

Giovanni Marrone
Italian Immigrant
Nea Hellas
June 2, 1953

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Name: Giovanni Marrone

Born: November 21, 1927
Fossacessia, Italy

Died: October 20, 1979 Toronto,
Ontario

Immigration: 1953

Date of departure: Ma 21, 1953
Napoli, Italy

Date of arrival: June 2 Halifax, Pier
21

Sailing ship: SS Nea Hellas

Destination: Sudbury, Ontario

Occupation: Construction worker

Born the third of four siblings to Concetta Bada and Rocco Marrone

Had a nominal education

With the German retreat and the Allied advancement, his town was severely damaged due to aerial bombing.

Married Maria DiGirolampo on May 16, 1953 in Fossacessia

That same year began the process to immigrate. His friend Nicola Campitelli prepared his documentation.

Boarded the Nea Hellas on May 21 at Napoli, Italy

On board he had a few close friends, namely Alberto (zi lil'bert) and Rocco La Caprara.

Relayed on many occasions how many passengers suffered the effects of seasickness.

Giovanni landed at Halifax, Pier 21 on June 2, 1953

They were apart until April 25, 1956, until she reunited with him in Sudbury to begin their new life as Canadians.

Lived with brother Carmine Antonio where they rented a room from their uncle Francesco Sorgini (1893-1963)



In August Giovanni and Maria moved to Toronto

The Marrone brothers established a tradition of visiting each other every year at Christmas time.

Giovanni went to work as a plasterer in the construction industry.

They purchased their first home at 116 Bude in Toronto.

They had three sons: Anthony (born 1957), Marco (born 1963) and Robert (born 1965).



In July 1968, following the Italian migration north, the family moved to Downsview – North York – a suburb of Toronto.

Giovanni was diagnosed with cancer in 1972, forcing him to retire from construction industry.

In 1973 he began a new job as a warehouse laborer for the F.W. Woolworth Company.

Giovanni succumbed to cancer on October 20, 1979.

