[Brown, George M.]

George M. Brown, Ex-Tax Aide, Dies Pioneer Resident Of Flatbush Was 73—Succumbs in Florida

George M. Brown, former Deputy Tax Commissioner in Brooklyn and a pioneer resident of Flatbush, died yesterday at Ocean Ridge, Fla., according to word received here. He was 73 and had been ill since last Christmas. For many years Mr. Brown lived at 456 Argyle Road, having moved there from Manhattan in the days when that section of Flatbush was sparsely developed and the present Brighton Line subway ran on the surface. For the last six years he had made his home with his son, Lester C. Brown, at 2133 New York Ave., and had been spending his Winters in Florida.

Born in Manhattan, he was the son of George Brown, who conducted Brown's Dancing Academy on Canal St., when a canal ran through that thoroughfare. As a young man he was active in Democratic politics in Manhattan. Mr. Brown retired from the city tax department about 13 years ago after more than 28 years of service. He was widely known in the Midwood section. At one time he was active in the affairs of the Flatbush Democratic Club. He had been a member of the Royal Arcanum. His widow, Mrs. Harriet T. Brown, was for many years clerk at Public School 152, Glenwood Road and E. 23d St. His son is in the lumber business in Brooklyn and is treasurer of the Kings Highway Methodist Church School. Also surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Walter N. Knauth, whose husband is associated with a lumber concern in Manhattan. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in the chapel at 2977 Ocean Ave. by the Rev. Cornelius Greenway, pastor of All Souls Universalist Church. Burial will be in Green-Wood Cemetery.

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