

## J. L. VAUGHN DIES IN CALIFORNIA; WAS RAILROAD PIONEER

J. L. Vaughn, 85, for 11 years agent of the Mexican Central railroad at Moctezuma, died at Long Beach, Cal., Thursday night, according to a telegram received by Mrs. Alma Garra, his grand-daughter, 208 Atlantic street, El Paso, yesterday.

Celebration of the 56th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. Vaughn and his wife, "Donna Abby," preceded his death by a month. The couple were married in Pennsylvania May 24, 1865.

Mr. Vaughn and his wife moved to Texas shortly after they were married and Vaughn pioneered with the Texas and Pacific railroad, being the first station agent for the company at Merkel, Texas. After leaving Merkel he went to Diaz, Mexico, to serve as station agent for the Mexican Central railroad. He moved to Moctezuma in 1889.

When the Mexican revolution broke out in the fall of 1910, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn came to El Paso. They made their home for several years with their son, George Vaughn, at 2412 Portland street, after which they moved to Long Beach.

The Vaughn home at Moctezuma was noted for its flowers. The house was destroyed by bandits, but the flowers remain. The house itself was surrounded by plants of all descriptions and the home was one of the show spots of northern Mexico, being frequently visited by tourists.

Mr. Vaughn is survived by his wife, two sons, George and Trobe Vaughn, of Long Beach; three daughters, Mrs. J. Diefenbaugh, of Salt Lake City; Mrs. Evadine Carpenter, Long Beach; Mrs. Madge Butman, Merkel, Texas, and one granddaughter, Mrs. Alma Garra, El Paso.

Burial will be made at Merkel.