

PIONEER NEGRO W. W. WILEY DIES

**Civil War Veteran, Indian
Fighter, Musician, Ex-
pires at Age of 82.**

Funeral services for W. W. Wiley, a well known local negro, who died at his residence, 120 East Seventh street, Friday morning, were held at the A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon, Rev. H. A. Wells officiating. Interment was in Concordia cemetery.

Wiley was 82 years of age, a veteran of the Civil war, an Indian fighter and one of the pioneer land owners of this city. He was famous in this city as a violin player. The aged negro is survived by his second wife and one son, Lieut. M. B. Wiley, Camp Funston, Kansas, who was here at the time of his father's death.

W. W. Wiley knew all the landmarks of the early days around El Paso. He came here to fight Indians at the close of the Civil war. In 1878 he came to El Paso and settled on a piece of land which became his home and to which he had held on grimly in the face of much opposition.

Blocks Street Extension.

Several years ago when a project to extend South Oregon street to the river and build a bridge there was considered, Wiley's home, a small shack, was in the way, and no manner of persuasion could make the man move or to give up his property. He claimed at the time the land was his, and refused to move. It is said, however, that he did agree to sell, but his price was prohibitive.

Wiley and his fiddle have been famous in the southwest for a number of years. In the early days he furnished music for nearly all of the dances and for other festivities.