

Memoir

## Slender Threads



**THEY DESIRE A BETTER COUNTRY**, the motto of the Order of Canada, is what Joyce Bryant is all about.  
— Garth Hampson, RCMP Staff Sergeant (retired)

These memoirs reflect the life of a lady who has lived through one of the greatest periods of change in Canadian history; changes in which she herself participated. . . As secretary to the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, and later as the first employee of the Order of Canada honours secretariat, Mrs. Bryant played an important, although subtle, role in the development of our national honours system. . . Much can be learned from her service and outgoing attitude towards work and life.

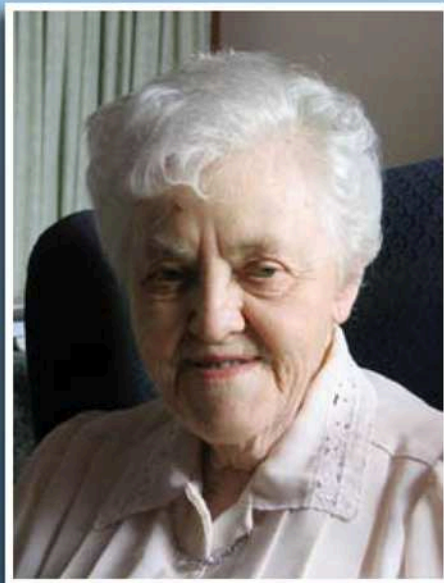
— From the Foreword by Christopher McCreery, PhD, FRCGS

A fascinating memoir of a most gracious lady, filled with amusing anecdotes and modest notes of her many successes. Her career gave her access to those who shaped the course of our country, but we soon discover that this is of less importance to her than enduring friendships and an unshakeable faith.

—Margaret D. Bell, Past President, May Court Club of Ottawa

A delightful tale about a fascinating life. A must-read for anyone interested in the behind-the-scene happenings of life at Government House. A fine piece of Canadiana.

— Rev. Joel Crouse, St John's Lutheran Church, New Edinburgh



### The Author

Joyce Bryant was born in Winnipeg, where she spent her childhood before moving to England. After wartime service in the RCAF, she returned to Canada and worked at Rideau Hall for parts of the next five decades. A Member of the Order of Canada and recipient of the British Empire Medal, Mrs. Bryant makes her home in the New Edinburgh neighbourhood of Ottawa, where she has lived since 1947.

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