

KATHERINE (Tidd) and ALBERT MARSTON



KATHERINE MARSTON

B: July 3, 1902

D: September 20, 1976

ALBERT OBERLIN MARSTON

B: November 29, 1902

D: January 11, 1975

MARRIED:

December 16, 1925

Formal portraits probably taken after high school

Katherine and Albert were an odd couple. He was over 6 feet tall, and she was around 5', as you can see in the courting photograph to the right, circa 1925. By all accounts they were a true love-match and made their home in a mid-era Colonial house at 133 North Street in Georgetown, Massachusetts. Katherine, who her nieces and nephews knew as "Aunt Kay", built in their yard a type of secret garden, with pathways, vertical gardening, and fruit bushes protected from the birds by giant netting.



Katherine and Albert, circa 1925. Probably an engagement photo. Sailor dresses were trendy, yet still rebellious during a time when women were still coming out from under Edwardian conventions.



Albert, 1940's

During WWII, Albert was stationed at Camp Mead, MD for basic training and Katherine (in order to be near him) had taken a job at a bank in Washington, D.C. When he complained about the quality of the food at camp, he was put on a train to Ft. Hood, TX, and promoted to the position of cook. Albert learned culinary skills while he crisscrossed the country on a troop train. Katherine could only wait patiently for his service to be over.

During the last year of the war, Albert and Katherine helped raise David and Becky Brockelbank when their parents were building destroyer escort ships down in Boston Harbor. The children spent many months living with the couple, walking to Central School which was right next door. Albert and Katherine were key in providing stability for Becky and David during the tumultuous times of World War II. David called Aunt Kay his "Other-Mother".

During their lives he and Katherine generally kept close to home, occasionally taking local trips to places like Maine. They cherished their life together, and when he passed away in 1975 she followed soon after the following year. Their grand-nieces and grand-nephews who remember them have a multitude of fond memories.



Katherine in Maine, 1950's



133 North Street, 1940's