

Daisy and Tadeusz
Majkut
English Immigrants
Scythia
January 15, 1951



We immigrated to Canada through Pier 21 on January 15, 1951. We left England on January 5, 1951 on the ship Scythia. I believe we sailed from Tilsbury England and then we went to LeHavre where more immigrants got on the ship. We landed at Pier 21 Halifax on January 15, 1951.

We remember some of the journey as we had a bad storm and was not allowed on the deck most of the days. A lot of the people, like we were, were seasick for five of the days.

We still were in touch until this year with Ethel Booth who was a Canadian war bride. She was travelling back from Manchester England with her children on the ship. She died last year.

I was from Askern, No Doncaster Yorkshire. I was the first girl to marry a Polish Veteran in March 1948 around our area. Ted served with the Polish 2nd Corps attached to the British 8th Army. He served in the army from Feb 1939 till November 1947. He fought on the border of Poland the first day of the war, when the Germans invaded Poland. He was a prisoner of war by the Germans, also the Russians. He served in the army in Poland, Persia, Iraq, Iran, Palestine, Italy, Scotland and England.

We landed in Halifax with our clothes and a change of bed sheets and \$14. When arriving someone told us to buy ourselves a loaf of bread, some butter and some cheese to make ourselves something to eat on our two day train journey to Toronto.

I can't remember who told us or where I went to buy these things, but I did and also shared these with a couple of people we didn't know on the train.

Most of the people were like us, we weren't classed as British or Canadian War Brides. Ted was sent to work in England in the coal mines for 10 dollars a week. We had hard times after arriving here on his brother's farm (he had also immigrated here in 1949) but we loved Canada, and have never been sorry we came here.

One of our proudest moments was when our 19 year old son George was sworn into the RCMP and graduated in Regina in July 1971, just over twenty years after arriving in Canada. Our son retired after serving 25 years. Our daughter is and was too, still married to an RCMP since 1979.

Ted and I were always proud to have the 2 Canadian born children, but to have RCMP officers (corporals) we were doubly proud. We also have 4 grandsons and nice in-laws also. All live in Western Canada.