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Scottish Immigrant
Who Arrived in New York
Batory
November 5, 1947



On November 5th, 1947 my parents and myself arrived in New York City on board the M/V Batory. We left my hometown of Paisley, Scotland the latter part of October. We arrived in London, England where we spent a week with friends. On October 29th, 1947 we sailed out of Southampton. It was a good voyage, a bit rough at times and a bit foggy when we sailed into New York. In spite of the fog we managed a good view of the Statue of Liberty. We spent a few hours in New York and then boarded a train for Windsor, Ontario. Windsor was not what we expected and in a few weeks we moved to Goderich, Ontario.

I was very unhappy, I had left all my friends in Scotland and found it hard mixing with everyone in a strange country. I worked for a while in a hardware store and after a while found a job at the Goderich Elevator & Transit Co. While there I met my husband. He worked for the Post Office in the mail car of the train. We were married in October 1953 and in 1954 we moved to London, Ontario and have been here ever since. We have five children, seven granddaughters, a great granddaughter and a great grandson.

My husband was in the navy during the war, on the HMCS "Ontario", he used to go by my home on the train. It is a strange world. Canada has been good to us, I wouldn't go back and live in Scotland. I would rather remember it the way it was.