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The book launch of *“From Fisher’s Cove, Trinity. Poetry and Prose by siblings Rose Sullivan and George Hoskins”* was held in the garden of the Lester Garland House on September 2nd, 2022 with readings by Ruth Lawrence and Des Walsh, and music by Des and Cyril Toope. Forty-seven people attended and the evening was well received. Whiskey and wine was donated for the event by Corby’s Distillery. We sold 29 books.

As we reported previously, we have restored 127 headstones at St. Paul’s graveyard. Black Cat Cemetery Preservation will return for a fourth week of work on the stones on October 3rd.

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 20th of the men whose names are inscribed on the War Monument in St. Paul’s Churchyard.



Walter Marsh (Mesh)



Walter Marsh, the son of Arthur H. Marsh and Sarah Jane Spurrell of Cuckhold’s Cove, was born on November 12th, 1892. He joined the Newfoundland Division of the Royal Naval Reserves in WWI. He died in the sinking of the SS Rio Verde on February 21st, 1918. He was 25.

On February 21, 1918 Walter was serving as a seaman on board the SS Rio Verde, a 4025 ton defensively armed British steamer, enroute from Glasgow to Milford Haven, Wales with a cargo of coal. The Rio Verde was torpedoed without warning 4 miles west of Crammag Head, Mull Of Galloway by U 100. She sank with the loss of all 20 of her crew. The bodies of 5 of the casualties including Walter were buried at Kirkmaiden Parish Cemetery, Wigtownshire, Scotland.



Family Tree

