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Person
Aquitania
December 20, 1947

CANADA'S IMMIGRATION MUSEUM
PIER 21



In May 2001 we visited Pier 21. We were impressed by the reception we received and also for the kindness shown by the young lady who worked at Pier 21.

My mother and I came to Canada on a beautiful ship

- the Aquitania. The Aquitania transported war brides and their children to Canada. The ship was not full so a group of us who had lost our Homes behind the Iron Curtain were fortunate enough to come to Canada at that time. My mother and I were in this group of lucky people. We were in Germany and were transported by ship via Holland to London England. We spent 2 nights in London prior to our boarding. On December 12, 1947 we left from Harwich and landed in Halifax on December 20, 1947. From there we went by train to Kitchener, ON to my Uncle's place.



I was almost in tears to leave the safety of the ship into a land where we did not speak the language. I can only say for my mother and myself, all worked out well.

