

Joseph H. Pollard Taken By Death

Joseph H. Pollard, vice president of McKesson-Kelly and Pollard, wholesale druggouse of El Paso, prominent pioneer resident, died today in a hospital.

Mr. Pollard was 81. He had been active in business, going to his office daily, until two weeks ago. He had been in failing health due to a heart condition. He was taken to the hospital several days ago. He became ill with bronchial pneumonia.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. at Peak-Hagedon Chapel with Rev. Paul Newton Poling officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Pollard came to El Paso in 1882, a year after the arrival of the railroad. He was a native of Callaway County, Mo., where he learned the prescription druggist's trade. His first position in El Paso was that of a clerk in a small drug store on San Antonio street. In those days El Paso was a small town emerging from the adobe village days.

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outstanding El Paso business man, revered by his friends for his high principles and consideration of "the other man's feelings."

In former days, he was a director on the board of the Toltec Club, social club of El Paso men. He served on different occasions on the board of the Country Club where, until three months ago, he enjoyed playing golf with his close friend, Henry S. Beach.

Mr. Pollard recalled the days when drug store shelves were lined with bottles of medicine and when pharmacists made their own pills. He knew drug stores when they sold only drugs.

When the old Sheldon building was erected on the site of the Hilton Hotel in 1887, the late Robert F. Campbell opened the Rio Grande Pharmacy. Mr. Pollard was made manager and remained with the firm until 1893 when he and the late Mayor C. E. Kelly formed the firm of Kelly and Pollard. They built up a flourishing retail business and operated it 20 years.

About 28 years ago the firm entered the wholesale field and in 1929, the corporation was succeeded by McKesson, Kelly and Pollard, a division of McKesson and Robbins, Inc. In 1929, the firm moved to its present building.

His Survivors

Mr. Pollard was a Presbyterian. He belonged to the Elks Club.

Mrs. Pollard died 41 years ago. Mr. Pollard is survived by a son, Mason Pollard of El Paso; two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Burges and Miss Nell Pollard of El Paso; a brother, J. W. Pollard of Fulton, Mo.; and a granddaughter, Mrs. Don Dexter of Los Angeles.

Active pallbearers will be: Karl Blumenthal, Robert L. Holliday, Otis C. Coles, Joseph C. Peyton, Dr. James Vance and Tom Lea Sr.

Honorary pallbearers will be: C. W. Moss, Henry S. Beach, Charles N. Bassett, Joe W. Wilson, Winchester Cooley and Dr. S. T. Turner.