Burges, in 1897. They were partners until 1938.

He became a member of the firm of Jones, Turney, Hardie, Grambling and Howell.

He was general counsel for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, the El Paso Union Passenger Depot Co., and the Mexican Northwestern Railway Co.

Mr. Turney was a friend of Texas University. While in the Senate, he was active in getting help for the university, his friends recalled today. He was prominently mentioned for governor. He was urged to make the race for Congress.

#### Pallbearers

Active pallbearers will be: Ben R. Howell, Neill R. Walshe, Julian P. Harrison, J. F. Hulse, J. M. Pollard, Henry T. Moore.

Mr. Turney is survived by his widow, Mrs. Iva Turney; three sisters, Mrs. May Fletcher and Mrs. W. M. Wyatt, both of Marshall; Mrs. T. S. Coleman of Mexia, Tex.; and three brothers, Marvin Turney of Marshall; A. M. Turney of Alpine; B. J. Turner of Pomona, Cal.

#### Honorary Group

Honorary pallbearers include well known cattlemen, old time friends of Mr. Turney, prominent lawyers and national and state officials.

They are: U. S. Rep. R. E. Thomson, of El Paso, U. S. Rep. Richard M. Kleberg of Corpus Christi, James G. McNary of McNary, Ariz., Ewing Halsell of Vinita, Okla.; Claude

Hudspeth of Ozona, Luke C. Brite of Marfa, W. T. Jones of Marfa, James P. Wilson of Alpine, Lee Fischer of Marfa, W. Van Sickle of Alpine, Ballinger Mills of Galveston, Judge Charles A. Boynton of El Paso, Judge Joseph M. Nealon, Tom Lea, George Millar, Maury Kemp, Sam D. Young, C. N. Bassett, L. R. Hoard, Frank Powers, Lamar Davis, Eugene E. Neff, W. D. Wise, Otis C. Coles, Frank Coles, Judge E. F. Higgins, Judge A. M. Walthall, Thornton Hardie, Allen R. Grambling, Cyrus H. Jones, W. H. Burges, Robert L. Holliday, Myrtill Coblentz, A. P. Coles, Winchester Cooley, Dr. James Vance, Sam Haight, Arthur L. McKnight, Adrian Pool, Chris P. Fox, and Capt. John R. Hughes.