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CANADA'S IMMIGRATION MUSEUM
PIER 21



I left Rotterdam, Holland on March 11, 1959 and arrived in Halifax at Pier 21 on March 19, 1959 with my father, mother, 2 brothers and 1 sister (total of 6). The day of our arrival happened to be one brother's 11th birthday. The ship we came on was the "GROOTE BEER " (TRANSLATION - Big Bear) of the Holland-America line. I had a great time on the voyage over and was the only one in my family never to miss a meal because of seasickness. I'm thankful for my parents moving to Canada and for the opportunities available here.