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The Trinity Historical Society (THS) is pleased to announce that it has obtained the approval of St. Paul's Vestry to proceed with the restoration and enhancement of the War Monument located in the churchyard at St. Paul's. The cracked concrete base of the monument will be replaced, and four storyboards will be erected near the monument. These storyboards will present the stories of the 21 men whose names are inscribed on the monument and further enhance the memory of their sacrifice.

In this issue of the Newsletter, we present the story of the 6th of these men.



Robert Laurie Maidment



Robert, the son of Samuel Maidment and Elizabeth Green, was born at Trinity on May 3, 1891. He enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on April 25, 1916. He died of wounds on April 29, 1917 at Etaples, France. He was 25.



Family Tree



Robert was a papermaker at Grand Falls when he enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on April 25th, 1916. He left St. John's onboard S.S. Sicilian and joined the regiment in France on October 22nd, 1916. Four days later he was admitted to hospital with infection and after a lengthy recovery rejoined the regiment on April 13th, 1917 during the Battle of Arras. The next day he survived the regiments second deadliest enemy engagement at Monchy-Le-Preux where 460 casualties were recorded.

On April 23rd, 1917 Robert suffered a bullet wound to the head at Les Fosses Farm and was admitted to the 18th General Hospital at Etaples where he died of his wounds on April 29, 1917. He was buried at the Etaples Military Cemetery.



Etaples Military Cemetery



Death location

His name is also inscribed on the Grand Falls War Memorial and on a family memorial stone in the General Protestant Cemetery, St. John's.

As always, the THS welcomes application for membership from anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.