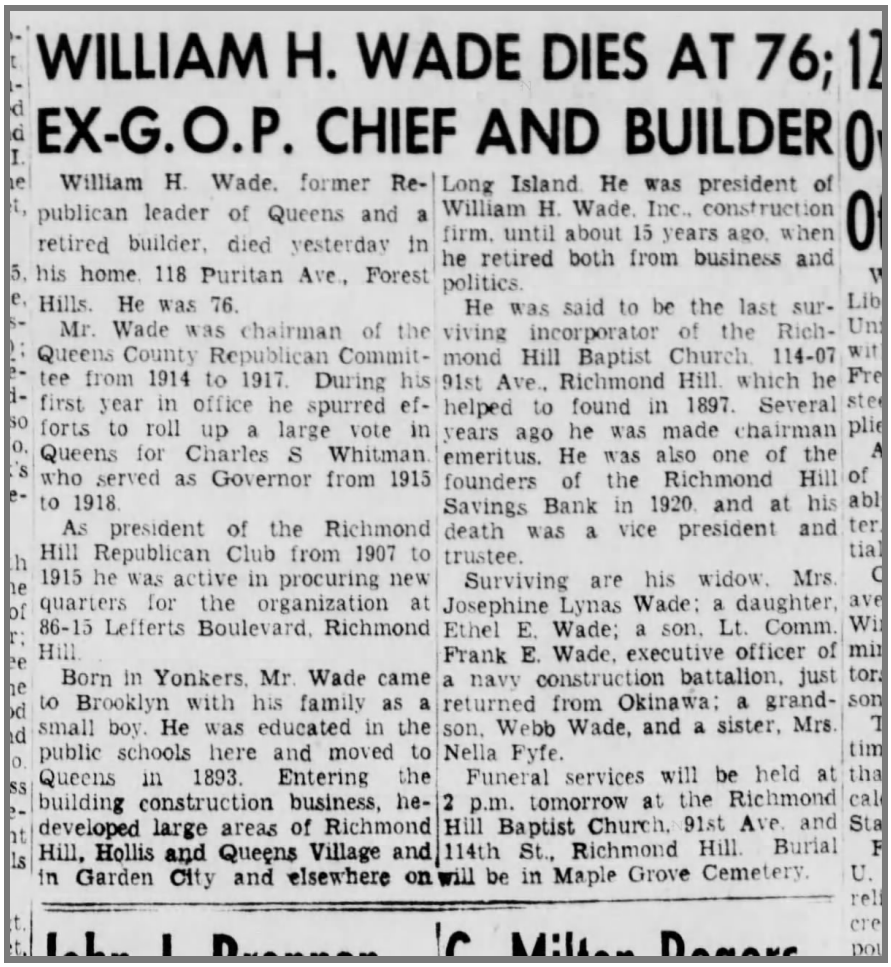
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WILLIAM H. WADE DIES AT 76; EX-G.O.P. CHIEF AND BUILDER

William H. Wade, former Republican leader of Queens and a retired builder, died yesterday in his home, 118 Puritan Ave., Forest Hills. He was 76.

Mr. Wade was chairman of the Queens County Republican Committee from 1914 to 1917. During his first year in office he spurred efforts to roll up a large vote in Queens for Charles S Whitman, who served as Governor from 1915 to 1918.

As president of the Richmond Hill Republican Club from 1907 to 1915 he was active in procuring new quarters for the organization at 86-15 Lefferts Boulevard, Richmond Hill.

Born in Yonkers, Mr. Wade came to Brooklyn with his family as a small boy. He was educated in the public schools here and moved to Queens in 1893. Entering the building construction business, he developed large areas of Richmond Hill, Hollis and Queens Village and in Garden City and elsewhere on Long Island. He was president of William H. Wade, Inc., construction firm, until about 15 years ago, when he retired both from business and politics.

He was said to be the last surviving incorporator of the Richmond Hill Baptist Church, 114-07 91st Ave., Richmond Hill, which he helped to found in 1897. Several years ago he was made chairman emeritus. He was also one of the founders of the Richmond Hill Savings Bank in 1920, and at his death was a vice president and trustee.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Josephine Lynas Wade; a daughter, Ethel E. Wade; a son, Lt. Comm. Frank E. Wade, executive officer of a navy construction battalion, just returned from Okinawa; a grandson, Webb Wade, and a sister, Mrs. Nella Fyfe.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Richmond Hill Baptist Church, 91st Ave. and 114th St., Richmond Hill. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery.

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