

# Dr. James B. Brady Taken by Death

Dr. James B. Brady, pioneer El Pasoan, died at 2 a. m. today in Hotel Dieu, where he was taken from his room in Hotel Paso del Norte yesterday. He was 74.

He had been in failing health since last August, when he suffered a heart attack while visiting his niece, Mrs. Florence Vorhees, in Los Angeles. Mrs. Vorhees is expected to arrive in El Paso tonight.

Mr. Brady was born in Platt City, Mo. in 1870.

He graduated from the Kansas City Dental College in 1894, and moved to Santa Fe, where he began  
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practicing dentistry. After four years there, the Spanish-American War broke out and he enlisted in Roosevelt's Rough Riders, being made hospital steward for the regiment. He came to El Paso in 1899 and opened an office. He practiced dentistry until a few years ago.  
Entered E. P. Politics.

He entered politics in El Paso and for a number of years was chairman of the City Democratic Committee, served as chairman of the City Civil Service Commission from May 20, 1919, to March 15, 1935. The commission during this period had jurisdiction only over members of the Police and Fire Departments. When the present Civil Service Charter was adopted by popular vote in 1935, extending Civil Service regulation over all but elective city employes, he retired from the Commission.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Barry Hagedorn Funeral Home.

When Mayor R. M. Dudley died in 1925, and H. P. Jackson was named to succeed him, Dr. Brady was appointed alderman to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of Mr. Jackson.

He was at one time vice president of the El Paso Ice and Refrigerator Co., and a director in the old Rio Grande Valley Bank.

## Was Paving Contractor

He was a paving contractor in the early days of the city, but retired from this business, because, he said, the newspapers mentioned only the bad pavement he laid, one piece of which was Montana street, east from Colohn avenue to Piedras street. He later resurfaced that at a cost of \$10,000 to himself. His company paved many of the principal streets of the city.

His real pride was Manhattan Heights, which he purchased when it consisted of rocks and deep arroyos. He leveled the hills and filled in the arroyos, paved the streets, put in curbing and created one of the best residential and business districts of the city. He later was joined in this endeavor by Winchester Cooley, as co-partner.

He was the third potentate of El Malde Shrine, serving during 1911. He was a member emeritus of the Imperial Shrine Council. He was a charter member of El Malde Temple and a life member of the Elks.