

JODA F. WOODSON CALLED BY DEATH

One of City's Best Known Attorneys Passes Away In His Home Here.

Joda F. Woodson, aged 45, one of the best known El Paso attorneys, died at 6 o'clock Monday evening, at his home, 211 East Missouri street, after an illness of two weeks.

Judge Woodson contracted his last illness upon a trip to Marfa, Texas, in the interest of the James Norman estate at that place. That was 15 days ago. He returned home ill and was never able to return to his office.

Deceased leaves a wife, formerly Miss Nannie Allen, of Georgetown, Ky., and a 17 year old daughter, Elizabeth, who was attending Berkeley university at the time of the death of her father. Miss Woodson, accompanied by her uncle, Millard Patterson, will arrive here today. A brother of deceased, William Woodson, of St. Jo, Mo., is also en route to El Paso, and funeral arrangements will not be completed until they arrive.

Came Here In 1904.

Deceased had lived in El Paso since 1904. He came here from Missouri, his native state, where his uncle is a justice of the supreme court, to associate himself with the firm of Patterson and Buckler, which then took the name of Patterson, Buckler & Woodson. Mr. Patterson is an uncle of Judge Woodson.

A few years ago, when Mr. Patterson retired from the practice of law, the firm was dissolved and Judge Woodson had in recent years been practicing law alone. He had one of the most lucrative practices of any man in the southwest and had been connected with some of the most important litigations ever conducted in this part of the country. While he was a member of the firm of Patterson, Buckler & Woodson, they handled all the business for the E. P. & S. W. railroad. Since the dissolution of the firm, Judge Woodson had specialized in probate matters and represented some very large estates, including that of the late Frank G. Tobin, the late W. H. Austin, the late Alexander C. Stephens, the late Dame Washburn and the late James Norman, of Marfa.

Never In Politics.

Deceased had never been in politics in El Paso, but confined his endeavors to the practice of law strictly. He was not a club man, but a home man. He belonged to the Christian church.

He was a second cousin of Mrs. W. J. Fewell, of El Paso, now residing with her husband in San Diego.

During his residence in El Paso, he had accumulated considerable property, including an apartment house on the south side of Franklin street just south of Carnegie library.

"Judge Woodson soon accumulated a lucrative practice after coming to El Paso," said Judge Buckler Tuesday. "As he was a most efficient lawyer and was continuously engaged in the trial of many important cases. He was universally esteemed and looked upon as one of the ablest, most upright and conscientious attorneys in the city."