

Joseph COX

Chief Petty Officer (retired)

At KES:

Born in 1865 in Bethnal Green he came to KES in 1877, an orphan in the care of his brother. His occupation was in the shoemaker's shop. He was described as "lively and a very good shoemaker". When he left in 1880 he went straight into the Royal Navy.

Date of Death: 30 October 1917

Place: Southampton

Buried: Unknown

Joseph was 52 years old when he died in Southampton Parish Infirmary. The cause of his death is not believed to be war related. He had served most of his life in the Royal Navy. In 1896 he married Emily, a young lady from Canada, and by 1901 he held the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

However, in the 1911 census he was shown living in Portsmouth as a cleaner at the Portsmouth Corporation Tramways. It is possible that he was sworn in as a Special Constable on the Isle of Wight in 1915.