

# Pioneer Resident Will Be Buried Tomorrow Morning

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha T. Blacker, one of the pioneer El Pasoans who helped to develop this city from its beginning to its present condition, will be held tomorrow at 11 o'clock at the Kaster & Maxon chapel. The Rev. John J. Brodhead, pastor of the First Methodist church, will officiate. Pallbearers have not been selected, as it is hoped that Mrs. Blacker's grandchildren will be able to reach here in time for the services, and if they do, they will act in that capacity.

Mrs. Blacker's death ended a 57 years' residence in El Paso, during which time she saw El Paso grow from a tiny border town to a modern city. Her husband, Judge Allen Blacker, who died in 1906, was circuit judge here many years ago, and was one of the strongest forces for law and order in those troubled times. Mrs. Blacker and her husband came to El Paso before the railroad was built here, making the trip by stage coach. They came from Ohio, where Mrs. Blacker was born in 1840.

Mrs. Blacker was a member of the Pioneers' society and she and her family were among the charter members of the First Methodist church.

During the last years of her life, she was not very active and was unable to attend church services regularly. She was known among the older members of the church and was loved and respected for her faithful work.

A graduate of an Ohio college, Mrs. Blacker was proficient in calculus, and was noted for her work in that line. In those days it was very unusual for a woman to attain her degree of skill in that science.

She is survived by her son, James T. Blacker, three daughters, Mrs. Felix Kerrich of Louisville, Mrs. Geo. Thompson and Mrs. F. F. Cadwalader of Mountain Park, N. M., and 10 grandchildren.