

DEATH CLAIMS COL. JAMES MARR, AN OLD CITIZEN

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One of El Paso's pioneer citizens passed away this morning when at 2:30 o'clock, Colonel James S. Marr died at his home, 209 South Campbell street, surrounded by his family.

Col. Marr was sixty-five years of age and had spent a useful life and experienced an eventful career. He had lived in El Paso for many years, having come here before the railroads and having been identified with many of the city's enterprises. He was a civil war veteran.

He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss. James L. Marr, the elder son, is receiving teller in the First National bank, William K. Marr is in the employ of Burton-Lingo Lumber company. Of the three daughters two are married, one being the wife of Frank C. Earle, manager of the El Paso smelting works, and the other the wife of Douglas Gray, employed with the same concern, while the youngest daughter, Miss Josie Marr, lives at home.

Col. Marr had been ill for a few days only and his death was a shock and a surprise to his friends in this city and elsewhere. At the time of his death he was storekeeper for the United States government at the local bonded warehouse.

Born in Canada and reared in Pennsylvania, a descendent of one of the oldest families of that state, he has resided at various times all over the United States and was widely known. In his young days he had an inclination for newspaper work and was the boon companion of Hauser, the owner of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, and Joseph Pulitzer, owner of the New York World, when these men were young in the business.

At the age of nineteen he was in North Dakota as the agent of the Canadian Fur company and while there he established the first houses in Yankton, for Sitting Bull, the famous Indian chief, at the request of the company which he represented. At twenty years of age he was in St. Louis where he enlisted in the First Missouri artillery for the civil war. He served with distinction and was twice promoted for gallantry, once at the battle of Wilson Creek and once at the battle of Prairie Grove. He was wounded once and was in the hospital eight months.

At the close of the war he became a major in the Fourth artillery, regular army, in which he served till 1868, when he resigned, and was appointed supervisor of internal revenue for the United States for the district comprising Missouri, Colorado, Kansas and New Mexico and while serving in that position he was instrumental in breaking up the great whiskey ring.

Among the important battles in which he participated during the war besides the two mentioned, were the battles of Shiloh, Corinth and Vicksburg. At the latter place he took prisoner his brother who was serving in the confederate army.

After leaving the service of the revenue department he went further west to promote a railroad out of Denver, in which he was successful.

Before leaving the army and while stationed in Washington, he made the acquaintance of Col. Joseph Evans, now special agent of the United States treasury at this point, and a close friendship has existed between them ever since.

Col. Marr was well known in St. Louis and throughout Missouri and only last week he received an invitation from the surviving officers and men of the four Missouri regiments of artillery that took part in the civil war, to attend the annual reunion to be held in St. Louis tonight. Although he was ill when he received the invitation little did he expect that his soul would pass away on the date set for the annual meeting of old comrades, which he would have gladly attended had he been in good health.

Col. Marr came to El Paso in 1877, coming overland from Raton, N. M., four years before the first railroad arrived here, and he has been identified with the interests of the city ever since. Among the enterprises which he founded was the El Paso Transfer

company, now the Pomeroy Transfer company.

Deceased was a descendant of one of the oldest Pennsylvania families and the ancestral homestead in that state was founded in 1745, when one of three brothers who had left England several years previous and located in New Jersey, moved to Pennsylvania and settled.

Deceased was a member of the Knights of Honor but belonged to no other lodges. The funeral will be held from the family residence tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and the following old friends of the deceased will be the pall bearers: Capt. Chas. Davis, Judge Wyndham Kemp, Judge John M. Bean, Col. Jos. Evans, J. B. W. Burton and J. A. Smith. Interment will be made in Evergreen, and Rev. Henry Easter of St. Clement's church, will officiate. McBean & Simmons have the remains in charge.