

Husband:	George Tucker Sartwelle
Source:	Compiled by Olivia Sartwelle Barton, The Sartwelles in America 1635 - 1981, (1981), 118-119.
Born:	Mar 03, 1885
in:	Ft. Worth, Tarrant, Texas
Died:	Aug 04, 1948
in:	Del Rio, Val Verde, Texas
Relationship with Father:	William Dinsmore Sartwelle - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Caroline Olivia Tucker - Natural
Reference number:	592

Notes

Children: Mary Margaret, Olivia Dean (Preshy), George Tucker, Jr.

Buried: Masonic Cemetery, Del Rio, Texas.

Profession: Accountant

Son George Tucker, Jr. died September 5, 1943 aboard USS England which was sunk by Japanese Kamakazi at Okinawa during World War II.

Fact 1:	Del Rio, Val Verde, Texas
Marriage Information	
Wife:	Mary Josephine Jourdan
Married:	Aug 28, 1918
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Del Rio, Val Verde, Texas
Reference number:	5902

Marriage Notes

Wife:	Mary Josephine Jourdan
Born:	Dec 01, 1897
in:	Wichita Falls, Texas
Died:	Feb 26, 1962
in:	Del Rio, Val Verde, Texas
Relationship with Father:	William Forrest Jourdan - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Dora Deana Nicholson - Natural
Reference number:	593

Notes

!Buried: Masonic Cemetery, Del Rio, Texas

Fact 1:	Del Rio, Val Verde, Texas
Child:	Mary Margaret Sartwelle
Born:	Mar 03, 1920
in:	Del Rio, Val Verde, Texas
Died:	Jun 29, 2002
in:	Eagle Pass, Maverick, Texas
Relationship with Father:	George Tucker Sartwelle - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Mary Josephine Jourdan - Natural
Reference number:	594

Notes

Mary Margaret Sartwelle Charlton

March 3, 1920 - June 29, 2002

By Catherine Charlton Cogburn (July 2002)

Mary Margaret Sartwelle Charlton came into this life in Del Rio, Texas on March 3, 1920., the first born of George

and Mary Sartwelle. She grew up in the country north of Del Rio, learning (but never liking) to ride horses and herd sheep. Her little brother, George, and her little sister, Preshy, were a source of great joy to her. She grew into a charming and beautiful young woman, well-loved for her humor and playfulness. She captured the heart of her lifelong companion, Marvin, in the summer of 1938. It took him two years to convince her to marry him. Their wedding took place on January 4, 1941 in Yuma, Arizona, and they lived and worked and played together in Los Angeles until the start of World War II. During this extended honeymoon, they danced as often as possible to the sounds of the big bands they never stopped loving.

They were blessed with three children, Cynthia, Dennis, and Catherine, and Mary Margaret devoted her love, talents and intelligence to caring for her husband and raising her children. She was also a great friend and even better bridge player.

Her greatest tragedy may have been the loss of her sister and best friend, Preshy, in 1982. During the year before Preshy's death, Mary Margaret taught us all the meaning of devotion, and courage to face the impossible with grace and determination.

Her grandchildren, Alan, Darren, David, Erin, Melanie, Laura, Michael and Daniel were her pride and joy. Little Daniel came into our lives after her stroke, and she would light up so much whenever he came to see her most every day. He made her last few years of struggle far easier and more full of love. Daniel's parents Dennis and Gabriela were selfless in their constant support of both Mary Margaret and Marvin.

Her husband Marvin dedicated himself to her care for seven years. His incredible patience, love and kindness was a lesson of true service, and the living out of the highest level of morality. He made her final years meaningful for her, and for her family.

She was an honest and straightforward woman who gave her strength, love and humor to us all. She will be missed, and she will live inside each of us forever.

Burial:	Jul 02, 2002 Del Rio, Val Verde, Texas (Westlawn Cemetery)
Marriage Information	
Husband:	Marvin Charlton, Jr.
Married:	Jan 04, 1941
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Yuma, Arizona
Reference number:	3035

Marriage Notes

Child:	George Tucker Sartwelle, Jr.
Born:	Jan 01, 1925
in:	Del Rio, Val Verde, Texas
Died:	May 09, 1945
in:	USS England, Okinawa, WWII
Relationship with Father:	George Tucker Sartwelle - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Mary Josephine Jourdan - Natural
Reference number:	596

Notes

Died: During Japanese Kamakazi attack on the USS England off Okinawa, May 9, 1945 (WWII).

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The following received from Dennis O'Brien on July 7, 2000:

I run the web site for the USS Englands, both DE-635 and the ship on which I served, CG-22. I thought you might find the following interesting.

DE-635 was a Buckley class destroyer escort laid down by Bethlehem San Francisco on 4/4/43, launched 9/29/43 and commissioned 12/10/43. She was named in honor of John C. England who died while rescuing men from the capsized USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor 12/7/41. In May of 1944 she distinguished herself by sinking 6 enemy submarines in two weeks! A 5/29/44 message from Admiral Halsey to the USS England read "May there

always be an England". Chief of Naval Operations E. J. King reiterated this with "There'll always be an ENGLAND in the United States Navy." ENGLAND earned the Presidential Citation.

SARTWELLE, George T., Jr., S1c, USNR, died on DE-635 during an attack on the ship by a Val bomber. At the aircraft approached the ship, ENGLAND opened fire and commenced an evasive turn to port. The pilot of the Val steered the plane for ENGLAND's bridge as kamikazes had been trained to do. The gunners on ENGLAND killed the pilot and as the ship turned the Val nearly missed her, but a wing caught the boat davit and hurled the aircraft into ENGLAND, starboard at the bridge. 36 men died in the attack which took the might ENGLAND out of the war.

The ship was damaged and slated for conversion to APD in preparation of the invasion of Japan. She returned to Philadelphia for repair and conversion. A memorial for those lost was held on July 15, 1945 at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia. You can view the quickly made program for this event at: <http://ussengland.net/DE635/images/memorial.jpg> and more about the history of ENGLAND at <http://www.ussengland.net/>. The conversion to APD was never completed. the war ended. she was stricken 11/1/45 and sold for scrap 11/26/46. Her scoreboard was saved however and is on display in Annapolis. you can see a picture of it here: http://ussengland.net/DE635/uss_england_scoreboard.htm.

There is an England Hall at the antisubmarine Warfare Training Center Base in San Diego as well as a Prock Hall, named for the sonar man at the instruments for most of the runs on the six submarines. As for "There'll always be an ENGLAND in the United States Navy." In 1963 the USS England DLG-22, later called CG-22, hit the seas and served the United States for over 30 years. She is now in the MARAD reserve fleet awaiting scrapping.

I hope this information is of some value to you are you research your family.

Take care,

Dennis

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Marriage Information	
Marriage Notes	
Child:	Olivia Dean Sartwelle
aka:	Preshy
Born:	Jun 08, 1926
in:	Del Rio, Val Verde, Texas
Died:	Aug 18, 1982
in:	Del Rio, Val Verde, Texas
Relationship with Father:	George Tucker Sartwelle - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Mary Josephine Jourdan - Natural
Reference number:	595

Notes

Buried: Masonic Cemetery, Del Rio, Texas.

Called "Preshy" by everyone. This supposedly from being "precious" as a baby.

Fact 1:	Del Rio, Val Verde, Texas
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Marriage Information

Husband:	Dee Jay Barton
Married:	Nov 22, 1947
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Del Rio, Val Verde, Texas
Reference number:	5942

Marriage Notes