

Pioneer El Paso Crockery Man Is Dead In Europe

Jacob Loeb, aged 65, an El Paso pioneer, died last Thursday at his home, in Dresden, Germany, according to a cablegram received by relatives in El Paso Monday night. The funeral took place in Dresden today.

Mr. Loeb, although it has been many years since he resided in El Paso, was the pioneer crockery dealer in El Paso. He came here in 1885 and, with his brother, Max, soon opened a crockery house where the W. G. Walz store is now located.

The Loeb brothers sent back to Europe for the Stolroff brothers, A. and J., and both worked as clerks in the Loeb store when they first came to El Paso.

Mr. Loeb was married in the '80s to Miss Minnie Zork, a sister of Mrs. A. Krakauer, Mrs. E. Moye, Mrs. J. Froebel and Gus and I. Zork, of El Paso. They all still reside here. She was making her home with Mrs. Krakauer at the time of her marriage and the wedding took place at the Krakauer home, on the southeast corner of St. Vrain street and Magoffin avenue, in the first brick residence built in El Paso. It was erected in 1881 by the late Adolph Krakauer, and the brick were made by Al. Lammour, who was connected with the old El Paso mule car line. A Krause, at present an El Paso architect, was the contractor who erected the house.

The foundation was built of brick, as Mt. Franklin was considered too far away for hauling rock for building purposes.

The marriage celebration of Mr. Loeb and Miss Zork was celebrated with a big lawn party at the Krakauer home and practically every American speaking family living in the city at the time was present.

Shortly after his marriage, Mr. Loeb erected a two story brick home for himself and bride adjoining the old D. E. Doane home, on Magoffin avenue. The residence was purchased by Mrs. Ella B. Howe when Mr. Loeb left for Europe. It is still standing, adjoining Delevan Court apartments on the west. Delevan Court apartments were erected on the site of the old Doane residence.

While the Loeb residence was being built, the late Robert Krakauer, then a small boy, came near losing his life. He was in the attic climbing about with a number of other boys, when he stepped on the ceiling lath and broke through. He fell to the basement, but fortunately missed striking any joists in his fall and was not badly injured.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Loeb, a daughter, Helen, and a son, Louis. Both children went to school in El Paso until their parents left here and are remembered by many El Pasoans of today.