

"I trust that England will not forget one who nursed her sick, who sought out her wounded to aid and succour them, and who performed the last offices for some of her illustrious dead."

Sir William Howard Russell, War Correspondent: *The Times* newspaper, 1857

Mary Seacole 1805-1881

Mary Seacole was a doctress, an entrepreneur and an adventurer. Born Mary Jane Grant in Jamaica in 1805 of Creole and Scottish parentage she was an extraordinary woman. A lady who rose above prejudice to help hundreds of soldiers on the front line in the Crimean war with her expert herbal treatments, compassion and her indefatigable spirit. Mary's achievements were recognized by Queen Victoria and the Surgeon General of the British Army as well as ordinary soldiers, who would stop 'Mother Seacole' in the street to offer their thanks.

Mary Seacole Memorial Statue Appeal

Her memory has since faded. We feel that it is time she is commemorated with a memorial in the grounds of St. Thomas' Hospital, the first of its kind to a named black woman in the United Kingdom. We believe that it will acknowledge the important role played by ethnic minorities in British history and the success of our multi-cultural society. Above all we want to celebrate a woman who succeeded against all the odds. The artist Martin Jennings has been chosen to design the Mary Seacole Memorial Statue – an example of his work is the John Betjeman statue at St Pancras railway station in London.

To realize this wonderful opportunity, to celebrate our past and inspire future generations, we need your help!

We need to raise a further £300,000 to fund the memorial. With already £50,000 received in donations, a further £50,000 is guaranteed by the end of 2010. In addition to these kind contributions the site has been generously donated by **St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust** and the charitable arm of **Sir Robert McAlpine Ltd** has committed its support to the monument's construction. Many people are already supporting the Appeal, including the Jamaican High Commission, the Royal College of Nursing and a number of army units. With your support, we can erect a memorial that will bring to life the achievements of this remarkable woman. Please donate via the address or website below. Another important part of the charity's work is education, with activities designed to raise awareness of her work and achievements. Our efforts will enhance the knowledge of the Nation with respect to the long history of Black heroes and heroines and their contribution and associations with Britain.

How can you support the Mary Seacole Memorial Statue Appeal?

1. You or your organisation can donate securely online at www.justgiving.com/maryseacolememorial and GiftAid will also be automatically reclaimed increasing the value of your donation. Or send a cheque [made out to MSMSA] to: Mary Seacole Memorial Statue Appeal c/o Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0RN.
2. Organise fundraising events for the Appeal. You can easily create your own online fundraising page to enable your supporters to donate funds or sponsor you via: www.justgiving.com/maryseacolememorial/raisemoney
3. A photographic print with signature, as well as a jigsaw, T-shirt, fridge magnet and mug featuring the image of Mary Seacole, can be purchased online via the *Mary Evans Picture Library Prints Online* site: www.prints-online.com/pictures_1581575/detail.html A percentage of the proceeds of the sale will go towards the Mary Seacole Memorial Statue Appeal.
4. Join the Facebook group 'Mary Seacole: Campaign for greater awareness & a memorial statue' via: www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=4430811173

THANK YOU!

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