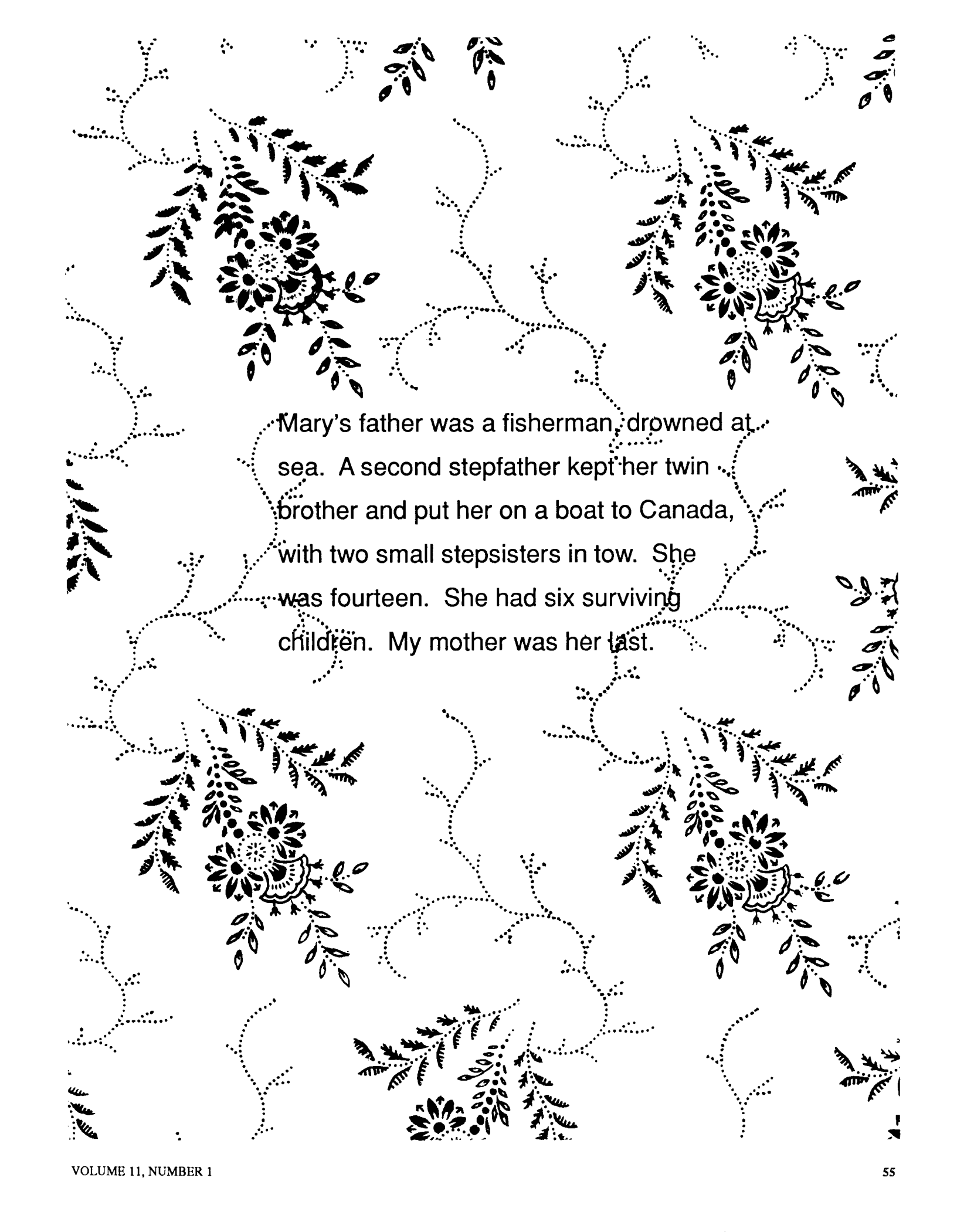


Agnes was sent to Canada when she was six.
She died here when her last child, my
father, was six. After his death, I found
her orphan's trunk with the shipping label
on, still stencilled with her name.



Mary's father was a fisherman, drowned at sea. A second stepfather kept her twin brother and put her on a boat to Canada, with two small stepsisters in tow. She was fourteen. She had six surviving children. My mother was her last.