

Dr. Vilas, Former El Pasoan, Dies On Pacific Coast

Dr. Walter N. Vilas, formerly well known in El Paso county, died in Stockton, Calif., Thursday night, according to word received by his daughter, Mrs. H. E. Stevenson, 620 North Oregon street.

Dr. Vilas settled in Ysleta in 1881. He practiced medicine there and acted as customs collector until the county seat was moved to El Paso in 1883. He moved to El Paso with the county seat and lived here until 1909 when he went to Stockton.

Dr. Vilas was one of the leading physicians and surgeons in El Paso and served as president of the El Paso school board for several years. The Vilas school was named for him some years later.

During the Spanish-American war Dr. Vilas was a major with the First Texas infantry and during the World war was president of the exemption board in California.

Dr. Vilas will be buried in Stockton Saturday. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. W. N. Vilas, and two daughters, Mrs. J. F. Hixson of Fresno, Cal., and Mrs. H. E. Stevenson, of El Paso.

Dr. Vilas was born in Wayne county, New York, in 1847.