

Vincas Jakubauskas  
by Grandaughter Darija  
Giniuaite  
Lithuanian Immigrant  
Empress of Scotland  
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My grandfather, Vincas Jakubauskas, was born in 1898 in Southern Lithuania village Rockiai farmer's family. He was the oldest son. According to the customs, he had to inherit his parent's farm and his brothers had to start somewhere else. But, as I understand, he did a sacrifice and left for Canada to make some money to start his life. At the moment he was 28, still unmarried (which was a little bit unusual for that time), he left the country.

According to my grandmother, who is still alive at age 92. He came back to Lithuania for vacation in 1935 or 1936 and was planning to come back to Canada that's why I thought he was naturalized in Canada and I am ver glad you confirmed that. (If I could find his naturalization, I will write you for sure). But my cousin introduced him to my grandmother and they got married. My grandma at that time was 28 whereas most women were getting married in their early 20s. But everyone said that this marriage would be a good deal, since Vincas was "American" (that's how they called him) and was rich. After marriage, they both acquired three little estates in Kaunas, the second biggest city in Lithuania. Unfortunately, after a few years, they had to give up their estates because of the Russian occupation. People who had even little money ended up in Siberia as capitalists. Therefore, my grandpa made a smart move and give up the estates. Actually, he even didn't sell it. He gave it away as a present. That is the who reason they stayed alive and escaped Siberia.

My grandparents lived happily despite arranged marriage. They raised my mother and a son. My mother among other girls was called "American" too. Vincas died in 1973. I remember him really well. He was extremely a hard working person. My Grandmother was very close to him so all this information I am passing on to you will be really precious to her! Also, we have rumors that my grandpa left some accounts in Canada. However, I checked unclaimed accounts in the Bank of Canada but couldn't find anything. I don't know if it is possible that that account could be somewhere else.

