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EUGENE TOYLOY

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● **1932**

Born in Kingston, Jamaica.

● **1958**

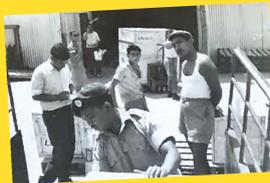
Arrived to Southampton docks, England aboard the Begonia.

● **1959**

Joined the Royal Air Force, stationed in Cyprus, Germany, and Borneo.

● **1980**

Left the RAF and settled permanently in Arbury, Cambridge.



Eugene Toyloy was born in Kingston, Jamaica, in 1932 to a family of mixed heritage, with Chinese and Japanese ancestry. His father was a printer for a daily newspaper, and Eugene became a printer apprentice at 15. After working as a salesman, Eugene left Jamaica at the age of 26, paying £56 for passage to England aboard the ship Begonia, which carried around 2,000 Jamaican passengers.

Once in England, Eugene joined the Royal Air Force, where he served for over two decades. His service included postings in Cyprus, Germany, and Borneo.



He finally returned back to England, left the RAF and settled in Arbury, Cambridge. His time in Cambridge was marked by strong ties to the African Caribbean and West Indian community, spending time at the Devonshire Arms pub and Mill Road, an enduring love for cricket and dominoes, often watching matches at Parker's Piece and Fenners.

