

Veteran El Paso Railroader Dies Five Days After Wife

Tony Witholder, T. & P. Employee Since 1883, Saved Train From Bridge Disaster Through Premonition

Tony A. Witholder, 67, 1615 E. Rio Grande St., an employe of the Texas & Pacific railroad since 1883, died at an El Paso hospital today, five days after the death of his wife, Emma.

Mr. Witholder was the third oldest employe of the Texas & Pacific in El Paso.

He was a resident of El Paso for 40 years, coming here from Big Spring in 1892.

Last Friday he made arrangements for the funeral of his wife, who died the previous day of pneumonia.

The next day he became ill and was taken to a hospital. He was unable to attend the funeral.

Several days ago he received word that he had been pensioned by the

railroad.

He came to the United States from Germany when he was 16 years old.

In 1917, while engineer on a train operating between El Paso and Big Spring, Mr. Witholder was responsible for preventing a serious crash into a canyon near Sierra Blanca.

He recalled recently that he had a premonition that the bridge over the canyon held danger for the train. Within 150 yards of the canyon, he stopped the train, investigated and found that the rails had been washed out by a heavy rain.

Mr. Witholder is survived by a brother, William A. Witholder, El Paso.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Kaster & Maxon mortuary.

El Pasoan Near Death As Wife's Funeral Is Held

Mrs. Anna Withholder, who died at the family residence, 1615 East Rio Grande street, Thursday night, was buried yesterday morning. Her husband, A. Tony Withholder, Texas & Pacific railroad engineer, was near death last night.

Mr. Withholder underwent an operation at Masonic hospital last night, but doctors fear the operation was in vain. They gave him two days to live.

So seriously ill was Mr. Withholder yesterday morning he could not attend his wife's funeral. Services were held at the Kaster & Maxon chapel at 10 a. m. Burial was in Evergreen cemetery.