

Charles L. Vowell Taken by Death

Charles L. Vowell, former El Paso district attorney and father of Jack Vowell, El Paso Chamber of Commerce president, died in an El Paso hospital today. He was 86.

He had been a resident of El Paso County for 40 years.

Mr. Vowell was district attorney here from 1923 to 1929.

Earlier, he served as assistant district attorney.

Before coming to El Paso, he was district attorney in Sherman.

Famous Murder Cases

He was prosecutor in two famous murder cases here that drew national attention.

One was the shovel-murder of N. V. Nixon in 1920.

Percy Howard, after three trials here on the charge, was a death sentence. The sentence was later commuted to life.

The second case was the shooting of Louise Frenzel, also in the early 20s. Fred McClude was given a 25-year sentence after three trials.

Mr. Vowell was active in political circles here.

He was a member of the El Paso Bar Assn. He resided in the Lower Valley.

Dies Tomorrow

Mr. Vowell was a member of the First Christian Church.

His survivors include his widow, Mrs. Edna Caruthers Vowell; a daughter, Mrs. W. J. Stoker; two sons, Jack and Fulton C. Vowell of El Paso; a sister, Mrs. Alice Long of Dallas; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. tomorrow in the Harding and Orr Chapel, Rev. W. D. McElroy officiating. The body will be forwarded to Sherman for burial.

The family requests that flowers be omitted and contributions sent to the Pleasant View Home in their place.