

TESSA Mc BRIDE

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Tessa Mason Mc Bride accompanied her husband, Foreign Service Officer Edward Mc Bride, on his assignments with the United States Information Agency in Washington, D.C. and abroad.

Background

Born in England into a British Army family, raised in the UK and elsewhere abroad.

Married to Foreign Service Officer Edward Mc Bride

Acquired US citizenship 1967

Paris, France: Wife of Edward McBride, Cultural Affairs Officer 1967-1970

Environment

Studies at the Sorbonne

Husband's Cultural Affairs (USIA) duties

Student revolution – 1968

Pregnancy

Embassy protocol

US Ambassadors and wives

Visit of President Nixon

Dakar, Senegal; Wife of Cultural Affairs Officer 1970-1973

Environment

Security

Family

Illnesses

American presence

Missionaries

Peace Corps

Washington, D.C.; Studying Serbo-Croatian 1973-1974

Husband at FSI studying Serbo-Croatian

Belgrade, Yugoslavia; Teacher; International School of Belgrade 1974-1978

Wife of Cultural Affairs Officer

Fulbright Scholars

Environment

Security

Washington, D.C.; Preparing for Ph.D. (Historical Demography) 1978-1982

Husband at USIA; Cultural Exhibits

Bucharest Romania, Teacher, American School of Bucharest 1982-1985

Wife of Cultural Affairs Officer

- Education of children
- Environment
- Question of employed Foreign Service Wives
- Embassy personnel problems
- Food and entertaining
- Personal security
- American School students and curriculum
- Economy
- Ceausescu
- Medical facilities

Madrid, Spain; Teacher, the American School; Community Liaison Officer (CLO) 1986-1990

- Wife of Cultural Affairs Officer
- Environment
- Morale problems
- Cultural environment
- TGIF innovation
- Marine contingent
- Working on education issues
- Lack of language training provision

Prague, Czechoslovakia 1990

London, England; Employed as Embassy Housing Assistant and Community Liaison Officer (CLO) 1990-

- Husband, Cultural Affairs Officer
- Housing problems
- Social life
- Schooling possibilities
- Buckingham Palace reception
- Duties of CLO