

THEODORA TESSERIS LEKKA, M.D.

I, Dr. Theodora Tesseris Lekka was born on May 26, 1903 in Pittsburgh, Pa. to Lambros P. Lekkas and Panagiota maiden name Soumakis. Both my parents are of Greek abstract and of the Greek Orthodox Faith.

At the age of six I attended the Margaretta Public School of Pittsburgh, Pa.

My attendance to this school was interrupted in June, 1912 when we moved with my family to New York City and from there to Greece in September of 1912.

At Greece:

I entered the Elementary Public School of Sparta, Greece from October, 1912 and had completed the fourth grade of this school by June, 1916.

In September, 1916 I enrolled at the Greek Junior High School of Molavus, Greece from 1916 to 1919. Having successfully passed the necessary tests I was graduated in June, 1919.

I enrolled as a pupil of the "Second High School" (Gymnasium) for Males of Pirgacus for the period 1919 to 1923. Having taken the necessary tests for the subjects: Religious Instruction, Greek, Latin, Mathematics, French, Logic and Physics the final school year 1922 to 1923 I graduated and received my certificate of Graduation June, 1923.

I entered the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece and was listed in the Roster of students of the Medical School for the University years 1923 to 1924 and renewed my enrollment for the university years of 1924-25, 1925-26, 1926-27, 1927-28, 1928-29. I concluded a six year attendance of studies in the said school.

I attended sessions and clinics as required and passed successfully examinations in: Zoology, Botany, Physics, Inorganic Chemistry, Anatomy, Physiology, Organic Chemistry, History of Medicine, Pathologic Physiology, Surgical Pathology, Experimental Pharmacology, Operations and Topographic Anatomy, Pathologic Anatomy, Hygiene and Bacteriology, Special Nosology and Preparatory Pathologic Clinic, Medico-Legal and Toxicology.

Having undergone the examination to obtain diploma on the following subjects:

- Pathologic Clinic by three professors
- Surgical Clinic " " "
- Obstetrics Clinic & Obstetrics & Gynecologic Clinics
- Ophthalmologic Clinic
- Neurologic & Psychiatric Clinic
- Pediatrics Clinic
- Venereal & Skin Clinic Diseases

I was approved as a graduate of the School of Medicine and received my Diploma of Medicine on November 10, 1929.

I did post graduate study work in Medicine and Gynecology from January to June, 1930.

Finally I served without pay as an Assistant at the Laboratory of the Board of Health from June 20, 1930 till the end of December, 1933.

I had my own practice from January, 1934 to March, 1936 in Athens, Greece and moved from there to Molavus, Greece from March, 1936 to December, 1945 when I returned to Athens, Greece where I applied for my visa and returned to New York City on January 23, 1947 with my two daughters aged 4-1/2 and 3 years.

IN UNITED STATES

I took a course in English Language and passed the English Professional Language Examination in September, 1947. My Medical Credentials were evaluated at Albany, New York and I was permitted to take the Medical Licensing Examination of which I have passed the first group. I was in the last examining period of July 10, to 14, 1967 and retook exams for the second group.

In June, 1947 I was accepted and worked at Sea View Hospital and worked there to March, 1950. At Sea View Hospital we admitted patients; examined them, did pneumothorax, pneumoperitoneum treatments. Aspirations of fluids, gastric, pleural, peritoneal cavities and other work was done. Did fluoroscopy, read x-rays of our patients and treated them as indicated. I also attended Medico-Surgical Conferences, Pathological, Skin, Gastro-Intestinal and of other services.

I resigned and took a position as House Physician at the Freeport General Hospital and worked there from March, 1950 to September, 1950 when I again resigned to make better arrangements for myself and my two very young daughters with maintenance and a home on the ground with chances of advancement and training. I began working at Pilgrim State Hospital, Edgewood Division from 9/16/50 to this date, having taken the course at Psychiatric Institute from October, 1952 to June, 1953, one full day weekly and the evening sessions at the Staff House and Building 23. I am at Wassaic State School from Dec. 1962 up to this date performing the required Senior Psychiatrist's duties.

I was promoted to Permanent Senior Psychiatrist in October, 1966.

At Pilgrim State Hospital, Edgewood Division we admitted patients, examined, and treated with E.C.T., Psychotherapy and with tranquilizing agents as recommended.

I applied for the 20-138 Supervising Psychiatrist test, and have not heard from it, nor from the State Boards which I took part in on July 1967.

This is my autobiography of school and work to the best of my recollection. Pathology, Physiology, Organic Chemistry, History of Medicine, Pathologic Physiology, Surgical Pathology, Hygiene and Bacteriology, Special Nosology and Preparatory Pathologic Clinic, Medico-legal and Toxicology.

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