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Dear Sirs,

We were married 51 years ago and these are our memories. The wedding was planned and things changed as the time grew closer. My mother put \$15. down on the most beautiful wedding dress which cost \$115.00. But as time grew closer and World War I had just begun time and life were uncertain so my wedding dress was canceled. No one took pictures and we had no photographer at the wedding.

We were married Jan 24, 1942 at 7:20 P.M. on Saturday. The wedding was delayed 20 minutes while we gladly waited for my older Brother Joe who was in basic training at Fort Dix N.J. Being married during the war kept celebration and honeymoons to a minimum. No horn blowing was permitted because people would think it an air raid. My new husband was employed at the New York Shipbuilding Yard, in Camden, as an Electrical apprentice for 35¢ an hour so only 3 days were allowed for the honeymoon.

Now down to the honeymoon. My father-in-law insisted that my brother-in-law and his wife go on our honeymoon with us. They were married 3 months earlier. If we didn't take them we couldn't use the family car. Sunday morning we all headed for Niagara Falls. We can't remember where we stayed the first night but we arrived Monday in Niagara Falls. Enclosed is the only picture of our honeymoon and us standing near the falls. I'm afraid we saw the falls had a meal bought souvenirs and had to head home again. We were back in Camden N.J. Wed. night.

It has been 51 yrs., 2 children, 6 grand children, 2 great grand children later and we are still saying we are going back to see the falls.

I also enclosed a picture taken last year at our 50th wedding anniversary. I am 70 yrs. young and Fred is 72.

We have always said we went to Niagara Falls for our honeymoon but we can't remember exactly how long we were there - 8 hr - 12 hr - but it was our honeymoon.

Sincerely
Ellen May Probst