

IN MEMORIAM

My father, Mervin Gerard Pallister, came to Shoreham in 1908 at the age of six months with his parents Hortense and Claude V. Pallister. The family lived in New Jersey and summered in Shoreham until 1945.

Mervin Pallister graduated cum laude from Dartmouth College '29 and from the Brooklyn Law School. He and his father were partners in the law firm Pallister & Pallister in Manhattan before he became the General Counsel and Secretary for the J.J. Newberry CO. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was in Who's Who in America.

Claude V. Pallister handled the incorporation of the Village of Shoreham in 1913, and became its first Mayor, then called President, from 1913-15 and again from 1924-25. Under his direction the concrete roads were built and the Shoreham Country Club was organized. Both he and my father were presidents of the S.C.C.

It was in Shoreham my father met his wife of fifty-five years, Kathryn M. Kohlmann, daughter of Phoebe E. and Henry J. Kohlmann ' M.D. Her family lived in Brooklyn and summered in Shoreham until 1944. My mother graduated from the Packer Collegiate institute in '29. Her mother was a Skidmore whose family dates back to the 1700's in Shoreham.

Upon my father's retirement in 1972, my parents moved from Manhasset to the home they built in Shoreham where my mother still lives. It was then he became the Village Historian and remained so until his passing in 1986. He greatly enjoyed writing this interesting history, but never typed a final copy of his manuscript. I am very happy to have finally done it, because I am sure it will be enjoyed by many.

In addition to the seven old photos and one drawing done by him which were with the original text, I have taken the liberty of adding an informal picture taken of him in 1984 by my husband who became Village Historian after my father's passing. I also added the cover's postcard.

Kathryn M. (Pallister) Spier '95