

DEATH OF MISS T. L. WESCOTT

Prominent El Paso Club Woman Dies in Houston

Miss Thirza L. Wescott died Thursday at the home of relatives in Houston and was buried Saturday at San Antonio.

This sad news reached El Paso yesterday. The deceased was about 60 years of age and came from a prominent family in Ohio. Her mother was a Miss Espy of Cincinnati. Miss Wescott came to El Paso in 1892 and invested considerable money in the Alexander addition, which was promoted by her brother-in-law, Mr. Alexander, of San Antonio.

Miss Wescott took an active part in the club and social life of El Paso. She organized and was the first president of the local organization of the Daughters of the Revolution, and was also prominent in the councils of the Woman's club. She was a woman of education and culture and leaves hosts of friends in El Paso to mourn her sudden death.

She adopted a little nephew, S. P. Bellinger, and kept him with her here in El Paso until he was 15 years old and then sent him to Houston, where he is now in business and is 28 years of age.

So deeply interested was Miss Wescott in the Woman's club that she recently donated to it, for club house purposes, her pretty home in this city. She left here only two or three weeks ago to visit her nephew in Houston, consequently the announcement of her death will be a severe shock to her friends in El Paso.

The body was taken to San Antonio and the funeral conducted there from the home of Miss Wescott's brother-in-law, Mr. Alexander. Mr. Bellinger, who will inherit Miss Wescott's estate, will visit El Paso this week to look after her property here.

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Well Known El Paso Woman Is Buried In San Antonio After Death.

News has been received here of the death of one of the best known women of El Paso. The San Antonio Express of Saturday says:

"The body of Miss Thirza L. Westcott, of El Paso, who died in the home of her nephew, M. A. Westcott, of Houston, on the morning of December 22 in her 79th year, arrived in San Antonio Friday morning. The funeral services were held from the home of decedent's sister, Mrs. R. F. Alexander, 416 Dallas street, Friday afternoon. As a last request of Miss Westcott the funeral was private. Interment was made in the Confederate cemetery."

Miss Westcott was a Daughter of the Revolution and had on numerous occasions represented the El Paso chapter at the national meetings of the order. She had resided in El Paso for many years and was well known in various circles in the city, was an honorary member of the Woman's club and a member of the Country club among other organizations.

Miss Westcott some months ago donated half the value of her residence, 403 California street, to the Woman's club for a home. The residence and site was valued at \$10,000 and Miss Westcott gave it to the club for half price. The club members will convert the place into a club in another year, they hope. At present it is being rented.

She adopted a half nephew, E. P. Bellinger, and kept him with her here in El Paso until he was 15 years old and then sent him to Houston, where he is now in business and is 23 years of age. Mr. Bellinger, who will inherit Miss Westcott's estate, will visit El Paso this week to look after her property here.