



MARY SEACOLE

EARLY BEGINNING

Mary Seacole was born in 1805 Kingston, Jamaica, while her father was placed on the island as he was a Scottish soldier.

Mary's mother was a Jamaican nurse who ran a boarding house in Kingston.

When Mary was 12 she helped her mother at the boarding house and treated patients.

EARLY CAREER AND PRIVATE LIFE

Mary decided to catch a boat to London. She later married an English man Edwin Seacole who sadly died later. Because of this Mary decided to dedicate her life to nursing.

So she went straight to the nursing board and asked them to let her go to Crimea with Florence Nightingale but they said no. This didn't stop her so she caught a boat and sailed to Crimea.

THE CRIMEAN WAR

When she arrived at Crimea she built a hospital, the British hospital, that was made of metal sheets and helped soldiers even Russian soldiers. Eventually, she became known as Mother Seacole and a man from the times (newspaper) came and interviewed her to be in the news.

Mary wasn't alone, she had a maid Sally who helped her. Sally was kind she followed Mary to the battle fields, looked after patients and cared for Mary.

LATER LIFE

When Mary came back, she was in poor health with very little money.

She did receive medals of bravery from the Queen herself. Sadly Mary couldn't pay for Sally so she left her.

Mary Jane Seacole passed away In 1881.

Just under 100 years after her death a statue of her was unveiled at St. Thomas' hospital in London.



M. J. Seacole



MARY SEACOLE
Nurse at the Trench during
1857-1865



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