

Isa Rabbets nee
Wallace
Scottish Immigrant
Georgic
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My family, parents Andrew & Jeannie Wallace, Sister Jeanette, Isa and William departed from Markinch, Fife, Scotland by train to Southampton where we embarked on the M.V. Georgic (a converted warship) in May 1951. We sailed to LeHarve, France to pick up more passengers. On leaving France we headed into stormy weather which we had most of the 11 days at sea. It wasn't a pleasant trip because of the rough seas. One night we were struck by the tip of an iceberg and since my father was in another part of the ship my mother insisted that my father stay with us that night in our cabin. Mother put life jackets on us all and stayed up all night, she was going to be ready if the ship went down. We arrived in Halifax May 27, 1951. The reason my family immigrated to Canada was because of my fathers health and also to give us children a better chance at life in a new country.

When we arrived in Halifax we were the only word I can use is herded like cattle through Immigration and then onto a waiting train that had no covering or padding on the seats and made our way to Ontario where we settled.

In the end result we are happy that we came to Canada. This is home.