

# EMBEZZLED \$2,344, CHARGE AGAINST HUGH COLLINS

## Warrant Issued Here Upon Complaint of A. B. McMillen; Sheriff R. T. Mansker Arrests Lawyer at Clayton.

Sheriff R. T. Mansker, of Union county, yesterday afternoon arrested Hugh J. Collins, an attorney, formerly of Albuquerque, at Clayton, Union county, on a charge of embezzlement. The warrant for Collins was issued yesterday by Justice George H. Craig, of Albuquerque, upon a complaint filed by A. B. McMillen, who alleges that Collins misapplied \$2,344 80

Justice Craig placed the warrant in Undersheriff Dick Lewis' hands and he telegraphed Sheriff Mansker. When the Union county official wired Undersheriff Lewis yesterday evening that Collins had been arrested, Lewis sent Deputy Sheriff A. C. Buttice to Clayton on Santa Fe train No. 43, which left here at 8:45 o'clock.

Mr. McMillen in the complaint he filed with Justice Craig says that Collins, as special master in the case of Donaciano Gurule, et al, against the unknown heirs of Diego Montoya, deceased, et al, received \$2,344 80 to pay Bernalillo county taxes on land sold by him as special master. He charges that Collins converted this money to his own use.

Collins lived in Albuquerque until several months ago, when he went to Clayton, where he purchased the law practice of the late John A. Page. He lived in Albuquerque about five years, having moved here from Oklahoma, hoping to improve his health.

Here, Collins served two terms as city attorney, was a prominent member of the Bernalillo County Bar association and played an active part in county and state politics, as a democratic partisan. Because of his activities in the political field he was mentioned by friends as a candidate for the appointment of minister to Chile. He was offered a position as an assistant attorney in the land office in the department of the interior, but was compelled to decline upon the advice of physicians who believed residence in Washington would impair his health.

Collins has visited Albuquerque several times since his removal to Clayton. He has been trying to sell his home at 114 North Walter street, one of the prettiest residences in the Highlands, built at a cost of about \$6,000. It is understood.

Mrs. Collins, a former hotel note jockey and who was prominent in Albuquerque social circles during the residence of herself and her husband here, lives with him at Clayton.