

Dominik Machek
Slovenian Immigrant
Port of Quebec City
1928



Recollections from his son:

Dominik Machek arrived in Canada through Quebec City.



He ended up in Kirkland Lake Ontario eventually, and worked as an underground miner in a gold mine for 25 years. While still a young bachelor he lived in a boarding house while working the mine.

Through the boarding house owner John Ambrozic he was introduced to my mother Frances Ambrozic as a mail order bride, which he had sent a return pre-paid ship ticket on the condition that she could within a 6 month period after arriving in Kirkland Lake could stay on her own or marry my dad or return home.

Within the 6 month period my mother worked at the boarding house he was living at, and they decided to marry on November 19, 1933.

They had two children, my sister Helen and I - Dominik the second. We lived happily together until my father passed away on April 4 1972 when he was 69 years old. Mom lived on her own until June 12 2005 when she was 95.

Mom and dad lived in the Slovenian community of Kirkland Lake and retained their cultural upbringing. My sister Helen and I both learned the Slovenian language and speak it fluently until this day. Mom and Dad were proud of their heritage, but especially proud of being Canadian citizens and what this country offered them - their freedom, and to make a good living.



Glavne knjige parobrod. društva: 2007
 Brojni broj društva: 71377
 Zagreb, 22. maja 1921.

Dominik Kaček,
 u **Radler 4.**
 opština **Plote**
 srez **Lopatec**

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NAPLATA SE KAZNJAVA.

JVO GARANTNO PISMO NEMOŽE SE
 PREMIJETI NA DRUGU OSOBU I VRIJEDI
 ZA PUTOVANJE IZ JUGOSLAVIJE
 OD 27. maja 1921.
 DO 31. jula 1921.

Potvrđujemo primitak Vaše prijave za iseljenje na zemljoradnički rad u Kanadu (provincija Mamkata).

Uzimamo na znanje Vaš navod, da ste doista (bona fide) zemljoradnik, t. j., da niste nikada bili fabrički (ili rudarski) radnik, te da niste nikada bili u Sjedinjenim Državama Sjeverne Amerike, da znate čitati i pisati, te da ste zdravi i da niste stariji preko 45 godina.

Dosljedno tome uzimamo na znanje i Vašu izjavu, da ćete se, ako budete pušteni u Kanadu zaista primiti radnje na farmi i da ćete u toj struci ostati.


Upozorujete se već sada, da za slučaj da se pokaže, da ste zavarali vlasti ili nas lažnim tvrdnjama ili dokumentima te time prouzrokovali, da budete vraćeni (deportirani), morati ćete sami snositi sav trošak vaše otpreme u zavičaj.

Ako se možete iskazati još i sa svotom od 25 dolara u gotovom za troškove prvih dana Vašega boravka u Kanadi, to nema zapreka s naše strane, da preko Vaših nadležnih vlasti podnesete redovitim putem molbu za iseljenje u Kanadu.

Ako se pronadje, da su navodi sadržani u Vašoj prijavi tačni i da ste Vi u svakom pogledu sposobni, da udovoljite napose kanadskim useljeničkim propisima, — mi jamčimo (garantujemo) da ćemo Vam pribaviti namještenje na farmi preuzimajući pri tom na sebe pored zakonskih i sve one obveze, koje su sadržane u raspisu Iseljeničkog Komesarijata u Zagrebu od 23. aprila 1924. br. 5.837/24.

Kad Vam bude redovitim putem od strane vlasti uručen pasoš, izvolite se javiti u svrhu otpreme kod našeg generalnog zastupstva u Lubzani ili kod našega zastupstva u Lubzani.

Sa štovanjem
 Generalno zastupstvo
 CANADIAN PORT & PASSENGER CO.
 društva.



(Naklada 100 primjaka u Komesarijatu u Zagrebu.)

Certificate of Marriage

Church of
Holy Name of Jesus
 at Kirkland Lake, Ont., Canada

This is to Certify
 That Dominik Kaček
 and Franciska Ambrosij
 were lawfully **Married**
 on the nineteenth day of November 1921
 According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church
 and in conformity with the laws of the Province
 of Ontario, Rev. Fr. McMahon
 officiating, in the presence of Frank Grant
 and Helen Layton Witnesses, as appears
 from the Marriage Register of this Church.
 Dated Nov. 20, 1921
R. McMahon Pastor

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DOMINION OF CANADA

NUMBER 113293 SERIES A

THE NATURALIZATION ACT

Certificate of Naturalization

I, the undersigned, Secretary of State of Canada do hereby certify and declare that DOMINIK KAČEK whose particulars are endorsed hereon is hereby naturalized as a British subject that he is entitled to all political and other rights, powers and privileges and subject to all obligations, duties and liabilities to which a natural born British subject is entitled or subject and that he has to all intents and purposes the status of a natural born British subject.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of the Department of the Secretary of State of Canada this Second day of February 1921.

THIS CERTIFICATE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ON AND FROM Second day of February 1921.

H. G. Gowan  C. A. Cahoon
 SECRETARY OF STATE OF CANADA