

JOHN M'ELROY, CONTRACTOR, SHOOT'S SELF

Son Blames Poor Health
And Finances For
Father's Act

EL PASO PIONEER

Body Found in Office With
Gun by Side; Lived In
El Paso 30 Years

John C. McElroy, of the firm of J. C. McElroy & Son, general contractors, was found dead in his office at 2411 Mills today about 11 a. m.

He had been shot through the temple. A gun was by his side.

The body was found by J. C. McElroy Jr.

"My father had been despondent over ill health and financial difficulties," said the son. "He had been ill for a year. He had an attack of flu, then suffered a relapse."

No note was found and young McElroy said his father had never hinted that he planned to take his own life.

Employees did not hear the shot.

McElroy, 53, had lived 30 years in El Paso, and had been a general contractor during that time. He came to El Paso from Alabama.

McElroy built many El Paso residences and other buildings, including the Yaleta High school.

He is survived by his son and his widow, who live on Glenwood drive.

The body was taken to Kaster & Maxon mortuary.