



Grandma visits England in 1924 and Both Grandma and Grandpa to the Coronation in 1937.

1937 was Grandpa's first return to England since the end of the war in 1918. It is clear from the following itinerary that the trip was primarily to see the England family, although, the timing seems to be centered on the coronation of George VI. I have Grandma Emma's pocket diary from that trip. It is cryptic, to say the least, with very little detail except the place names that resonate so strongly with our England families. Here it is in its entirety:

Wednesday, April 1 Left Vancouver 5:30pm, Arrived Seattle 10pm
 Thursday, April 2 Left Seattle 1am, Arrived Portland, Ore 7am
 Tuesday, April 7 Arrived Washington, DC 6am Left 12pm for New York via Philadelphia
 Wednesday, April 8 Arrived New York 7am, sailed on Ascania 5pm
 Friday, April 10 Arrived Halifax 5pm
 Saturday, April 11 sailed from Halifax 12pm
 Sunday, April 19 Arrived Plymouth 6am
 Monday, April 20 Arrived Surrey Docks 10am - Broad Oak - 6pm
 Monday, April 27 Mayfield
 Friday, May 1 Left Heathfield for Birmingham
 Saturday, May 2 Frederick St.
 Sunday, May 3 Spent day at Lickey's
 Monday, May 4 Went to Sutton Coldfields Park
 Wednesday, May 6 Left Birmingham for Didcot
 Thursday, May 7 Drayton, saw Will
 Friday, May 8 Longworth and Hanney
 Monday, May 11 Left Didcot for Hatch End, London - saw decorations along procession route
 Tuesday, May 12 Coronation
 Wednesday, May 13 Around London
 Thursday, May 14 Trip on river

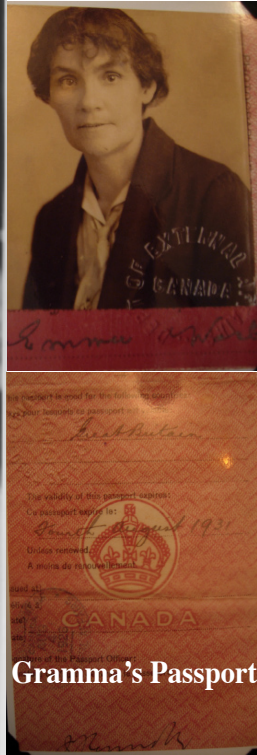
from Westminster Bridge
 Friday, May 15 Harrow on Hill, Walford, Wembley etc.
 Sunday, May 17 Hampden Common
 Monday, May 18 Left London for Calne - Met at Chippenham by J and M
 Tuesday, May 19 Bow wood Park (Lord Lansdown)
 Wednesday, May 20 Maudheath monument
 Thursday, May 21 Left Calne for Stowford
 Saturday, May 23 Wingfield Church
 Sunday, May 24 Left Stowford for Bournemouth
 Friday, May 29 Christchurch Abbey Ruins
 Tuesday, June 2 Poole
 Friday, June 5 Left Bournemouth for Heathfield
 Tuesday, June 9 Mother left Bournemouth for Stowford
 Monday, June 15 Left Heathfield for Stowford
 Tuesday, June 16 Visited Cheddar Gorge, Caves, Wells Cathedral, Wookey Hole Cave and Mendips
 Thursday, June 18 Trowbridge
 Saturday, June 20 Farleigh Church
 Thursday, June 25 Trowbridge
 Friday, June 26 Visited Longleat and Heavens Gate (Perhaps Earl of Bath)
 Saturday, June 27 Farleigh Hungerford Castle
 Wednesday, July 1 Visited Wells and Glastonbury
 Thursday, July 2 Bradford on Avon, left Stowford for Calne
 Friday, July 3 Cherrill (?) White Horse and camp
 Sunday, July 5 Sherstone, Malmesbury (Abbey)
 Sunday, July 12 Avebury
 Wednesday, July 15 Left Calne, very heavy rain, went to Grove and on to Charlton
 Friday, July 17 Grove to Abingdon, Grove, Hanney, Venn, Marcham

Saturday, July 18 Grove
 Sunday, July 19 Left Charlton for Goosey
 Monday, July 20 Drove to Drayton, saw Will
 Tuesday, July 21 Visited Venn and Hanney Mills, W. Hanney Church
 Wednesday, July 22 Garlands
 Thursday, July 23 Goring and Streat, Blewbury Mill
 Friday, July 24 Haymaking
 Saturday, July 25 White Horse, Blowing Stone, Uffington
 Sunday, July 26 Left Goosey for Birmingham via Didcot, Oxford and Banbury
 Monday, July 27 Aston Park
 Tuesday, July 28 Visited Kenilworth
 Wednesday, July 29 Handsworth Park
 Friday, July 31 Sutton Coldfield Park
 Saturday, Aug. 1 Frederick St.?
 Sunday, August 2 Lightwood Park and Warley Park
 Monday, August 3 Litchfield Cathedral, St. Chad's Church
 Tuesday, August 4 Didcot via Banbury and Oxford
 Wednesday, August 5 Henley on Thames and Wallingford
 Thursday, August 6 Drayton, Sutton Courteney, Marcham Mill
 Friday, August 7 Wantage, Challow, Goosey, West Hanney, Garford, Frilford, Abingdon, Appleford
 Saturday, August 8 Didcot
 Sunday, August 9 Reading, Guildford, Brookwood, Dorking, Riegate, Red Hill, Bisley Godstone, E. Grinstead, Heathfield, Broad Oak
 Monday, August 10 Cade St.
 Tuesday, August 11 Battle, Hastings, Burwash

 Although Gramma's diary ends here, the postcard below indicates that they didn't arrive back in Canada until Oct. 1, a trip of 6 months!



Grampa strolls with George Long



Grampa and Gramma on the beach at Bournemouth with George & Eva Long and family.



Grampa and Gramma with Auntie Ruth & John Cook

