



Ebenezer Hampton Kelly
Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)
Royal Navy
Service No. D/187449
World War II

Born: 1929

Died: 06 July 1961

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: John and Mary Kelly

The story of Ebenezer is a complicated one. His father John Kelly was Jamaican born and his birth mother's name is a mystery (possibly Mary from the above newspaper clipping).

In trying to track Ebenezer, the 1935 Newfoundland general census finds him in community of Barneed. He is sixteen (16) years old and living with Isaac and Margaret. He is their adopted son. This is given further credence by the fact that Ebenezer lists his mother as Margaret in a later document.

The only part of Ebenezer's service record that can be currently verified at present, since WW II service records are not yet available to the public, is that he was part of the 4th Naval Contingent, comprised of 175 men that embarked St. John's, Newfoundland on March 1st, 1940, to Halifax and then overseas to England.

April 22, 1943 has Ebenezer arriving in New York on board the ship, Fort Amherst. He is 24, single and gives his next of kin as his mother Margaret of Bareneed, Newfoundland.



"Fort Amherst" 1940"

Sometime after his service or during it, Ebenezer is found in Kingston, Jamaica, where on December 5th, 1943, he married Daphne Hunt. Daphne was born in Jamaica.

U.S. arriving and departing passengers & crew record of 1944 clearly shows Ebenezer arriving in Tampa, Florida from Kingston, Jamaica in March of that year.

A description of Ebenezer at this time reveals that he is 5' 5" tall, of dark complexion and having black hair with blue eyes. He is further described as having a tattoo on his right arm.

Daphne would pass away at the early age of forty-two (42) on the 25th of December 1960 and Ebenezer would follow just seven months later. Interestingly, he too was just forty-two (42) years old. According to his death certificate, Ebenezer died of congestive heart failure on the 6th of July 1961. He was a widower and living at 45 Hamilton Street, St. John's, Newfoundland.

They are buried in the Pentecostal Cemetery at Clarke's Beach, Newfoundland.

The couple had a daughter, Merzell. Her name appears on their headstone.