

Linda Carroll Baldwin - the early years

Linda, born at Mare Island Naval Base Hospital (San Francisco), in September of 1941, is the daughter of John "Johnny" Baldwin (1909-1967) and Dorothy Lee Dixon (1918-1993). Her early years were marked by the fact that World War 2 was in progress with her father, US Navy Chief Quartermaster, stationed on Navy ships locally and in the South Pacific and her mother maintaining the family household. We have a few documents and photos from that period which give us a glimpse into her early life and the lives of her parents.



JOHN, DOROTHY AND LINDA, DECEMBER 3 1941

Hello Kid-

Sunday July 5-42

How's my little girl getting along?
Is mama giving you your way, and
how fat are you getting. If you don't
get your way, just squak a little
louder, and how is mama too. Give
her my love and a big kiss for
me. I guess by now you have charge
of everything. If you do not take charge.

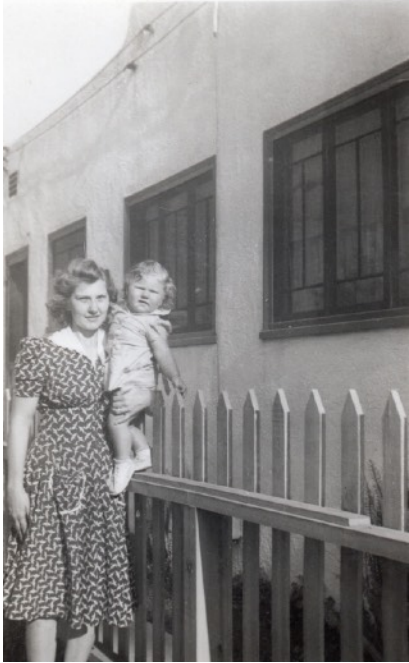
Say Kid your pop is getting oh!
so fat, and lazy I don't think the sea
agrees with me anymore. I got you
something nice, and yes I got your ma
something too and I will see what else
I can find. I wrote your mama
this morning so she won't get jealous
when you get this. Be good and take
care of mama and tell her I still love
her. Hope to see you on your first
birthday, then we can have fun. Love to all
Your dad

JOHN BALDWIN Cdr U.S.N.
USS CATALPA. A.P.O. #37
4 1/2 P.M. SAN FRANCISCO
CALIF.

John

LETTER TO LINDA FROM JOHN, JULY 1942

At the time of this letter, John was serving on the USS Catalpa in the Fiji Islands, South Pacific. The Catalpa was a brand new ship, launched February 1941, and was assigned to serve the U.S. Navy ships and harbors during World War II with her protective anti-submarine net.



DOROTHY AND LINDA, CA. 1942

In August 1943 Linda got a teddy bear button lodged in her throat which required surgery to remove. Here are the invoices for that surgery and three day hospital stay at the Eye and Ear Hospital of Los Angeles. The final bill of \$150 would be modern equivalent of about \$2700.

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EYE AND EAR HOSPITAL OF LOS ANGELES
800 SOUTH LUCAS AVENUE
LOS ANGELES 13, CALIF.
PHONE MICHEMAN 8581

200 Dr. Jesberg

DATE August 26, 1943

M Linda Baldwin

ADDRESS

Rate \$5.00 a day. ROOM FROM 8-26-43 TO 8-28-43	12 00
ANESTHETIC	
OPERATING ROOM Foreign body esophagus	10 00
SPECIAL NURSE'S BOARD	
LABORATORY FEE	
PHONE	
DRUG	
TOTAL	22 00

RECEIVED PAYMENT
8-28-43
B.K.

Linda Baldwin

SIMON JESBERG, M.D.
800 SOUTH LUCAS AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CAL.
MICHEMAN 8581

TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED 8-27-43 \$150.00

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EYE AND EAR HOSPITAL
OF LOS ANGELES



AFTER THE BATTLE—Linda Baldwin, 2, yesterday lost bout with teddy bear. She bit his eye out, but long pin stuck in her throat. The bear? Refused to pose. The book? Linda says she was outmatched first time.

Times photo

Teddy Bear Wins Bout With Linda

Quotas Set for Southland in Third War Loan Drive

Linda and her Teddy-bear had a tiff and the Teddy-bear won.

Linda is 2 and blond and she was angry with the Teddy-bear for something that she thought Teddy said.

So she bit Teddy's eye out which was all right except that Teddy's eye is really a button with a long anchoring pin.

Her daddy and mummy, John and Mrs. Baldwin, of 9718 S. Crenshaw Blvd., Inglewood, were frantic for a while as Linda choked for several hours on Teddy's brown eye until a police escort rushed her to the Los Angeles Ear and Eye Hospital where Dr. Simon Jesberg removed Teddy's eye from Linda's throat.

Of the \$422,000,000 Southern California's 11 counties are expected to raise in the \$15,000,000,000 Third War Loan drive beginning Sept. 9, Los Angeles County's quota is \$329,171,300.

This challenge was given the county's citizenry yesterday by Robert H. Moulton, chairman of the Southern California War Finance Committee, when he released a breakdown schedule of quotas for each of the 11 counties.

Los Angeles County corporations will be asked to purchase the bulk of the War Bonds—\$171,266,500—while individuals are expected to make up the balance of \$157,904,800. The quota for the whole city is \$219,

Treasury Department in Washington.

Only Eight Higher

The list shows that only eight States have higher quotas than the Southern California area—New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey, Michigan, Massachusetts, Illinois and Connecticut—although California's total of \$846,000,000 is topped only by New York (\$4,709,000,000), Pennsylvania (\$1,071,000,000) and Illinois (\$921,000,000.)

WEATHER BUREAU UNABLE TO REPORT EITHER RAIN OR HEAT

What's new in the weather



JOHN, DOROTHY AND LINDA CA. 1946



JOHN, DOROTHY AND LINDA CA. 1948