

Death Closes Notable Career of J. T. Barratt, Veteran of Fort Bliss

In the death Saturday morning of John T. Barratt, a notable military career of 36 years' continuous service was brought to a close. Mr. Barratt was 73 years old and lived at 808 North Kansas street. Arterio sclerosis was the cause of death.

Mr. Barratt was a well-known army man, having retired from the service at Fort Bliss in February, 1900, after 30 years' continuous service without the loss of a single day from duty during the entire time.

He enlisted in the regular army in 1870, joining Battery H of the Fifth artillery at old Fort Bliss, at that time located where the smelter now is. Mr. Barratt stayed with Battery H for 20 years, and for the last 10 years of service was a commissary sergeant.

Mr. Barratt's family has the peculiar distinction of being an army family. Out of a family of three sons and three daughters, two sons enlisted in the army in 1908 and served in the Spanish-American war. At the close of the war, one of the sons, "Jack," re-enlisted and still is in the service. William, the other son, served nine years. He also has two sons-in-law, who have retired from the army after 30 years' continuous service. Mr. Barratt is survived by his wife and six children.

Mr. Barratt was born in Wolverhampton, England, and came to the United States when about 15 years of age. He was married in New London, Conn., 48 years ago.

Mr. Barratt was a member of the Catholic church and will be buried in Concordia Catholic cemetery, but the hour of burial has not been determined, due to the uncertain time of arrival of children and relatives.