

Robert Jenkinson
By Grandson
David Jenkinson
Home Child
C 1900



My grandfather Robert Jenkinson, at age of 9, was part of a group of child orphans that were shipped to Canada at the turn of the century. The 'Little Immigrants' as they came to be known were sent to various locations throughout Canada through an agency managed by Thomas J Barnardo. My grandfather was sent to work on a farm in south-eastern Ontario, outside of Carlton Place. He had a younger brother who had shipped out as well to a location in western Canada.

The living conditions and work environment on this Ontario farm was something akin to child slavery. Eventually, my grandfather (along with his brother) settled in Montreal where he was employed at the shipyards and remained there until his retirement in the late 1950's.

My records, and those of my living relatives, do not specify where my grandfather landed, however. It might have been in Montreal as that is where he eventually settled after marrying.