

Josephine King
by Daughter Bonnie
Boyle
Scottish War Bride
Mauretania
September 11, 1946



My father was born in Canada fought in the Second World War. My father was Louis King also know as Louis LeRoi, born at Descousse, Nova Scotia, Canada, 9th February 1904. Son of Joseph King or LeRoi, Mother Marie Jeanne Poirier. At some point he went to live at 9 Maynard Street Halifax N.S. Canada.

While stationed overseas he met my mother and married in Scotland. On their marriage paper's it reads, - Married May 5th, 1944 at St. Patrick's Church, Glasgow Scotland - Louis King, Seaman: Merchant Navy, Leading stoker: Royal Canadian Navy, bachelor, age 40. Residence 9 Maynard St. Halifax Nova Scotia married Josephine McSwiggan, Chamber Maid, spinster, Residence 5 Washington St. Glasgow, Scotland. My mother had one son, Francis, when she met my father, they then had a daughter, Louisa Margaret. My father went back to Canada at some point, then my mother left some time after on war bride ship with her son and baby daughter who was 6 mouths old. The date would have been September 11, 1946. They were met by my father at Pier 21. We are uncertain of the ship name as my mother's memory is very bad now. It could have been the Mauretania or the Letitia. My mother also spoke of the ships my father was on. They may have been the Belfast and the Sheffield.

My mother arrived at his home in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. It was there that she went on to have the rest of her family. As a child I remember my father and mother going through hard times. My father died in Halifax when I was 8 years old. I have only been able visit his grave once as I live in Scotland.

After my father's death my mother took us back to Scotland. She is now 84 years old. She had a very hard life so I want her to know she is not forgotten and I want Canadians to know that she still has a place in her heart for Canada.

Editors Note:

MRS JOSEPHINE KING (1918-2003) Mrs. King passed away just a few weeks after her daughter submitted her story. If anyone remembers Mrs.

Josephine King they are encouraged to write to the Pier 21 Society so that their memories and condolences can be forwarded to her daughter. If you can share any information please write to Mrs. Bonny Boyle c/o Carrie-Ann Smith at library@pier21.ca. or Pier 21, 1055 Marginal Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 4P6.

After the sad passing of her mother Mrs. Boyle wrote:

AT ONE POINT SHE WAS TAKEING INTO HOSPITAL, THE DOCTOR SAID HER CHANCE'S OF SURVIVING WERE 1 IN 10. THAT WAS 5 YEARS AGO BUT SHE JUST KEPT GOING LIKE THE FIGHTER SHE WAS, SHE NEVER KNEW HOW REALLY ILL SHE WAS, YOU WOULD



HAVE LIKE HER AS EVERYONE DID, NOT JUST IN SCOTLAND AND CANADA BUT ALSO IRELAND AND ENGLAND, SHE WOULD STOP AND TALK TO PEOPLE IN STREET, AND WHEN WE ASKED WHO THEY WERE SHE WOULD SAY SHE DIDN'T KNOW THEM, SHE ALSO LOVED TO SING EVEN IN THE NURSING HOME, THE NURSES OFTEN SPOKE OF PASTING HER ROOM AND HEARING HER SING OR TAKING HER TO THE DINNING ROOM SINGING ALONG THE WAY AND ONCE THERE SHE STARTED THEM ALL SINGING, ON THE DAY MY MOTHER PAST AWAY A NURSE SPOKE TO ME AND SAID JOSEPHINE WILL BE SADLY MISSED BY ALL, SHE RECALLS MY MOTHER SINGING WE ARE THE HALIFAX GIRLS, AND MANY MORE, EVEN NEAR THE END SHE NEVER FORGOT HER LOVE FOR CANADA.

Addition trip details provided by Ms. Boyle's sister Louise:

Name- KING LOUISE MARGARET

Name of vessel- SS LETITIA

Port of arrival- Hailfax N.S. DATE 11-09-1946

AGE 6 MONTHS OLD

STATUS LANDED IMMGRANT

ACCOMPANIED BY- MOTHER JOSEPHINE 28 YEARS OLD

BROTHER- FRANCIS MCSWIGGAN 5 YEARS OLD

REMARKS SAILING FROM: LIVERPOOL ON SEPTEMBER
3,1946.BORN: GLASGOW,SCOTLAND DESTINED
TO:FATHER- LOUIS KING, 9 MAYNARD ST, HAILFAX, N.S.
NEAREST RELATIVE OUTSIDE CANADA
GRANMOTHER-MARGARET MCSWIGGAN
5 WASHINGTON ST, GLASGOW, SCOTLAND.