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English Immigrant
Georgic
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I emigrated to Canada from England in May 1953 with my parents (Ken & Barbara Kneebone) I wasn't quite 2 years old and my brother was almost 4. My father was in the RAF during WWII and trained as a pilot in Canada. We left Southampton on May 7, 1953 on the Georgic and arrived in Halifax on May 14, 1953 at Pier 21. My father's diary describes the last days before we left as well as the trip across the Atlantic and our arrival in Halifax. We passed through Pier 21 and went on by train to Saskatoon where we settled. In 1979 my wife and I (and 2 daughters) moved to Halifax. It was hard for my parents to leave all their family & friend in England and it was difficult the first few year. I think if they had the \$ they would have returned to England. Since I was so young I have always thought of myself as being a Canadian. It's been my home for 46 years. Although I don't remember the trip itself, I just read my father's diary after visiting Pier 21 yesterday.