

Pioneer Officer Of El Paso Dies In His Valley Home

ONE of the picturesque, fast dwindling pioneers of the valley, a leader in the turbulent times of 40 years ago, passed away Thursday night in the death of Adolph Schildknecht, at his ranch on the Socorro-Ysleta line.

The first city marshal of Ysleta, Mr. Schildknecht played a leading role in subduing that once lawless area into a law abiding city. Although in his early days he was called upon to face death many times, he never found it necessary to take a human life and maintained law and order more by the strength of his own personality than by any show of force.

Was County Officer

Mr. Schildknecht came to the valley some 40 years ago and had played a big part in the political development of the county. For many years he was deputy county assessor under George Hartmann and later

worked in the county clerk's office under Manuel Flores.

Mr. Schildknecht worked under Mr. Flores prior to the moving of the county clerk's office from Ysleta to El Paso in 1884. Mr. Flores Friday said that Mr. Schildknecht was a conscientious deputy and was extremely popular throughout the county.

Retired To Farm.

After retiring from public life, he acquired a farm near Ysleta and the last few years of his life had been devoted to tilling the soil.

Mr. Schildknecht was born in Germany. Soon after locating in El Paso he married Miss Benn Blanchard, daughter of W. B. Blanchard, former county surveyor. One daughter, now married and living in San Antonio, was born to this union. Mrs. Schildknecht died a few years after the daughter was born.

Pending the making of funeral arrangements, the body of Mr. Schildknecht is at the chapel of Kaster & Maxon.