

Dr. Godfrey Pittis Dies; Long Resident of Area

H. N. June 15, 1965
ALLENDALE — Dr. Godfrey Pittis of 185 Myrtle Ave., long-time resident of this Borough, prominent in Masonic circles of the state and as a member of Christ Episcopal Church, Ridgewood, died early yesterday morning at 91. He had been in failing health for a long period. His wife, Maude Gay Pittis, died Sept. 27, 1954.

Services will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. in Christ Church, with the rector, the Rev. Alfred J. Miller, officiating. Interment will be at 1 p.m. on Monday in the family plot in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn. The C. C. Van Emburgh Mortuary of Ridgewood is in charge of arrangements.

Born in Plainfield July 5, 1874, he was the son of Thomas and Henrietta Pittis. He was graduated from Dartmouth Medical School in 1896 and interned in the Willard State Hospital, Geneva, N.Y., coming to Allendale to establish his practice on May 27, 1898. He had made his home in this Borough during the intervening years.

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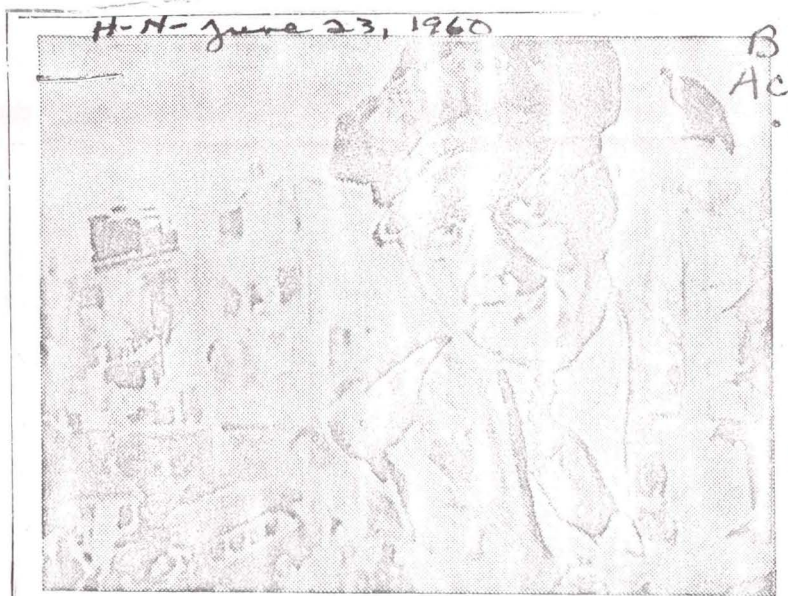
physician did research work in the Hudson Street Hospital, New York City. During World War I he served in the Emergency Fleet and following his discharge retired from active medical practice, devoting his time to real estate.

He came from a large family, his parents having 10 sons and one daughter. Four of his brothers entered the medical profession. There are no known survivors.

Dr. Pittis was warden-emeritus of Christ Church of Ridgewood where he had served as vestryman for many years. He was responsible for plantings of trees on the church grounds and for many improvements in the buildings.

He gave the flag pole which stands near the church, and its flag will fly at half-staff until after the services.

For years Dr. Pittis was an active and interested Mason. His fraternal associations included membership in Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 88, F & AM, Paterson; Melita Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar; Kane Council, No. 2, Royal and Select Masters of New Jersey; Adelphi Chapter, No. 33, Royal Arch Masons; the Royal Order of Scotland, and the Red Cross of Constantine; Martha Washington Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Paterson, and many other dependent Masonic bodies.



For 20 years until his death May 9, Manley Ackerman of Allendale made scores of friends as starter for the bus companies at the Ridgewood Terminal opposite the Park. The above is a sketch by Joseph P. Gaugler of Saddle River, for which Mr. Ackerman posed during war years. To quote the artist: "The background arrangement is symbolic of how our friend personalized the Ridgewood Memorial and the bus loads of troops he always returned to their posts with his special blessing."

with inter-city bus lines. The man had been associated with the Great Eastern grocery stores in this section.

His wife, Mary Hover Ackerman, predeceased him. He was a member of the Archer Memorial Methodist Church of Allendale, and served the parish as its financial secretary for a number of years.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday at 3 p.m. in the C. C. Van Emburgh Mortuary, Ridgewood, by the Rev. Harry W. Goodrich, pastor of Archer Church. Interment was in Valleau Cemetery, Ridgewood.

Surviving are two step-sons, Claude H. Voorhis, with whom he made his home, and Carl Voorhis of Suffern, N. Y.; three grandchildren, Robert Abramson of Paterson, Raymond Voorhis of Allendale, and Nancy Voorhis of Suffern; two sisters, Mrs. Laretta Mitchell of Dayton, O., and Mrs. Florence Jehn of Paterson, and two brothers, Wilbur of Oakland and Frank of St. Petersburg, Fla.