

Frank Wells Brown Taken by Death

Frank Wells Brown of 1515 North Mesa avenue, a prominent pioneer publisher, died today in a hospital. He was 85.

Mr. Brown was born in Thomaston, Me., Sept. 15, 1861, and came west in 1879 to meet his uncle, Capt. Frank Brown, who was sailing around the Horn from Boston to San Francisco at that time.

He went to work in Sacramento, Calif., as an engineer on a construction job. Later he went to Lower California, with a land colonization company.

Here in 1885

After that, Mr. Brown went to Hawaii, where he took part as an advisor to Queen Kilekale against revolutionists.

Coming through El Paso from Mexico in 1885, he selected El Paso as his home.

He bought a half interest in The El Paso Herald Co. with A. B. McKie as partner. The Herald office was over the First National Bank at San Antonio and El Paso streets. A year later, he sold his interest and went to California, returning here in 1888, when he bought The El Paso Herald and started it as a daily.

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In 1907 he sold it to the Herald News Co., headed by J. A. Smith and associates.

At that time, he went into the real estate business and specialized on the development of unimproved property.

He was associated with such pioneers as J. J. and L. L. Mundy in what is today known as the El Paso Commercial Co.

Many of the improvements along Mesa avenue and in Kern Place were made by Mr. Brown. He was a colleague of the late Pete Kern
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in subdividing the addition later called Kern Place.

Mr. Brown donated part of the El Paso High School land to the school, and an area known as the Brown Survey, which is located in the College of Mines tract, to the college. He was considered an authority on land matters and worked on locating the old course of the Rio Grande in order to determine boundary lines between Texas and New Mexico.

He was the oldest living member of the Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 82 El Paso Chapter.

Mr. Brown was a direct descendant of Roger Williams of early American historical fame. Brown University in Providence, R. I., is located on the site of the home of the Brown family which stood eight generations before Mr. Brown was born.

Chad Brown, founder of the Brown family in America, was a co-worker of Roger Williams, and his grandson married the granddaughter of Roger Williams.

Surviving Mr. Brown are his wife; one daughter, Miss Ethel Brown, El Paso; a son, Bryan Wells Brown, San Luis, Potosi, Mexico; a brother, John G. Brown, Providence, R. I.; two grandsons, Maj. Bryan W. Brown Jr., and Lieut. Frank E. Brown.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow in the Kaster and Maxon Chapel with the Rev. B. M. G. Williams officiating. The body will be sent to Albuquerque, for cremation. The family requests that no flowers be sent.