

Nan and Alec Frost
Cornwall
Interview by Dinny Greene

Alec and his two brothers were brought into the world by Dr. Brad as were all three of Nan and Alec's children. Nan recalled that when one of her sons was coming along, Dr. Brad told Alec to "go along home and get some sleep. I'll phone you when the baby is born." She added that much of what appears to be brusque behavior now was really just ordinary for that time. He made house calls to the end.

Alec mentioned that Dr. Brad drove a Nash in which the passenger side of the front seat would recline to make a bed. He used it to take patients to Charlotte Hungerford Hospital. He did not drive fancy cars, but was very generous to his wife, giving her a 4-door Buick convertible.

Katherine was very talented and artistic, hooking rugs, painting, making pottery (had a kiln in the cellar), etc. Nan has one of her bowls. Katherine made the rugs in the waiting room and in the secretary's office. The latter had medicinal plants on it. Her paintings decorated the walls.

They both mentioned that Dr. Brad was very musical, playing the piano and the accordion. Nan recalls, and has the music, to a song he used to sing that starts "My son Joshuway, who went to Philadelphaway." He would play at other houses after dinner. Everyone would join in singing. Alec added that the house used to have a big barn behind it that the kids, Walker and others in town, used to put on talent shows.

Alec believed that Dr. Brad's work as Probate Judge added to the family income. Income for family doctors was not high then.