

J. Walbridge, Former Law Officer, Dies

Justice M. Walbridge, 77, died Friday in his home at Ysleta.

He was born in San Saba County, Texas, and when he was four moved with his parents to Scurry County, Texas, and in 1885 assisted in moving the family and livestock to Alpine, Texas, where he remained on a ranch with his father until 1900 when his father sold the ranch and moved to California.

Mr. Walbridge then came to El Paso where he became associated with Carpenter Brothers and Sharp in the cattle business.

In 1903 he sold the interest he had acquired with this firm to the other members and went to work on the El Paso police force under Chief Wooten. He remained with the police department for nearly four years and resigned to engage in the ranching business in 1907.

For several years he was a deputy sheriff of El Paso County under both Sheriffs Edward and Hall and for seven years with the late C. M. Bassett. He then joined the Texas Rangers under Capt. Bill Davis and after leaving that organization he purchased a ranch in the vicinity of McNary, Texas, which he operated until recently when he retired and moved to Ysleta.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Juanita Walbridge; two sons including Monroe, of Sierra Blanca, Texas; one daughter, Mary Lee Walbridge, Ysleta; four grandchildren and one sister.

Funeral arrangements were pending with Kaster and Maxon.