

PIONEER UNDERTAKER TAKEN BY DEATH

John Carlton Ross Started Business in 1895

Funeral services for John Carlton Ross of 511 Arizona street, pioneer El Paso undertaker, will be held tomorrow at 4 p. m. at Peak-Hagedon Mortuary. El Paso Lodge No. 130, A. F. and A. M., will be in charge.

Mr. Ross died yesterday. He was 87.

The undertaking business was still a side-line of the livery stable business, when Mr. Ross became an El Paso undertaker in 1895. He bought the business from a man who had developed the funeral parlor as a profitable booster for his carriage business.

Mr. Ross was one of the first El Pasoans to operate a mortuary as a separate business. He founded the Ross funeral parlors on South El Paso street, which he operated 12 years.

He was connected with Masonry 47 years. He was once keeper of El Paso Lodge No. 130, A. F. and A. M.

Burial will be in the Masonic plot at Concordia Cemetery. The family requested that no flowers be sent.