

Pioneer Valley Resident Is Dead

Melvin E. Van Emery, 66, who was the builder of the first cotton gin in the valley, died at Garfield, N. M., Sunday. Funeral services will be held at the Kaster & Maxon chapel at 2 p. m. Tuesday with the Rev. W. Angie Smith officiating. Interment will be in Evergreen cemetery.

Mr. Van Emery was one of the pioneer residents of the lower valley. He was engaged in cotton growing and ginning.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Josie Van Emery, three daughters, Mrs. Minnie Benold and Mrs. I. T. Herrin, both of El Paso, and Miss Myrtle Van Emery of Kansas City, Mo., and one son, Dr. S. O. Van Emery of Kansas City.

Pall bearers for Mr. Van Emery's funeral will be selected from the Woodmen of the World, of which he was a member.