

# William Watkins, Prominent Mason, Dies In Tucumcari

Word was received of the death of William Watkins, 33rd degree Mason, yesterday at Tucumcari. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Mr. Watkins was born in Herefordshire, England in 1865. He came to this country as an emigrant youth and entered railroad service in the northwest. He became an engineer for the old El Paso & Southwestern railroad in 1906.

Mr. Watkins was a member of the El Paso Scottish Rite bodies and the El Maida Shrine temple. He always took an active part in Masonic and Shrine affairs. He was well known in Masonic circles throughout the southwest for his lecture in the seventh degree of the Scottish Rite and his rendition of "Casey at the Bat" during Shrine ceremonials.

Survivors are the widow, a brother in England and a daughter in Pennsylvania.

~~Funeral services will be held Sunday.~~  
The Masonic lodge of Tucumcari will be in charge. Burial will be at Tucumcari.