

# Mrs. C. E. Waterhouse, 67, Dies; Hotel Operator And Pioneer

Mrs. Alice Waterhouse, 67, owner of the St. Francis Hotel, 310 West Missouri Street, who came to El Paso in 1881, died in a local hospital Sunday.

Surviving are her son, Charles Ewing Waterhouse of El Paso; two sisters, Mrs. Julia Kepley, of El Paso, and Mrs. C. D. Akers, of Berkeley, Calif.; a brother, J. O. Derr, of Stockton, Calif., and three grandchildren, Jack, Russell and Peggy Waterhouse, of El Paso.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p. m. Monday in Barry Hagedorn Chapel, with the Rev. B. M. G. Williams officiating. Mrs. Waterhouse was a member of St. Clement's Episcopal Church.

Pallbearers will be Eric Munro, Harry Tell, Harold Armstrong, Rex McMorris, Tom Peterson and Warren Mithoff.

Burial will be in Restlawn Cemetery.

## ARRIVED IN CITY 62 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Waterhouse came here 62 years ago from Eaton, Pa. She was married to Charles E. Waterhouse in 1897. He died six years ago.

Mrs. Waterhouse was full of interesting stories about El Paso, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charles Ewing Waterhouse, said. "She had



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a wonderful character, and always gave, never expecting anything in return.

"There wasn't a corner in El Paso she didn't know as she had watched El Paso grow from a village into a

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city. She had a vivid memory about the early days of El Paso and enjoyed telling stories about its development. She especially enjoyed telling about the first night she spent in El Paso, and about the wind blowing so hard that it lifted the roof off the house.

## CHERISHED MEMORIES OF OLD SCHOOL

Mrs. Waterhouse cherished memories of the second school building in El Paso, the old Central High School, located on the present site of the Old Elks' Building. Often in later years as she would ride by and see old-timers sitting on park benches or in front of their houses she would remark that there is "an old codger" who used to go to Central School.

Mrs. Waterhouse was the 36th member of the former Times 50-Year Club, which was made up of El Pasoans who had lived here 50 years or more.

"Screen doors were in reality mosquito netting in the early days in El Paso," Mrs. Waterhouse once said. "And the all-important before-bed question was, 'Did you blow out the gas?' Gas was used then, but the little flame was sometimes so feeble, it took hours for a kettle of water to boil."