



George Roy Samways
Royal Naval Reserve Newfoundland
Royal Navy
Service No. P/188841
World War II

Born: 13 Mar 1920

Died: 23 Apr 1975

Place of Birth: Coley's Point, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: Isaac Snow and Fanny Samways

The 1921 Newfoundland General Census shows George who is just a year old living with his grandfather John in Coley's Point. The 1935 Census shows George at 15 year's old and living as a boarder in the home of Joseph and Grace Batten in Coley's Point. After that he disappears from further census records.

According to Newfoundland Naval Records, George enlisted sometime in 1940, using his birth name "Samways" and home address as Shearstown, Newfoundland. George then, appears in a "UK and Ireland Incoming Passenger List" in late March 1940. The vessel, the SS Newfoundland is carrying Royal Navy recruits, having departed St. John's, Newfoundland then Halifax, Nova Scotia and then

Boston, Massachusetts arriving in Liverpool, England 01 April 1940. Since George was part of the 5th Naval Contingent from Newfoundland to Great Britain, this fits the time frame.

Now in service in England, George met Hazel Litchfield and the couple married in September 1941. Hazel was just seventeen (17).

Following the war, George would remain in England. He and Hazel made their home in Grimsby and together had nine (9) children.

George died in 1975. No headstone has been located, probably because he was cremated. Hazel passed away in 1989.



Clipping from The Observer's Weekly, dated 03 September 1940. Roy is incorrectly identified as Roy Sanders.