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The Trinity Historical Society (THS) would like to thank each of those who attended the ceremony at the War Monument at St. Paul's in Trinity on November 11th. Seventy-one attended despite the inclement weather. We are pleased to be able to present the stories of the men whose names are engraved on the Monument on storyboards, as a way to honour their memory, and it was lovely to have family members of the men unveil the boards. Please see the December issue of the Trinity Bight Enterprise for a summary and pictures of the ceremony. We thank Mr. Tom Kennedy, who made a video recording of the ceremony, and Mr. Paul Stapleton who recorded the sound. After editing, this video will be available on social media.

In this edition of our Newsletter we present the story of the 10th of the men whose names are on the Monument.

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



James Woolridge



James Woolridge, the son of John Woolridge and Pheobe Hayter was born at Trinity on November 29, 1898. He enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on November 20th, 1915 and joined the battalion on July 7, 1916. Three days later he was wounded in the knee and invalided to England. Upon recovery he rejoined the battalion on January 1, 1917, and lost his life on April 17, 1917, at Monchy-Le-Preux, France. He was 18.



Family Tree

James, a fisherman before enlisting, was killed in action at the battle of Monchy. In the initial morning attack the NFLD Regiment’s total casualties numbered 460; 166 killed in action, 141 wounded, and 153 prisoners of war. In a cruel twist of fate, British artillery fire called in later fell into the fields east of the village, killing many of the wounded Newfoundlanders who had lain there since the morning attack. James’s remains were never found. He is remembered on the Beaumont Hamel Memorial, among the 820 soldiers, sailors, and merchant seamen from Newfoundland who lost their lives in WW I and have no known grave.



**Memorial window,
Mortuary Chapel, Trinity**



**Death Location
Monchy-Le-Preux**