

## Maria Tomin Romanian Immigrant 1929



Canadian Museum of  
Immigration at Pier 21

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Below is information about

Maria Tomin's journey from Timorshora (Romania). Her town was Regos near Timorshora City. She came to Canada in 1929 with her son Ivan (John) to a new life.



Maria Tomin Journey from Romania  
(Reagos Timasora) 1929

Mata (Mike) Tomin, her husband same (surname) left Romania a year before because their friends in Montreal told that life was (good). Before Mike and Maria left their home town they had a small farm with

grapes, animals and grew vegetables and had some employees on the land.

One wonders why they left as in Canada one had to start from scratch plus discrimination on many levels. Maria left Romania as she had no family and lost her mother when she was 12 years old. Being an only child and lost her father when he was in his fifties. Maria Tomin had to learn to cook at an early age and look after her father. Her age was 26 yrs old when she left western Romania near Hungarian border where Jews, Germans, Hungarians lived. The area was claimed by Hungry before as then Romania reclaimed its territory back. Her journey took her across Hungary, Austria, Germany, Netherlands by train to Rotterdam to meet the ship for journey to Halifax. Then by train to Montreal. Already her husband Mata was living in a rooming house in Montreal Hotel de Ville Street.

Maria Tomin found a Job through her landlady who was Romanian also. Coming to a new country seems



daunting enough and having to learn a language among other things new customs. Leaving behind ones language, culture, friends, Country, like many before her who chose Canada as a new home. She had a one-room rental apartment around Hotel de Ville Street in Montreal. With her husband and son who was 8 years old when he left Romania with his mother.

They lived there for 12 years and John (Ivan) went to St. Patrick School on Alexander St beside St. Patrick's' Church in Montreal. Then Maria's son got married around (1940-1942) and moved to Outremont Ave in Montreal. Maria was then age 96 and died in Montreal (Pointe-Claire) in 1999.

Maria had 3 granddaughters and grandchildren and one great great grandchild. A respected grandmother who was kind to all including myself.

Yours,

Thomas P Conway

Merci - zo raib maie agust (drisy jaelic)