

Lovina (Willard) Thompson 04 April 1877 in Mason, New Hampshire. The family moved to Fitzwilliam when her father bought a quarry in town. Her parents bought the house on the Village Common next to the Whittemore Homestead. Her father was a stone cutter and had his own business. She became a teacher and taught in Massachusetts for a short time. In 1897 she was the teacher at No. 12 School, and in 1898 she taught at No. 1 School in Fitzwilliam, living with her parents. She married Joseph Bertis Blodgett in June 1898. They were active in the Congregational Church and the Fitzwilliam Grange most of their lives. She had one child, a son, Willard Manchester, on 28 September, 1900. They lived in Fitzwilliam until 1913, when the family moved to Littleton, Massachusetts for Willard's health. After he moved to New London, Connecticut, May and Bert returned to Fitzwilliam to help care for May's sister and brother, living in the family home on the common. When she felt the need for more kitchen cabinets and modernization, she designed a kitchen to meet her needs, and helped build it. In the 1930s she opened the Blodgett's Tourist Haven, serving breakfast to overnight guests. Later she made one of the front rooms into a shop, selling yarn, thread, knitting needles, and other sewing notions. In the 1950s she assisted and did all the bookkeeping for the auctions Bert ran each Saturday evening during the summer behind the woolen shop their son had between Rt. 12 and 119. She was an accomplished knitter, did crocheting, tatting, tailoring, designed and made hooked rugs, braided rugs, designed and made quilts out of extra pieces of left over material, made her own clothes and clothing for her granddaughter. Crossword puzzles and thought-provoking games were always nearby for quiet moments. During times when Willard and family lived with them or visited, she spent a great deal of time playing educational games with her granddaughter, Ruth. Some games she made. When she became a great-grandmother to Ruth's two daughters, Donna and Diana, she designed and sewed many dolls' clothes, and knitted snowsuits, sweaters, coats and hats for their dolls. When she could no longer use her sewing machine to make things, she made the doll outfits all by hand. She was very creative and was always busy with her hands, enjoying any new craft that she discovered. She was a member of the Fitzwilliam Grange, active for many years, holding several offices. She was a member of the Fitzwilliam Federated Church. When her health began to decline she was cared for at home, where she died 25 June 1956. She was buried in the Village Cemetery with her husband, Bert.

More About ALICE MARIA THOMPSON:

AKA (Facts Pg): May

Burial: Village Cemetery, Fitzwilliam, Cheshire, New Hampshire

Child of JOSEPH BLODGETT and ALICE THOMPSON is:

- i. WILLARD MANCHESTER¹³ BLODGETT, b. 28-September-1900, Fitzwilliam, Cheshire County, New Hampshire; d. 05-January-1999, Port Orange, Volusia County, Florida; m. (1) MARJORIE JESSIE ALFORD, 25-April-1925, RLDS Maitland St. Church, London, Ontario, Canada; b. 04-May-1901, London, Ontario, Canada; d. 23-March-1973, Wesson Memorial Hospital, Springfield, Hampden Cty., Massachusetts; m. (2) MAUDE BROWN NELSON, 21-November-1956, Keene, Cheshire, New Hampshire; d. 23-December-1973, Deland, Volusia, Florida.

Notes for WILLARD MANCHESTER BLODGETT:

Willard Manchester was born 28 September 1900, in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, the first and only child of Joseph Bertice and Alice Maria Thompson Blodgett. He was delivered by Dr. George S. Emerson. His first name, Willard, was his maternal grandmother's maiden name, and his middle name, Manchester, was his paternal grandmother's maiden name. He attended elementary school in Fitzwilliam. In November of 1912, he had bronchitis that developed into pneumonia, and the family doctor advised he should be closer to salt water. In March of 1913 the family moved to Littleton, Massachusetts to live with an uncle. He entered Burdet Business College, Somerville, Massachusetts 01 September 1918, and was introduced to the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints by a friend. He was baptized 26 July 1922 at the RLDS Onset Reunion Grounds in Onset, Massachusetts. He moved to New London, Connecticut and worked for Thompson Chevrolet Company at the top of State Street, next to the Court House, as the general manager. When it was bought into by three investors, he lost his job and joined the Cords dealership next door to Boss Cracker Factory near the railroad station as manager. When the redevelopment of that area was completed, their building was torn down, and he found work at the Kyser factory across the railroad tracks as general manager. In 1924 he met Marjorie Jessie Alford at the RLDS Reunion Grounds in Onset while she was there from London, Ontario, Canada visiting family friends. They were married 25 May 1925 in London, Ontario, Canada, and traveled by train to New London, Connecticut where they made their home on Bank Street and were active in the RLDS church. Later they lived on Carrol Court, Squire Street and Gordon Street. Their only child, Ruth Muriel, was born there 08 February 1926. When the position of general manager of Kresges' Ten Cent Store on State Street became available he worked there and then in their Dollar Store next door. Next he was general manager at The Beehive, a clothing and drygoods store, on State Street. In 1931 the family moved to West Haven, Connecticut where he worked for an upholstery firm. One of the owner's wife was one of Marjorie's best friends, Muriel Ridley Garfield, also from London, Ontario. Then the family went to Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire to live with his parents, who had returned there from Littleton to the