

Alice Smith
by Grandaughter
Jane Bartlett
1898



My grand-mother, Alice Smith (1893) and her sister, Florence Smith (1891) emigrated to Canada from Bristol, England in 1898. The two sisters aged 5yrs. and 7yrs. arrived in Saint John and stayed at a settlement house on Prince Edward St. until families were found to take care of the girls. Alice was taken in by the Stone family of St. James St. and Florence was eventually adopted by a family on Mount Pleasant Ave. My grand-mother Alice lost contact with her sister after a few years when her new family moved to the United States. My grand-mother worked as a domestic for Mrs. Little on Prince Edward St. and a family in Millidgeville until she met my grand-father Roy Dunn and was married. The two ran a plumbing business in the North End of Saint John for many years and raised seven children.

The only memories that my grand-mother had of her family in England is of her father who she thought was a seaman. The two girls were orphans and may have stayed at the Mueller Orphanage in Bristol, England. My grand-mother changed her name from Alice to Edith which may or not have been changed legally. Alice (Edith) lived in Saint John all her life until her death in July, 1979.