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English Immigrant
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My wife Marlene Hartill arrived from Southampton as an emigrant on March 6th, 1966 to join me in Canada. She was pregnant with Dieter (b. July 14 1966) and was accompanied by four children under 7 years. Her arrival was rather cold - both weather and reception!

After processing she was told that they were to board an Air Canada plane for Toronto in the late afternoon. As there were several hours before this departure she had to do something with the children and it was suggested they spend the time in some Park! They were all taken out by an official who left them there for some 3 hours in the cold & wet!!

ADJUSTMENT

Apart from myself all of the children have done very, very well and are professionals in Foreign service, Nursing, Teaching etc jobs. Marlene had the opportunity, unlikely in the UK, of going to university and with 5 kids obtained two degrees and became successful in Teaching Art & Art History.

REASONS for EMIGRATING

Was generally fed up with UK political scene and had restless feet NOT a good reason for emigrating! The scene over here appeared to be different and definitely was a more open type of society. I had no reason economically or career-wise to leave England. It was a bad move constantly regretted by myself but has been wonderful for all the rest of the family!