

W. M. McCoy, Pioneer Hotel Proprietor, Died Sunday Night

William M. McCoy, proprietor of Hotel McCoy, and resident of El Paso since 1878, died suddenly Sunday night at 8 o'clock from heart attack. Mrs. McCoy, two sons and Dr. Wentley were with him when death came.

Mr. McCoy had been ill for the past several years, caused by high blood pressure. While lying down resting Sunday about 6 o'clock, he was seized by a heart attack. Dr. Wentley was immediately summoned, but Mr. McCoy died about two hours later.

In 1878, Mr. McCoy came to El Paso from Plattsburg, N. Y. He had lived in the southwest ever since. He prospected in Chihuahua and New Mexico for minerals, long be-

fore a railroad came through. He saw El Paso grow from a border settlement to metropolis it now is.

Mr. McCoy's marriage to Miss Susie M. Dougher, a daughter of J. E. Dougher, owner of El Paso's first hotel, occurred nearly 40 years ago. After his marriage, Mr. McCoy worked at the smelter for a time. Later, however, he bought out his father-in-law's hotel and ran it for 15 years. He then moved his family to the Hotel McCoy, which he had conducted for the past 14 years.

Mr. McCoy was a member of both the Knights of Columbus and the Elks. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Susie M. McCoy, and two sons, Charles E. and J. Ormond, all of El Paso. J. E. Dougher, a brother of Mrs. McCoy, will arrive Monday from Los Angeles. Funeral arrangements are pending. The body is at Hartford's mortuary.