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DEARBORN, MICH.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. December 13, 1938.

Mr. F. L. Black,
The Edison Institute,
Dearborn, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Black:-

It is with sincere regret that I enclose a newspaper clipping taken from the Washington "Post" of this morning, announcing the death of Mr. Edwin B. Pitts. This is the same Mr.Pitts who assisted me in gathering material for you in connection with the John Wilkes Booth matter.

Much as I should like to do so, to pay my last respects to a fine gentleman, I shall be unable to attend the funeral. I am under the care of my physician and have been at home, in bed since Tuesday, Dec. 6th, with a case of congestion in both lungs, the result of a very bad cold. Fortunately, for me, my condition fell just short of a case of pneumonia. Am sitting up today and the doctor told me this morning that I may be able to return to work Thursday or Friday. I expect to be in Dearborn next Tuesday morning for conference with members of the General Traffic Department and should like to drop in and say "hello" to you before I leave. In meantime, am arranging to send a personal remembrance to Mr. Pitts in the form of a floral Spray.

Sincerely,

JWC/c

Edwin B. Pitts, 51, Fraternal Leader And Veteran, Dies

Edwin Basil Pitts, 51, chief clerk in the office of the Judge Advocate General of the War Department, and a leader in fraternal affairs in Washington and Maryland, died yesterday at his home, 16 Ross street, Cottage City, Md.

A native of Oswego County, N. Y., Pitts served with the Army during the World War, and moved to Cottage City shortly after. At his death he was grand warden of the Odd Fellows in Maryland. He was also past State counselor of the Junior Order of American Mechanics in the District, and a member of the Masons.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Harriet Edna Pitts, member of the Prince Georges County Board of Education; a son, Donald Edwin Pitts, and two grand-daughters, of Cottage City.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. tomorrow in Gasch's funeral home, Hyattsville, Md. Odd Fellows' services will be held at Gasch's, while Masonic services will be held at the grave in Arlington Cemetery.

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