Marvin Breckinridge Patterson

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Mrs. Patterson, was born Marvin Breckinridge in New York City, N.Y. In 1940 she married Foreign Service Officer Jefferson Patterson and accompanied him on his diplomatic assignments in the United States and abroad.

Background
  Family
  Childhood
  Schooling
  Vassar College
  Columbia School of Journalism
  Brearly School
  Teachers
  Interest in photography
  Foreign language study abroad
  Work with Democratic National Committee

Activities during World War II 1939-1945
  Photograph and foreign radio broadcasting
  Berlin, Germany
  Marriage
  Interviews
  Tours of European fortifications
  Holland
  Paris
  Allied Prisoners of War
  Wartime Europe

Flying
Volunteer, Frontier Nursing Service
Foreign travel
  Yucatan, Mexico
  Africa
  Worldwide
Pet dog

Professional photography, worldwide

Mrs. Patterson accompanied her husband on the following diplomatic assignments.

Lima, Peru 1941-1945
  Spanish language study

Brussels, Belgium 1945-1946
Cairo, Egypt 1946-1950
  Palestine War
  Arabic language study

Washington, D.C. 1950

New York City, New York; United Nations 1950-1951

Washington, DC: (Husband’s special assignments 1951-1954
  Athens, Greece: US Rep. to UN Balkans Committee 1951
  Sao Paulo, Brazil: US Rep. to international Trade Fair 1954

  Bi-national organization (USAY)
  Environment
  Internal travel
  Prison of war camps

Professional Photography
  Foreign travels

Suggestions for spouse of a US Ambassador abroad
  Need to learn about the country
  Joint American/Foreign National organizations
  Train officers’ wives