
DEATH COMES TO HEROIC CLERGYMAN

Rev. William C. McCracken, a retired clergyman of the Episcopal church, died Saturday morning at his home, 216 Martinez place, Orchard Park. Rev. Mr. McCracken was about 65 years old and had been in the priesthood for 39 years.

During his early ministry, Rev. Mr. McCracken was in Granada, Miss., at the time the city was stricken with an outbreak of yellow fever in 1878. Every man in the city, excepting three, died of the fever, and upon these three, of which the clergyman was one, fell the burden of burying the dead and nursing the sick. When one of these three was stricken with the dread disease and died, the other man fled panic stricken, leaving Mr. McCracken to continue alone.

For his heroism during this crisis the city of Granada, aided by members of the Episcopal church in other parts of the country, presented him a home in El Paso, when he retired from active work.

Rev. Mr. McCracken is survived by his widow and seven children, Will McCracken, J. M. McCracken, Miss Lillian McCracken and Mrs. Robert Page, of El Paso; Mrs. T. B. Towne and Miss Elizabeth McCracken, of Boston, and Miss Nettie McCracken, of Vermont.
