

# Former editor, early lawyer join Hall of Honor

A former editor of *The El Paso Times* and a pioneer El Paso lawyer have been named to the 1985 Hall of Honor of the El Paso County Historical Society.

William I. Latham, *The Times* editor from 1970-76, is the society's living nominee.

William H. Burges, a former president of the Texas Bar Association and a lawyer of national renown, is the deceased honoree.

They will be installed in ceremonies at the annual Hall of Honor Banquet Nov. 3 at the El Paso Country Club.



Latham



Burges

Burges married Anna Pollard in 1896, and they had no children. He had come to El Paso in 1889, when he moved here for his health, and lived here until his death in 1946. His brother, Richard, also was a lawyer and civic leader in the Sun City, and another relative (an uncle by marriage), Dr. W.M. Yandell, was city health officer for many years. Both Richard Burges and Yandell previously have been named to the El Paso Hall of Honor.

At the banquet, tribute will be paid to Burges by El Paso lawyer J.H. Hulse, who wrote the honoree's 1982 biography, "Texas Lawyer: The Life of William H. Burges."

Latham was born in Washington, D.C., May 27, 1911, and graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1932 with a degree in journalism. That year he came to El Paso and his first job was as a clerk at the Lockie Hotel, where MBank now stands.

He joined the El Paso World-News as sports editor in 1934 and, when that paper folded, was hired by *The Times*. Except for four years' residence in Arizona and service in World War II, Latham has made his home continuously in El Paso.

Since retirement, he has served on the City Charter Commission and the El Paso Housing Board, was civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army and chairman of a committee to plan and build El Paso's Museum of History. He is a past president of the historical society.

Latham and his wife, the former Martha Jane Stark, have four daughters — Mary Anna Love of Escalon, Calif.; Patsy Caffey and Nancy Lee Roberts of Arlington, Texas; and Peggy Lynn Latham of Newport News, Va.

Reservations for the banquet are \$15 per person, available by check to the society in care of Henrietta Owen, 2905 Titanic, El Paso, Texas 79904 before Oct. 28 deadline.

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