

## Catherine Mary Pittis

### 1911 census – Blenheim, Queens Road, Shanklin, Isle of Wight

Francis Pittis	Head	74	Auctioneer and Estate Agent	Newport, Isle of Wight
<b>Catherine Mary Pittis</b>	<b>Wife</b>	<b>69</b>		<b>Glasgow</b>
Emma Cooper	Trained Nurse	38	Trained Nurse	Boroborough Gardens, Middlesex,

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#### SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS FRANCIS PITTIS

We regret to record the death which took place with painful suddenness on Thursday afternoon of Mrs Francis Pittis, wife of Ald. Francis Pittis, J.P., of Holmbrook, Newport, The deceased lady was one of a large party of friends of the Vicar of Newport (the Rev. H. Edmund Sharpe) and Mrs Sharpe, who were attending the Baptism at St. Thomas's Church of the infant daughter of Mrs A. King, the Vicar's daughter. During the progress of the service Mrs Pittis felt unwell, and leaving her seat she succeeded with difficulty in reaching the west porch, accompanied by her maid. Upon reaching the porch she faltered and sank down by the seat, and the vergers (Mr C. H. Mallard) and sacristan (Mr H. Tullidge), with Mr W. G. Perkis (living opposite) and others, rendered what assistance they could and summoned a doctor. Dr. Hutton Castle arrived first followed by her medical attendant, Dr. Stanley Foster, but in spite of all that medical skill could do the deceased lady passed peacefully away. The Vicar was summoned from the service and proceeded to Holmbrook to break the news to the deceased's husband, and the body was afterwards removed home.

Mrs Pittis has been an invalid for many years and frequently suffered much pain, despite every possible medical attention. She was the eldest child of the late Mr Robert Aitken, J.P., of Glasgow, and Lhire, Ayrshire, who held important public offices, including the chairmanship of the Glasgow Royal Exchange and the Glasgow Stock Exchange, and when he retired from business he was unanimously elected First Provost of Largs. His eldest son is Col. Aitken, of Lansdowne Park, Helensburgh, and his youngest Mr Charles Aitken. of Totland Bay. There are also two surviving daughters, who reside at Castlekeld, Largs.

The facts of the sad occurrence were reported to the Deputy Coroner (F. A. Joyce, Esq.), but as the medical men were agreed in the opinion that death was due to cerebral haemorrhage, he has decided that an inquest will not be necessary.

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