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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Hodgkins, Philip Miller
1895 NH – 1975 NH

Groom Philip Miller Hodgkins
 Bride Melba Taylor Keasor
 Residence of Groom Laconia, N. H.
 " Bride Laconia, N. H.
 Age of Groom 33 Years
 " Bride 26 Years
 Color of Groom White
 " Bride White
 Occupation of Groom Real Estate
 " Bride Book-keeper
 Birthplace of Groom Keene, N. H.
 " Bride Laconia, N. H.
 No. of Marriage of Groom First
 " Bride First

Groom Widowed or Divorced _____
 Bride " " " _____
 Intention Filed August 11, 1928
 *By whom Married Rev. Rodney W. Roundy
 Residence Laconia N.H.
 Official Station Minister of the Gospel
 Date of Marriage August 18, 1928
 Place Laconia N.H.
 *Clergyman or Justice of the Peace.
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Groom's Father and Mother
 Father's Name Bert W. Hodgkins
 " Residence Keene, N. H.
 " Age 64 Years Color White
 " Occupation Retired
 " Birthplace Keene, N. H.
 Mother's Name Minnie E. Davis
 " Residence Keene, N. H.
 " Age 64 Years Color White
 " Occupation At Home
 " Birthplace Moscow, Pa.
Bride's Father and Mother
 Father's Name Fred Keasor
 " Residence Laconia, N. H.
 " Age 75 Years Color White
 " Occupation Retired
 " Birthplace Belmont, N. H.

Mother's Name Ida N. Ladd
 " Residence Laconia, N. H.
 " Age 71 Years Color White
 " Occupation At Home
 " Birthplace Kasota, Minn.
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
 I hereby certify that the above marriage record is
 correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
W. J. Roundy
 Clerk of Laconia, N. H.
 Date _____
 *If deceased, give age at death.

NH marriage license of Philip Miller Hodgkins & Melba Taylor Keasor -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/5241/images/41267_309441-00669?treeid=155441247&personid=232050691578&hintid=&queryId=470fc977504017d34568c86af9ae40d3&usePUB=true&phsrc=hFB15141&phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pld=126125

TWO KEENE, N H, BOYS MAY HAVE BEEN ON TUSCANIA

KEENE, N H, Feb 8—Mr and Mrs B. W. Hodgkins of Keene, who are in Peterboro, N H, for the Winter, believe that their son, Philip Miller Hodgkins, was on the Tuscania. They are making efforts to find out particulars.

Phillip M. Hodgkins graduated from the Keene High School and completed a course in forestry in the University of Michigan. He enlisted in Co D, 20th Division of Engineers, 6th Battalion, in December and later was transferred to Co E of the same battalion. He was in the forestry unit.

It was reported this afternoon that another Keene boy, Fay Lincoln, might have been on the same ship.

"Boston Globe" 9 Feb 1918 p 5

HODGKINS PHILIP MILLER		c 3115341
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Room 16 YMCA Warren Pa		A 3 221 925
No 250 534	Died	T 487 996
Born 4/4/95		R
Enl 12/15/17	Dte 7/26/19	CL 1 899 098
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Melba Hodgkins, 103

Mar 2, 2005  0

GILFORD — Melba Taylor (Keasor) Hodgkins, 103, of 35 Bedford Ave., Gilford, died early Tuesday morning, March 1, 2005, at the Belknap County Nursing Home, Laconia.

She was born August 19, 1901, in Laconia, the daughter of the late Fred and Ida N. (Ladd) Keasor. Her father was one of the first directors of the Laconia Savings Bank and owned a dry goods store on Main St. for many years. She was a graduate of Laconia High School, Class of 1919, and had attended LaSalle College, Boston and Concord Business School.

She was a direct descendant of Col. Samuel Ladd, one of Laconia's first founders, as well as the Taylor family who donated the land where the Taylor Home and Community now stands. She was also a grandniece of Rhoda C. Ladd who donated the land and money for the building of a hospital in Laconia, Cottage Hospital on Court St., now known as the Lakes Region General Hospital.

She was first employed as a receptionist at the Laconia Car Company, before becoming a reporter for the former Laconia Democrat and later the Laconia Evening Citizen for many years, where she worked through the 1960s, meeting trains and talking to locals and reporting all the comings and goings at the train station, which was a popular feature at the time.

She enjoyed the outdoors, hiking and camping with her husband, the late Philip M. Hodgkins, who died in 1975. He was a forest ranger turned surveyor and engineer. They spent their honeymoon hiking the New Hampshire and Maine sections of the Appalachian Trail. She would often go on trips with him to survey Greenfield State Park, the Flume and other State Parks as part of the CCC. She had also climbed Mt. Washington three times, where once, armed only with a mop, she drove a bear out of the campsite,

She also loved painting and gardening. She was the holder of the Boston Post Cane for the Town of Gilford since 2000.

She was the oldest member of the Laconia Congregational Church, and was very active for many years. She was also a member of the Friendship Club, the Laconia Women's Club, the Laconia Garden Club, and a known artist painting local and New England scenes.

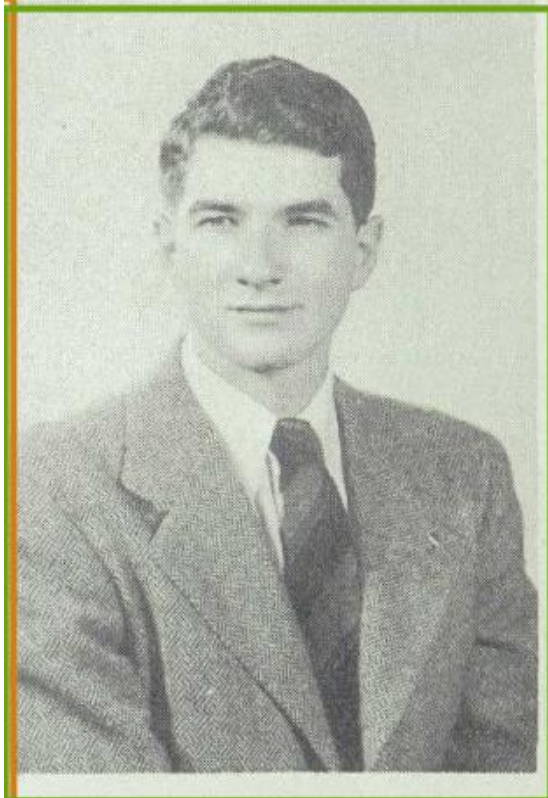
She was the wife of the late Philip M. Hodgkins, who died in 1975, and is survived by a son and his wife, Allan F. Hodgkins and Mary Ann Burdett of Chiefland, Fla.; a grandson, Scott A. and his wife Carol Hodgkins of Gilford; granddaughters, Atty. Melissa Martin and her husband Atty. Douglas Gross of Lebanon, and Helen E. Martin of Taos, N.M.; great-grandchildren, Jezamine Martin of Taos, N.M., Coleman Martin-Gross and William Martin-Gross, both of Lebanon; nephews, Vaughan and his wife Dorothy Pitman of Hollis, and Donald Pitman of Stratford, Conn. and; several grandnieces and grandnephews. She was pre-deceased by sisters, Mildred Pitman and Pauline Keasor, both of Laconia.

There are no calling hours. Entombment will be in Union Cemetery to await graveside services later in the Spring.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Laconia Historical Society, c/o Laconia Public Library, 695 Main St., Laconia, NH, 03246

The Dewhirst Funeral Home, 1061 Union Ave., Laconia, is in charge of the arrangements. Please visit our website, www.dewhirstfuneralhome.com, to send condolences, view an on-line obituary or for further information.

Online obituary of his wife, Mabel Keasor Hodgkins, who died at age 103 -
https://www.laconiadailysun.com/community/obituaries/melba-hodgkins-103/article_794caed0-1dde-5665-9010-10be9f6499c9.html



Allen Frederick Hodgkins

"Al"

Brings motorbike to school every day . . . Enjoys being in the woods . . . Always willing to learn anything about radio . . . One of the more quiet members of the senior class.

Science Club 3,4; Tennis 3,4.

Pauline Ramona Fellows

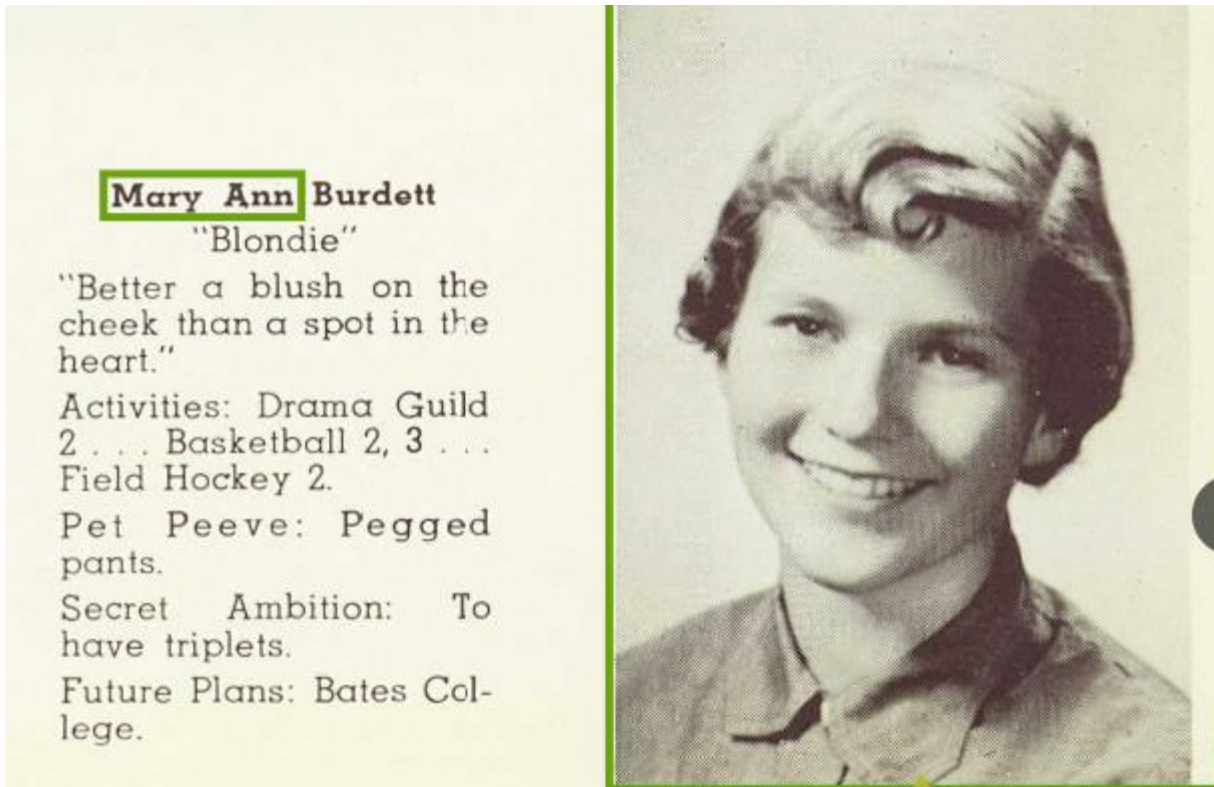
"Polly"

Keeps pretty busy holding down two jobs . . . Mr. Eddy's right-hand man . . . Her favorite pastime — riding horses . . . Knows everything that goes on in the Clerical Dept. . . . Keeps the **Lakonian** well supplied with news.

Orchestra 1; Girls' Glee Club 3; Dance Club 3; Lakonian 4; Horseback riding

Philip's son Allan Frederick Hodgkins & his fellow classmate & 1st wife, Pauline Ramona Fellows -
Laconia (NH) High School Yearbook, 1950 -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/sid_9407_1950_0028?usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB15142&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pld=421389185



Yearbook photo of Philip's son Allan's future wife, Mary Ann Burdett - Woburn (MA) High School Yearbook, 1955 – <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/424670307:1265?tid=110461874&pid=322183063073&queryId=91b839aa12cea9b6d8ac67c37b0988c5&phsrc=hFB15135&phstart=successSource>

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Mary Ann Burdett, 77

Nov 6, 2014 0

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CHIEFLAND, Fla. — Mary Ann Burdett died on October 31, 2014, age 77, in Chiefland, Fla. Born in Woburn, Mass. to parents Fred and Dorothy Burdett.

In addition to her parents, Mary Ann is predeceased by siblings Charles, Sara May and Caroline, and her daughter Abby.

Mary Ann leaves her daughter Melissa and her sons Coleman and William of Lebanon, N.H., and daughter Helen of Silt, Colo., granddaughter Jezamine of Albuquerque, N.M.; niece Deborah Severnce of Colo.; nephew Douglas of Mass.; aunt Judith Curtis and uncle Richard Curtis of Gorham, Maine; step-son Scott Hodgkins and his wife Carol and granddaughter Lola of Gilford, N.H.; husband Allan Hodgkins, a Laconia native and resident of Chiefland, Fla. and summer resident of Lancaster, N.H.

Mary Ann graduated from Woburn High School in Mass., Bates College in Maine and earned her master's degree from Salem State in Mass. She had taught school in Laconia and Gilford, N.H. and was an avid quilter. Memorial services will be at the Chiefland, Fla. Lutheran Church.

Obituary of Allan Frederick Hodgkins's wife Mary Ann Burdett -

https://www.laconiadailysun.com/community/obituaries/mary-ann-burdett-77/article_32bcd286-bd7d-596f-8dd7-49e6d7fbeb4d.html

C. Fred Burdett, was president of college for 35 years; at 83^N

C. Fred Burdett, 83, of Woburn, president emeritus of Burdett College in Boston, died Wednesday at his home after a long illness.

Born in Woburn, Mr. Burdett graduated in 1929 from Amherst College and attended the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration.

He was president of Burdett College — a 109-year-old, two-year business school started by his father and uncle — for 35 years until

Conway Rotary Club.

Mr. Burdett leaves his wife, Dorothy E. (Leibensperger); three daughters, Mary Ann Burdett of Laconia, N.H., Sara M. Burdett-Thomas of Topsfield and Caroline Burdett of Cambridge; a sister, Elaine Burdett Garfield of Gorham, Maine; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

he retired in 1970.

Mr. Burdett was a member of the Boston Society of the Church of the New Jerusalem, Swedenborgian, and was honored by the general convention of the Swedenborgian churches for his long-time membership several years ago. He was also past president of the Massachusetts New Church Union.

He was a former member of the board of trustees and the executive board of Choate Hospital in Woburn, a former director of the Woburn YMCA, and a member of several historical societies. He served as chairman of the Woburn chapter of the Burbeen Lecture Committee.

Mr. Burdett was a founding member of Business Education Research Associates, a national organization for business college educators, a member of the Early American Industries Association, past president and member of the Rushlight Club, Boston, and a member of the Needham Exchange Club, the Wakefield Retired Mens Club, the Middlesex Canal Association, and the North

Obituary of Mary Ann Burdett's father - "Boston Globe" Friday, 8 Jan 1988 p 19

Name: Philip Miller Hodgkins

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E - private

Serial number: 250,534

Entered service from: Keene, Cheshire NH

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Philip M. Hodgkins

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Bert W. Hodgkins, Keene NH

Returned from war on: "Dakotan" Jul 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Philip M. Hodgkins

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Bert W. Hodgkins, Keene NH (pvt, Engrs)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Philip Miller Hodgkins - b. 4 Apr 1895 Keene NH; res: Keene, Cheshire NH. Single. Student - graduate June 1. "expect to work with pine blister rust extermination for government" Medium height & build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: 423 Main St., Laconia NH

World War II draft registration (1942): as Philip Miller Hodgkins - b. 4 Apr 1895 Keene NH; res: 423 Main St., Laconia, Belknap NH. NOK Mrs. Melba K. Hodgkins, same address. Employed by State of New Hampshire, State House Annex, Concord, Merrimack NH. Height: 5'10" - weight: 160 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 15 Dec 1917

Discharged 26 Jul 1919

Address: Room 16, YMCA, Warren PA

Rank/unit: private, Headquarters Co., 6th Battalion, 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 4 Apr 1895 Keene, Cheshire NH

Died: 28 Sep 1975 Laconia, Belknap NH

Find A Grave record: 130115677, presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Laconia, Belknap NH

Cemetery: Union

Tombstone: veteran flat: Pvt US Army WWI

Father: Albert ("Bert") Willis Hodgkins, 12 Jul 1864 Keene, Cheshire NH – 29 Feb 1940 Keene, Cheshire NH. Son of Ambrus Hodgkins & Lois Laurinda Willis. Druggist. Buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Keene, Cheshire NH.

Find A Grave: 96420683

Mother: Minnie Estelle Davis Hodgkins, 1863 [or 7 Dec 1864] Moscow, Lackawanna PA – 2 Nov 1948 Keene, Cheshire NH. Daughter of William S. Davis and Nancy S. Miller.

Find A Grave: 96420657

Parents' marriage: 1 Oct 1890 in Keene, Cheshire NH

Spouse: Melba Taylor Keasor Hodgkins, 19 Aug 1901 Laconia, Belknap NH – 1 Mar 2005 Laconia, Belknap NH. Daughter of Fred Keasor (1852-1930, F: 124186286) & Ida Nancy Ladd (1857-1940, F: 130051482). Died at age 103. Her online obituary is copied above. Resident of 35 Bedford Ave., Gifford NH. Died at the Belknap County Nursing Home in Laconia NH. Her father Fred was 1 of the 1st directors of the Laconia Savings Bank & owned a dry goods store on Main St. Graduate of Laconia High School (1919) & attended LaSalle College (Boston MA) & Concord Business School. Direct descendant of Col. Samuel Ladd, 1 of the 1st founders of Laconia & also from the Taylor family, who donated the land for the Taylor Home & Community. Worked 1st as a receptionist at the Laconia Car Co. before becoming a reporter for the former "Laconia Democrat" & later the "Laconia Evening Citizen" for many years, where she worked through the 1960s. Enjoyed the outdoors, hiking & camping with her late husband Philip M. Hodgkins, a forest ranger turned surveyor & engineer. They spent their honeymoon hiking the NH & ME sections of the Appalachian Trail. She accompanied him on surveys to state parks. Active in her church & community & artist. Buried in Union Cemetery, Laconia, Belknap NH.

Spouse Find A Grave: 130115903

Marriage: 18 Aug 1928 Laconia, Belknap NH. Philip Miller Hodgkins, age 33, son of Bert W. Hodgkins (age 64, b. Keene NH, resident Keene NH, retired) & Minnie E. Davis (age 64, at home, b. Moscow PA), occupation: real estate, b. Keene NH. Melba Taylor Keasor, age 26, b. Laconia NH, bookkeeper, daughter of Fred Keasor (age 75, resident of Laconia NH, retired, b. Belmont NH) & Ida N. Ladd (age 71, resident Laconia NH, b. Kasota MN, at home). Both were residents of Laconia NH, 1st marriage for both. Married by minister Rev. Rodney W. Roundy.

Children:

- Allan Frederick Hodgkins, 5 Dec 1931 NH - . NH marriage license: Allan Frederick Hodgkins, age 24, b. NH, resident of 423 Main St., Laconia, Belknap NH, single, this is 1st

marriage, employed by public service company. Pauline Ramona Fellows, age 26, b. NH, daughter of Harry B. & Effie B. Fellows, resident of 75 E. Main St., Tilton, Belknap NH, single, this is 1st marriage, teacher. License obtained 25 Jun 1956; married 30 Jun 1956 in Tilton, Belknap NH. - They had been classmates at Laconia (NH) High School. - In the 1964 Laconia NH city directory: Allan Hodgkins, with wife Pauline R., was a meter reader for PSCo. of NH & resided in Tilton NH. Pauline's parents were Harry B. Fellows (d. 1981, F: 105982147) & Effie B. Fellows (d. 1991, F: 105982143). Pauline was born 6 Oct 1929 in Laconia NH, where she resided in the 1998-2002 time period. - In 1994 Allan lived in Kennebunkport ME. - At the time of her death, Mary Ann Burdett [not using the Hodgkins surname] was married to Allan F. Hodgkins. Mary Ann Burdett d. 31 Oct 2014 FL, cremated, F: 138281002. She was a graduate of Woburn (MA) High School, Bates College & received her Master's degree from Salem State in MA. She taught in Laconia & Gifford NH. She was the daughter of C. Fred Burdett (1904-1988, F: 204463134) & Dorothy Elizabeth ("Dot") Leibensperger (F: 66482331). Her obituary (copied above) names her children but not their surnames: daughters Abby (dead by 2014), Melissa (Lebanon NH) & Helen (Silt CO) & sons Coleman (Lebanon NH) & William (Lebanon NH). The obituary of Allan's mother Melba Keasor Hodgkins, lists her grandchildren as Scott A. Hodgkins, Melissa Martin (wife of Douglas Gross) & Helen E. Martin.

Siblings:

- Richard D. Hodgkins, 20 Oct 1891 NH – 6 Feb 1968. Veteran tombstone: 349th Aero Squadron, WWI. Buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Keene, Cheshire NH. F: 96420586
- Alfred W. Hodgkins, 7 Nov 1892 – 6 Aug 1893. Buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Keene, Cheshire NH. F: 96420529

Notes:

Philip's middle name Miller was the birth surname of his maternal grandmother, Nancy S. Miller Davis.

NH birth record: Phillip [sic] Miller Hodgkins, born 4 Apr 1895 Keene, Cheshire NH. Father Bert Hodgkins, age 31, b. Keene NH, resident of Keene NH, druggist. Mother Minnie E. Davis, age 31, b. Moscow PA. This is her 3rd child.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Boston Globe" 9 Feb 1918 p 5 - Mr. & Mrs. B.W. Hodgkins of Keene NH believe son Philip Miller Hodgkins is on board. Keene High School graduate. Completed U of MI course in forestry. Enlisted Dec 1917 in Co. D, 20th Engineers & was transferred to Co. E .

"Boston Globe" 10 Feb 1918 p 3 – among the survivors: Philip M. Hodgkins, Keene NH

Post-war:

“Boston Globe” 21 Dec 1927 p 13 – In Laconia NH, “New England’s greatest dog sled racing” will hold its annual point-to-point 3-day New England dog sled race Feb 9-11 on a new course. The committee on preparation & entertainment includes Philip M. Hodgkins.

“Boston Globe” 14 Jan 1930 p 23 – in Laconia NH, meeting of the general committee held 13 Jan 1930 for the New England Sled Dog Races to be held Feb 10-12. On the “other activities” committee is Philip M. Hodgkins.

“Boston Globe” 22 Feb 1932 p 19 – in Laconia NH, the 1st US Eastern Amateur Ski Association championship downhill race was held under the race auspices of the Winnepesaukee Ski Club. One of the race starters was Philip Hodgkins.

“Groton (VT) Times” 29 Apr 1938 p 6 – Center Haverhill news – Philip Hodgkins of Laconia NH is back again & boarding with Grace Silver.

“Springfield (VT) Reporter” 22 Aug 1941 p 20 – Concord NH Capitol News – new employee Philip M. Hodgkins approved for the state planning board

Obituary:

Social Security number: 001-18-9862

Censuses:

1900 Keene, Cheshire NH

Bert M. Hodgkins, 35 NH, Jul 1864, parents b. NH, married 9 years, druggist

Minnie E., 36 PA, Dec 1863, father b. NH, mother b. MA, gave birth to 3 children, 2 are living [Alfred has died]

Richard D., 8 NH, Oct 1891, at school

Philip M., 5 NH, Apr 1895

1910 Keene, Cheshire NH – 75 Rose (?) St.

Bert W. Hodgkins, 45 NH, parents b. NH, in 1st marriage, married 19 years, proprietor, drug store

Minnie E., 46 PA, father b. NH, mother b. MA, gave birth to 3 children, 2 are living

Richard D., 18 NH

Philip M., 15 NH

1930 Laconia, Belknap NH

Philip M. Hodgkins, 34 NH, father b. NH, mother b. PA, age 33 at 1st marriage, agent, real estate, WWI veteran

Melba K., 28 NH, father b. NH, mother b. MN, age 26 at 1st marriage,
& lodger George Frechette, 57 NH, laborer, odd jobs

The adjacent census entry is for Fred & Ida Keasor, the parents of Melba Keasor Hodgkins & her sister Pauline.

1940 Laconia, Belknap NH – 423 E. Main St. – same house in 1935 – this census entry lists place of birth, not just state

Philip Hodgkins, 45 Keene NH, foreman, charge of CCC Camp
Melba, 38 Laconia NH
Allan, 8 Laconia NH

The next census entry is for Ida & Pauline Keasor, Melba's mother & sister.