

BARBARA GARDNER CRAWFORD

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Mrs. Crawford accompanied her husband, Ambassador William Avery Crawford, on his State Department Foreign Service assignments in the United States and abroad. This Oral History consists of the text of Mrs. Crawford's talk at the 35th Reunion of the Class of 1938 at Mount Holyoke College, May 1973

Background

Born in New Jersey
Mount Holyoke College
Katie Gibbs, Altmans and Brides School
Married William Avery Crawford in 1940
Died in 1979
Mother of five children

Posts of Assignment

Havana, Cuba	1941-1944
Birth of two children	
Moscow, USSR	1945-1947
Arrival on V-E Day	
Russian language study	
Ambassador Harriman	
Housing in suburbs	
Sea voyage to post	
Unhappy arrival of personal effects	
Household help	
Gardening	
Well-boiled tennis balls	
Washington, DC	1947-1950
Paris, France	1950-1954
Washington, DC	1954-1957
Prague, Czechoslovakia	1957-1959
Children's schooling	
Establishing international school	
Nationalities	
Washington, DC	1959-1962
Bucharest, Romania	1962-1965
Schooling for children	
Establishing international school	
Potomac School curriculum	
Paris, France	1965-1967
Diplomatic lunch	

Washington, DC

1967-1970

General Comments

Useful talents for Foreign Service wives

Children

Official entertaining

Enjoyment of life in the Foreign Service