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Trinity Historical Society (THS) held a Ceremony of Remembrance in St. Paul's Churchyard in Trinity on November 11th to honour the memory of the men and women who lost their lives in World Wars I and II. The ceremony was led by Kris Drodge. There were about 70 people in attendance. We would like to thank all of those who attended this ceremony.

In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of the first of the men who are remembered on the War Monument in Trinity East.

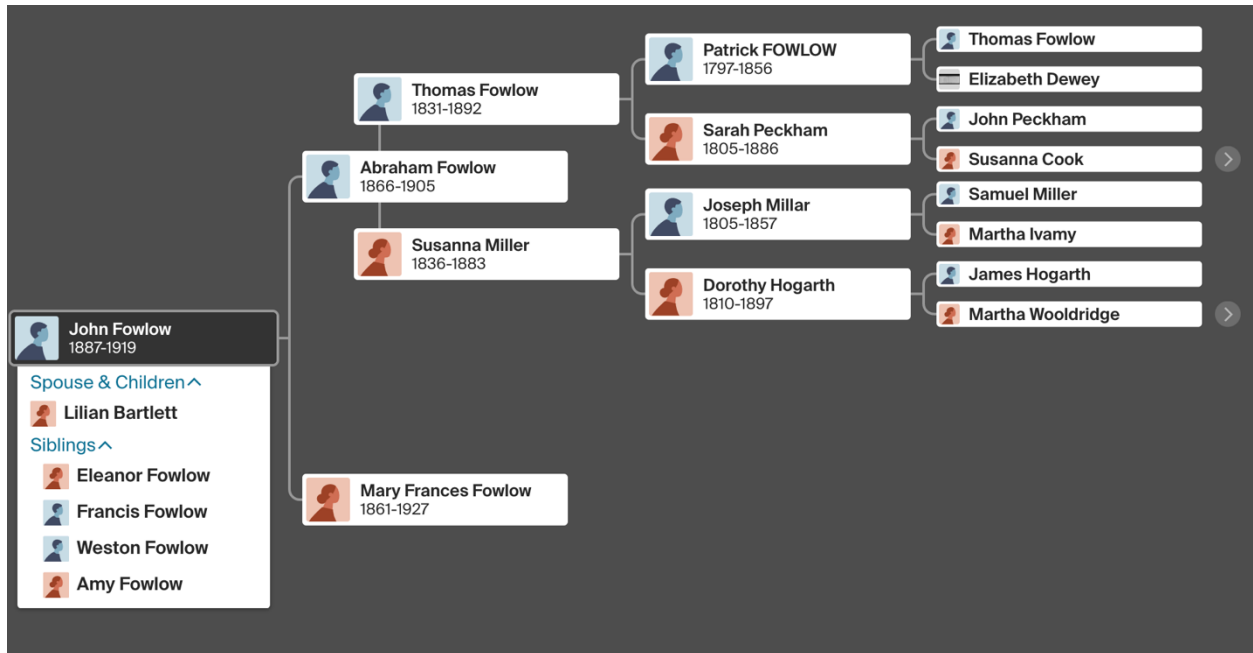
As always, the THS welcomes application for membership from anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.



John Fowlow



John Fowlow, the son of Abraham Fowlow and Mary Francis Malone, was born at Trinity East on February 3rd, 1887. John joined the Royal Navy Reserve in 1908 and was called to active duty in November, 1914. He survived the war but was killed when his ship HMS Erin's Isle stuck a mine on February 7th, 1919 while minesweeping near the Thames River Estuary. He was 32.



Family Tree

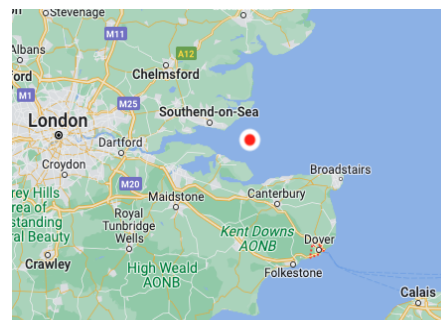
During the war John served on several small naval vessels involved in supplying goods and sweeping mines around the British Isles. His final posting was to HMS Erin's Isle, a paddle steamer converted to a minesweeper, which he joined on January 1st, 1919.

John was married to Lillian Bartlett from Goose Cove when WW I broke out. While John was on leave back in Newfoundland in the spring of 1917 Lillian became pregnant and they had a daughter, Daphne Bartlett Fowlow, in February 1918. Tragically, Daphne died in March 1918 at the age of 5 weeks. Lillian lost her husband John less than a year later. She never remarried.

John's remains were never recovered. He is remembered on the Beaumont-Hamel Memorial, Beaumont-Hamel, France.



Erin's Isle



Death Location