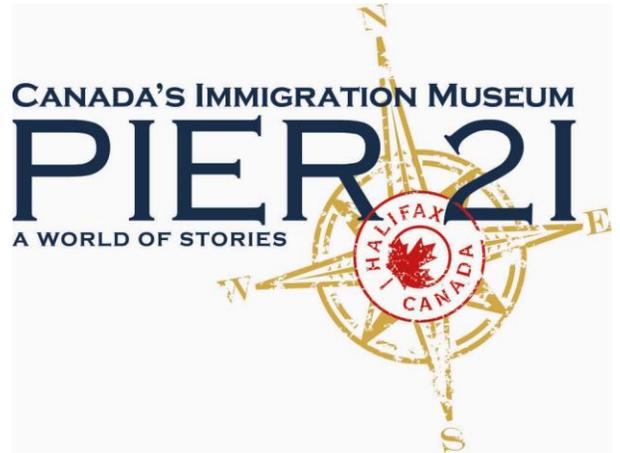


Rhoda Fulford  
Scottish War Bride  
Queen Mary  
June of 1946



I was a war bride and came to Canada in 1946 on the Queen Mary. I think it was July 1st I arrived in Canada. I know I left Southampton, England at the end of June 1946. I am originally from Scotland and travelled down from Dundee Scotland with my 2 yr old daughter. I know the trip on the Queen Mary was wonderful, we saw so much lovely food, we hadn't seen



all the war years in Britain. I know we were all given a postcard of the Queen Mary, signed by the captain; but over the years it has gone astray. The train trip wasn't as nice, as it was very hot, not air conditioned then, but the service-men were all very helpful to us. I was going to Kirkland Lake and our carriage was taken off the across Canada train and left overnight to link up with the Toronto train going to Northern Ontario. The meals were really nice on the train and my daughter behaved so well for the whole trip. My husband was at the Swastika Station to meet us, having been returned to Canada by his army regiment in June 1945. I

arrived one year later. I was a member of the Royal Air Force from 1941 to 1943 in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

I met my husband in 1941 while he was on leave in Dundee Scotland a week before I left for Air Force duty. We married in 1943 in Dundee, Scotland, while on leave from our units in England. I was stationed in the North of England, he was stationed in the South of England, so we had to part after our 3 day honeymoon back to our Units, so we corresponded regularly arranging our leaves together. I have been very happy in Canada, we lived in Kirkland Lake till 1994 when we moved to North Bay as my husband's health wasn't very good. He died in 2001.

I have 2 daughters and a son. 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. 2 just this year (June and October 2006).

I visit my sisters in Scotland and England over the years but Canada is my home and I love it and I know I made the right decision to come here, but it must have been terrible for our parents to think their daughters were going so far away.

Editor's Note: Rhoda Fulford passed away on March 11, 2010 in North Bay, ON at the age of 90.