

# 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 Palestine War Arabic language study	1946-1950
Washington, D.C.	1950
New York City, New York; United Nations	1950-1951
Washington, DC: (Husband's special assignments Athens, Greece: US Rep. to UN Balkans Committee Khartoum, Sudan: US Rep. to Parliament inauguration Sao Paulo, Brazil: US Rep. to international Trade Fair	1951-1954 1951 1954 1954
Montevideo, Uruguay: Spouse of US Ambassador Bi-national organization (USAY) Environment Internal travel Prison of war camps	1956-1958
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	