

SAW EL PASO GROW FROM A VILLAGE

Pioneer Woman Dies in This City at the Age of 92 Years.

Having come to El Paso in the spring of 1863, Mrs. Eduwlijen Ruiz Vda. de Lopez, who died Sunday morning at the age of 92 years, had seen El Paso grow from a border village of adobe houses and winding streets to a great city of the southwest with skyscrapers and paved streets. Mrs. Lopez moved to El Paso from Jesus Maria, Mexico, soon after the death of her husband, Catarino Lopez, and for 47 years she was a resident of the city. To her grandchildren she told stories of the indians who infested the foothills to the northeast of El Paso and of the stirring times along the border during the civil war.

Mrs. Lopez lived for a number of years on Anthony street, near the old El Paso foundry, selling this when property in that section became valuable for building purposes and moved to the east part of the city. Mrs. Lopez has two children, Mrs. Guadalupe Lopez and Francisca Lopez, both living in El Paso. She also has five grandchildren, one of whom is Catarino Lopez, jr., who is employed in the composing room of The Herald.

The pioneer woman would have been 93 years old on July 13, and was one of the oldest residents of the city at the time of her death.