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The Trinity Historical Society (THS) is pleased to report that Robyn Lacy and Ian Petty from Black Cat Cemetery Preservation completed two weeks of work on the restoration of the headstones in St. Paul's Churchyard on May 20th. During this time, they up righted, reset, repaired, and cleaned 75 headstones. The cost for Black Cat to perform this work was \$14,669.78, in addition to the cost of two loads of crusher dust which we supplied on site. The total amount of funds raised for this project up to this time is \$26,848.75. Robyn and Ian will return for a third week of work on the headstones on June 20th. Once again, we would like to thank Corey Jones for providing accommodation for them at Trinity Cabins. Further work to complete the restoration of the remaining headstones will depend on our ability to raise additional funds for the project.

We have received the hard copies of *"From Fisher's Cove, Trinity. Poetry and Prose by siblings Rose Sullivan and George Hoskins"*. Rose and George were born and raised in Trinity. The book is a delightful read and is available for purchase at the Lester Garland Giftshop. There will be a book launch at the Lester Garland House on July 19th from 7-9 pm with readings by Ruth Lawrence and Des Walsh.

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

In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of the 17th of the men whose names are inscribed on the War Monument in St. Paul's Churchyard.

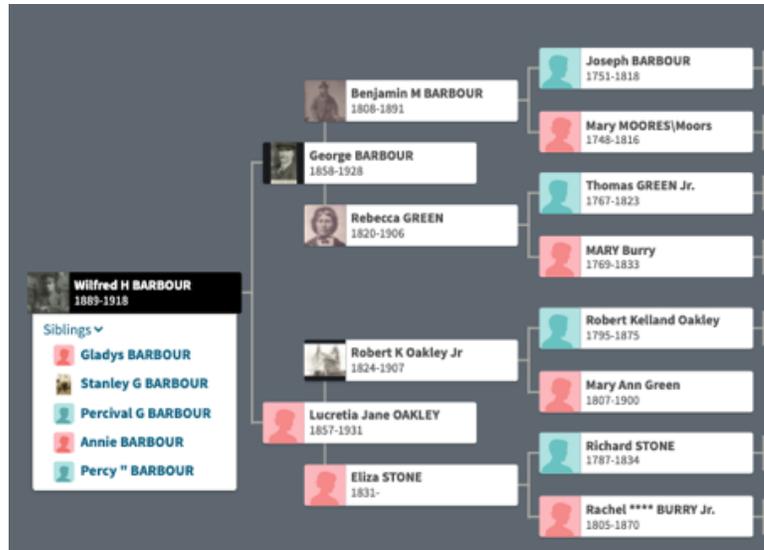


Wilfred Barbour



Wilfred Barbour, the son of George Barbour and Lucretia Jane Oakley, was born at Newtown on October 3, 1889. He enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland

Regiment April 30, 1917. He joined the battalion in France on February 15, 1918 and lost his life on October 14, 1918. He was 29.



Family Tree

Wilfred, a clerk before enlisting, quickly rose to the rank of Company Sergeant Major while still in training in Scotland, a testament to his leadership qualities. He was killed in action and was interred on the battlefield at a point northeast of Ledegem, Belgium. His remains were later exhumed and interred at Dadizele New British Cemetery, Moorslede, Belgium. He is also remembered on the war memorial located in New-West-Valley, his birth place.

