

PEGGY MADGE MARSHALL

BORN: 1 Sep 1921 Norwich, Norfolk, England

FATHER: John Albert Marshall

MOTHER: Ellen Baker

I started writing my personal history several years ago when Grandma Cook was staying with us for a few days. She gave me a form and told me to fill it out and it would help me get started. I filled out the form but didn't do much more until now. Following is basically what I wrote on that form:

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I Peggy M Cook was born on September 1, 1921 at Norwich, Norfolk, England. I was born at home.

There was no doctor present when I was born. Even though mother had engaged a doctor and a registered nurse, when she felt that I was about to be born the doctor thought she was overly stressed because my farther was seriously ill in the hospital and not expected to live. He closed the drapes and with the nurse left. It made my mother so mad that when she received the doctor's bill she didn't want to pay the doctor for his services.

I was born one month early. When I was three days old the nurse took me to the hospital so that my dad could see me. I don't know if I had anything to do with it but from then on he began to improve.

I was the second of two children born to my father John albert Marshall and my mother, Ellen Baker.

I had one sister named Ellen who was born on May 10 1907. She died on August 29, 1920. Ellen, or Wellie as she was called, always said from early childhood, "When I am married I am going to have two little girls. One will be named Peggy and the other one Madge." That is why I am called Peggy Madge.

As a child I had a very happy home life. But, I always envied my friends who had brothers and sisters. At the same time some of them were envying me. Although very strict, my dad never used physical tactics as punishment. Neither did he use bad language or lose his temper. However, I knew he was head of the house and I had better behave or else.

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