

JOSEPH R. WATTS DIES AT TUCSON

**Assisted Brother to Instal
Watts Well; Father of J.
J. and Edward Watts.**

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 20.—The funeral of Joseph R. Watts, pioneer resident of Tucson, who died Friday, was held here Sunday from All Saints church.

Having come here in 1882, Mr. Watts built Tucson's first waterworks system. He was later made manager of the works and continued in that capacity for a number of years. He was born in St. Louis in 1830, learned the trade of ship's carpenter and engaged in building of government war vessels during the civil war.

Mr. Watts is survived by his widow and four children: William H. Watts, manager of the water system at Columbia, Mo.; Edward and James J. Watts of El Paso, and Mrs. A. E. Creph of Tucson.

Joseph R. Watts was a brother of Sylvester Watts, who put in the first waterworks system in El Paso known as the Watts wells, in the bed of the Rio Grande, between the Hart homestead and the Santa Fe street bridge. He assisted Sylvester in this enterprise and later moved to Tucson, Ariz. James J. Watts is a real estate dealer of El Paso and Edward Watts is an engineer at the city waterworks.

James J. Watts could not attend his father's funeral held on Sunday because he was confined to his bed with a severe cold.

The Watts wells were acquired by the International Water company and, later, were merged into the city system. They are now used as an auxiliary water supply in emergency cases.