

Genie Macleod's Diary

Genie Macleod was an Irish school mistress who travelled to British North America in 1847 just before her death. She recorded, in a diary, her impressions of the sea trip from Ireland.

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We sailed on a ship across the ocean. It was pretty bad, but what can you expect for nothing. I had to help with the chores. But we had lots of time to fish. It was awesome—I caught a marlin. It tasted good. Lots of people became sick. I think it was the water. They should have tested it first before drinking it. One of my cousins who was on the trip died.

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