

# 4 El Paso Pioneers Pass Away

Mrs. Katie Marr, George Harper, Asher Herrick, Mike Hennessey Die.

## Taken On Same Day

Mrs. Marr Was Escorted By U. S. Cavalry Through Indian Country.

Ranks of El Paso pioneers were thinned yesterday with the death of four early settlers. Those taken were Mrs. Katie Knight Marr, 83; George Harper, 67; Asher Herrick, 86, and Michael "Mike" J. Hennessey, 85.

## Mrs. Marr Came To El Paso In 1878

Mrs. Katie Knight Marr, 83, pioneer El Pasoan and widow of the late Col. James Marr, died of pneumonia at the residence of her son, James L. Marr, 235 Pennsylvania avenue, at 4:20 p. m. yesterday.

Mrs. Marr came to El Paso Sept. 1, 1878, from Denver, Colo. Her stage coach was escorted through the dangerous 600 miles of Indian infested country by a company of U. S. cavalry. At each of the stage coach stations along the route she was met by the few white settlers and entertained.

She was born in Philadelphia July 20, 1849. There she was reared and educated. In 1869 Colonel Marr, who had made a name for himself in the west, returned to Philadelphia and they were married. They moved to Colorado and nine years later came to El Paso.

### Organized Charity.

Mrs. Marr, associated with the late Mrs. Joseph Magoffin, organized the first charity relief work in El Paso in 1883. She remained active in social and civic affairs for many years. She was an active advisor to her husband in his organization of the Law and Order league and of the only vigilante committee ever organized in El Paso.

Often in her lectures to the El Paso Pioneer association, Mrs. Marr recalled the desperate and trying conditions encountered by pioneers here shortly before and after the railroads were shoved through to El Paso.

Colonel Marr established his home for Mrs. Marr on what is now known  
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## 4 Old Residents Die On Same Day

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as Overland street and just behind the present location of the county court house. The family several years later moved to Sunset Heights. Her life was active and was full of exciting incidents and adventures.

### Here Are Survivors.

She was the mother of nine children, three of them still living. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Douglas Gray, Tucson, and Mrs. Fred A. Fable of Philadelphia; one son, James L. Marr of El Paso; a sister, Mrs. Edward Cristman, Philadelphia, the only surviving member of the Knight family. She also is survived by seven grandchildren, Mrs. Frances Earle Brown, El Paso; Mrs. Katherine Earle Niblo, Washington, D. C.; James Earle, Monterrey, Mex.; Douglas Gray, El Paso, and James, Grace and Will Marr of El Paso.

Funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian church at 10 a. m. tomorrow. Burial will be in the family plot in Evergreen cemetery.

# HOLD FUNERAL RITE TOMORROW FOR MRS. MARR

## Pioneer Resident Came to City Three Years Before First Train Arrived

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Burial will be in Evergreen.

Mrs. Marr was the widow of the late Col. James Marr.

She came to El Paso from Denver, Colo., in 1878, three years before the first railroad entered the city.

A troop of U. S. cavalry accompanied the stage coach in which Mrs. Marr made the trip, to guard against Indian raids.

In 1883, Mrs. Marr and the late Mrs. Joseph Magoffin organized the first charity relief program in El Paso.

With her husband, she was active in the organization of the Law and Order league and the only vigilante committee ever formed in El Paso.

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