

LEAVES IN YOUR TREE: Louise (Tidd) and Bill Miller

Mabel Louise Tidd was born on June 12th in 1905 to George and Jennie Tidd. After a string of five boys born in the 1890's, the three youngest Tidds – girls Kay, Louise and Esther – must have been quite close growing up together.

As a teenager, Louise felt a calling to be a missionary in China. She enrolled in Gordon Bible College, which was located in Boston at that time. It was there that she met her future husband William Bryant Miller, a Pasadena native who was studying to be a minister.



Louise
circa 1925



Louise Miller
circa 1945



Bill Miller
circa 1935

Louise and Bill married in 1931 and initially lived in California with his family. Their daughter Rachel was born in 1933. The Millers lived in different locations due to Bill's occupation as a Lutheran Minister, and later settled in upstate New York.

Daughter Rachel married Rodney Purner in 1956.



Rachel Miller
circa 1945



Rachel and Rodney Purner's
wedding day, 1956
with their parents