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Trinity Bight Enterprise

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Alexis Smith, Grade 6

The Story of 4 Taverner's Path by Michele DuRand

In 1911, Trinity was still a bustling town with a population of 559 that included ten merchants/shopkeepers, eight teachers, three clergymen, and two doctors. The railroad across Newfoundland was expanding and the first branch built was the 142-km (88-mile) line to Bonavista, which was completed in November 1911 and included a stop in Trinity. The station was to be built in what is now the town field, complete with a locomotive turn-around. In anticipation of the new railway, in 1910 the Reid Newfoundland Company constructed a grand railroad hotel at 4 Taverner's Path, just a stone's throw from the planned station site. Local lore blames too steep a grade for loaded railway cars or too much soot for local laundry on clotheslines. Regardless of the reason, the Trinity station was built a couple of kilometers away from the town field. As a result, the three-story building with a rooftop cupola, 2.7 m (9 foot) ceilings, a front veranda, and an area of 730 square meters (7,860 sq. ft.) was put up for sale shortly after it was built.



Heritage NL states that "its large, rectangular massing and simple details set the structure apart from either merchants' or workers' homes in the area. Together with its paired front doors, these elements indicate clearly that the building is not a residence, but was built for an accommodation use." But it would be many decades before the property was used for guest lodging. Photo credit: Trinity Historical Society, Walter White Collection.

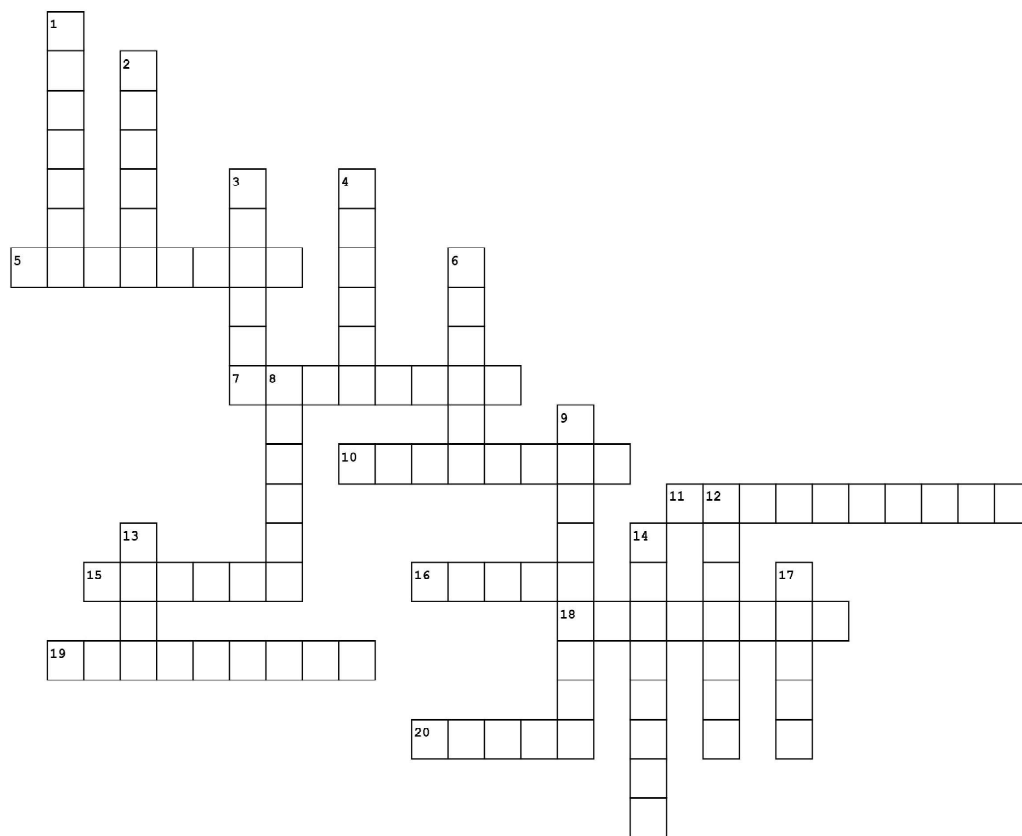
The first owners were Captain George (b. 1858, d. 1928) and Lucretia (née Oakley, b. 1857, d. 1931) Barbour, who occupied the house as their private residence. This well-known sealing Captain, originally from Newtown, Bonavista Bay, took part in the rescue effort during the Great Sealing Disaster of 1914.

In his will, Captain Barbour left the south side of the building to his oldest son Captain Stanley George Barbour (b. 1883, d. 1950) where he lived with his wife Emmaline (née Burt). He left the north side to his son Percival (Skipper Perc) Gordon Barbour (b. 1886, d. 1948) who lived there with his wife Florence (née Grant). Florence (known as Floss) authored the delightful book *Memories of Life on the Labrador and in Newfoundland* (1973) in which she recounts adventures of her interesting life, including her time in pre-Confederation Trinity.

The next occupants of the south side of the building were Vera (b. ~1922, daughter of Stanley Barbour) and her husband Henry Chaulk, who was a teacher in Trinity. The north side was sold to Archibald and Clara Clarke (circa 1950) and later inhabited by their son Llewelyn Clarke.

Major changes came when Cyril Hiscock purchased the entire building in 1972 and undertook substantial renovations, including removing the entire third floor and one of the two front staircases from the entryway to the second floor and painting the previously green building grey. Removing the third floor involved a complex process of taking down all the walls, supporting the roof with posts, and then lowering the roof slowly over the course of about a week. Cyril renovated the first floor on the north side to accommodate a bar and lounge that opened for business in 1973, first run by Cyril's son Harvey and his wife Ruth. Bernice Ivany rented space on the second floor to operate a beauty salon. Cyril and his wife Caroline (Carrie) renovated the first floor on the south side in 1974 and moved the general store they had operated from 5 Gallivan's Lane; they lived in an apartment on the second floor. They also

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Across

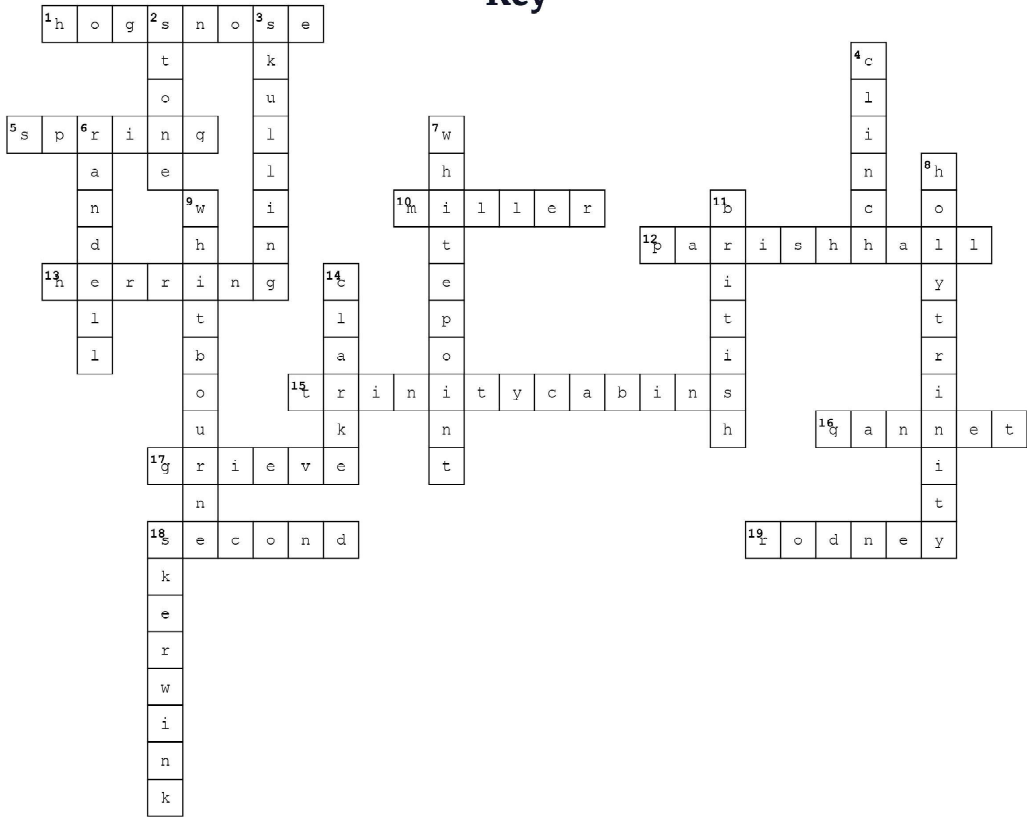
5. The next town south of the town of Ireland's Eye.
7. In "We'll Rant and We'll Roar" the singer was headed _____.
10. What was Sir Cavendish Boyle's job in NL?
11. Another name for a gray jay.
15. There is a lighthouse on ____ Island, south of Bonaventure.
16. The distance that a wind blows over water.
18. The first fishery scheduled to begin in the spring.
19. A fish shaped piece of lead with 2 large hooks.
20. The Anglican bishop born in Trinity.

Down

1. The missionary in Trinity who had a dispute with the fishing admiral in the 1760s.
2. What percentage of an iceberg is under water?
3. The family who built the Trinity house with the highest elevation.
4. A large white diving seabird.
6. The first name of Rose Sullivan's brother, who was also a poet.
8. The first name of the Anglican minister who wrote a book about the history of Trinity.
9. In the 1700s Trinity East was called the _____.
12. The last commercial blacksmith in Trinity.
13. A material gathered in Sam White's Cove used in construction.
14. The donor of the first organ to St. Paul's church.
17. A NL slang word for tobacco.

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Key



Across

- The area of Trinity with the oldest standing house.
- tides are higher than normal and occur 1 to 3 days after a new or full moon.
- The only WW I casualty named on the Champney's West war monument.
- The building constructed in Trinity around a895.
- ___ Cove is on the south side of the istamus to Champney's West.
- The business which opened in Trinity in 1948.
- A large diving sea bird.
- Bremner & ___ were tenants on the Lester-Garland premises in the late 1800s.
- A ___ generation salt box is 2 story with a single story linyah.
- A small boat used in Newfoundland and named after a British admiral.

Down

- ___ Island is the smallest island in Dunfield Bight.
- A ___ oar passed through a hole in the counter of a boat and was used for propulsion.
- He was appointed the first magistrate in Trinity in 1791.
- The Port Rexton son who served in WW I and volunteered for WW II.
- What community was located at the Random Passage site.
- The name of oldest standing church in Newfoundland located in Trinity.
- He held the first official court in Trinity in 1615.
- ___ Harbour is the next resettled community southwest from Kerley's Harbour.
- The first principal of Bishop White Central High School.
- The headland at the entrance to Trinity harbour with a world famous trail.



moved an existing carpentry shop from north of the house and attached it to the south side of the building. They named the property The Village Inn, intending to operate it as an Inn, but the province would not allow rooms for rent above a general store. Photo credit: Harvey Hiscock.

In 1976, Jennifer Perry and Dudley Cox purchased the building, which they owned for three years. They renovated the house and Jennifer managed it as an Inn, with five rooms to rent and breakfast (as a separate charge), as well as a takeout restaurant and bar on the main floor. The bar opened at 10 am and workers from the shipyard and others would be there at lunchtime. One attraction at the bar was the coin-operated pool table, which was always busy and generated enough income to

pay the light bill for the entire building. They welcomed the first guests to the Village Inn in the summer of 1976. Their relatively brief ownership of the property was not without drama as they nearly lost the roof during a November storm.

In 1979, Christine and Peter Beamish bought the Inn and undertook renovations, including adding bathrooms and building a smaller third floor that added two ensuite rooms. They expanded the meals offered at the restaurant and soon were open to the general public. Peter ran Trinity's first whale watching boat tour company and was also involved in whale net entanglement rescues. They operated the bar for a while but closed after a few years, freeing up a first floor lounge area for use by guests at the Inn. Many visitors to Trinity today have fond memories of staying at the Village Inn, eating at the restaurant (featured in *Canadian Living* in 2005), and enjoying boat tours to encounter whales. Once the Village Inn ceased operation, the building remained vacant for several years while it was listed for sale.

Charmed by Trinity during previous visits, current owners Michele DuRand and Paul Snelgrove purchased the property in 2015 and obtained Registered Heritage Structure status from Heritage NL. For two scientists trained in oceanography, taking on a project of this scale was quite a gamble. After a lengthy planning process with an architect to upgrade the property and adhere to provincial regulations for renovating accommodations, work started in July 2017. Over the course of the next year, local heritage builders Sweet Lumber Enterprises extensively renovated both the exterior and interior. The property



opened under the name Rosewood Suites in July of 2018. Michele and Paul opted for a design that gave guests room to spread out and relax and do some light cooking. They therefore designed each of the nine unique suites in Rosewood with kitchenettes and ensuite bathrooms, as well as separate living rooms in most units. Since then, Rosewood has continued to greet guests from around Newfoundland and Labrador, across Canada, and all around the world. Photo credit: Michele DuRand.

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Service Schedule, April 7 - April 28, 2024.

April 7 Second Sunday Of Easter (White)	11:00 A.M. Church Of The Good Shepherd (Dunfield) 7:00 P.M. Christ Church (Port Rexton)	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
April 14 Third Sunday Of Easter (Red)	3:00 P.M. St. Paul's (Trinity)	Confirmation Service
April 21 Fourth Sunday Of Easter (White)	11:00 A.M. St. Andrew's (Trinity East) 7:00 P.M. St. John The Evangelist (New Bonaventure)	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer
April 28 Fifth Sunday Of Easter (White)	11:00 A.M. St. Clement's (Champney's West) 7:00 P.M. St. Matthew's (Trouty)	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer

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PENDING FUNDING APPROVAL

Attention Students

Trinity Historical Society Inc.
is now accepting resumes from high school and
post-secondary students for positions
at the historic sites in Trinity for the 2024 summer season

Criteria for student positions varies depending on the available grants.

All applicants must:

- be between the ages of 15-30;
- be legally entitled to work in the province and Canada;
- be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or have refugee status in Canada; - not hold another job of 30 or more hours per week during the employment period.

Some grant programs will also require applicants to:

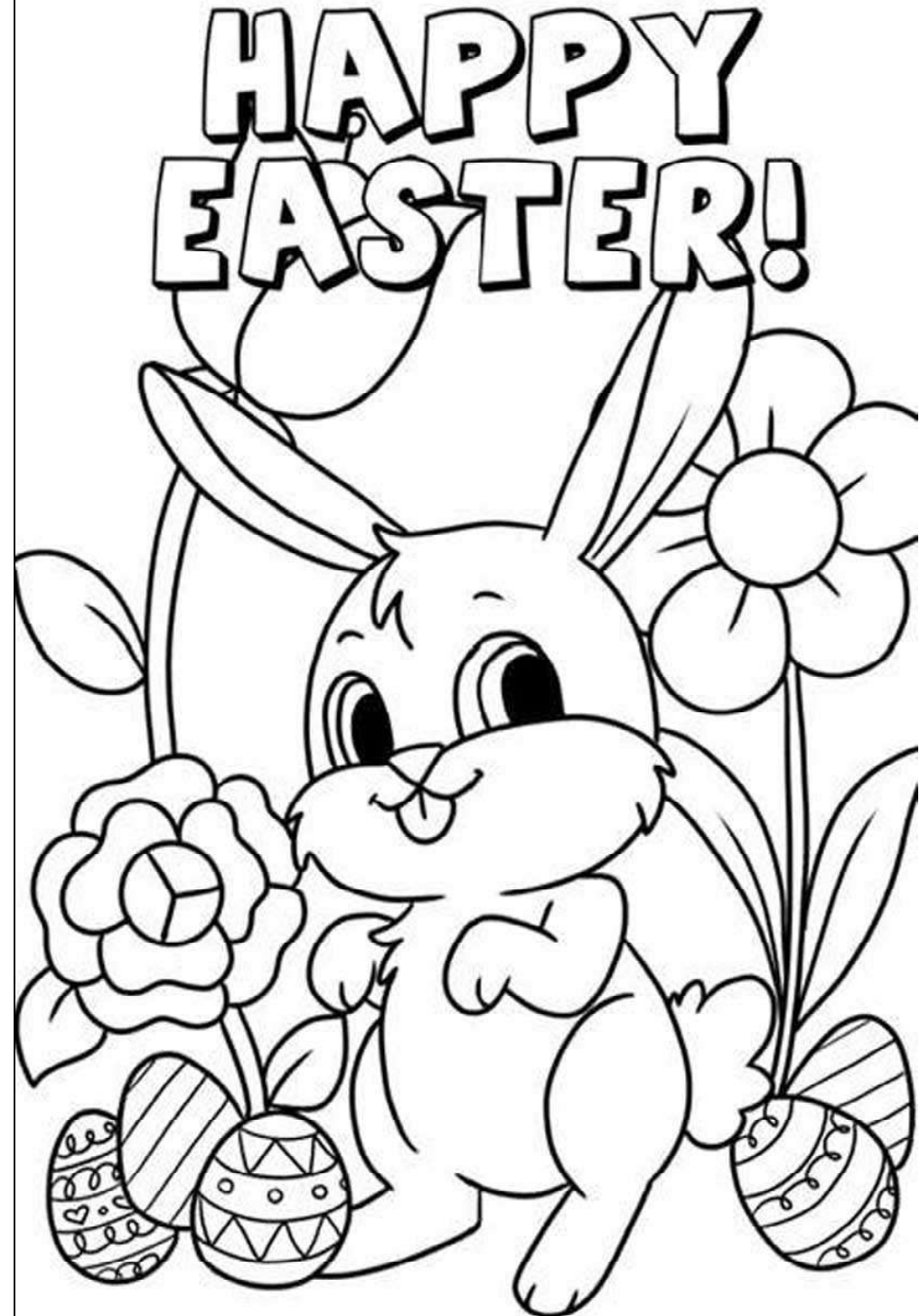
- be enrolled in high school (Level I, II or III) or a post-secondary institution in the 2023-2024 school calendar year; and
- be intending to return to school full-time in September 2024; or
- be graduating from Level III in June 2024 and planning to pursue an education at a post-secondary institution in September 2024.

To express your interest for a position with Trinity Historical Society please send a resume and cover letter to the following:

Jim Miller
Trinity Historical Society
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Trinity, NL A0C 2S0
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Email: ths@trinityhistoricalsociety.com

Please Note students in these positions are expected to complete tours to the public; potentially be handling cash and or credit/debit purchases and will be responsible for reconciling at the end of the day and may have to participate in programming activities at some of the historic sites that could include mat hooking or demonstrations in other crafts or trades.

Closing Date: 5 p.m. Friday, April 12, 2024



Note of Thanks

Marion, Sheila and Charmaine together with their families thank each and every one of you -Our friends and family, for your love and support during Cheryl's time in hospital and upon her passing.

Cheryl loved you all and we thank you for being there for her in so many ways. We couldn't have gotten through without you and will need your love and support in the days ahead.

Special thanks to Rev. Amanda for her wonderful service and her beautiful tribute to Cheryl. Edith Tippett organist, Noah Butt and Daniel Lander urn bearers, Larry Spurrell and Ken Butt for their beautiful singing, and the Fort Point Lions Club for providing Honour Guard. Thank you also to the St. John's Lions Club for hosting a ceremony and visitation for Cheryl. Also, the ACW of Dunfield for providing the hall and to all of those who provided a beautiful gathering of food and fellowship after the funeral. Also to Kim and Vardy's Funeral Home for all of her guidance and support.

You all contributed in a farewell to Cheryl that she would have been very proud of.

With our love and appreciation
The Fleet Family



Trinity Historical Society

We are super excited to be holding a *Wreath Making* session with *Denise Morris of Denise's Door Decor* on Wednesday, April 17th.

This activity will take place 6:30pm at the Lester Garland House (2nd floor) and will be by registration only! Cost is \$20 per person with all material and instruction provided. Denise has chosen three Spring themed wreaths; Sunflowers, Bumblebees and Ladybugs (5 of each) photos can be seen on our Facebook page. Deadline to register is noon Friday, April 12th. **We only have space and materials for 15 people!!** For this particular event there will be age restrictions of 18+.

Please contact Daphne by email programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com for more information or to register!

We are planning an *Online Auction* through Facebook beginning 9am Thursday, April 25th and running until 12 noon Monday, April 29th.

There will be an Online Album on our Facebook page posted the day prior with all items. Starting bids and rules of the Auction will be found there as well.

If you wish to run an ad in the May issue of Trinity Bight Enterprise please send it along to programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com. The deadline is April 24th, with a mailout scheduled for May 1st.



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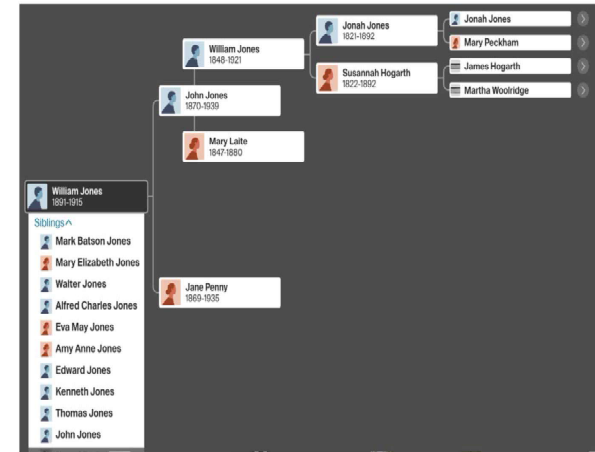
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Trinity Historical Society is pleased to host an exhibit of the art of Frank LaPointe in the Exhibit Room at the Lester Garland House in July and August of this year. Frank was born in Port Rexton and lives in Trinity East. He has had a long career as an artist and art teacher. He has exhibited in solo and group exhibitions across Canada and internationally. We are honoured to be able to showcase his work in Trinity.

In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of the fifth 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.



Family Tree

William traveled to Halifax onboard the Stephano before embarking for England on the liner Orduna. After further training, he was assigned to HMS Attentive, a base responsible for the Dover Patrol. Dover Patrol was a naval unit charged with protecting ships using the English Channel from mines, U-boats, and German patrol boats. William's body was never recovered. He is remembered on the Beaumont-Hamel Memorial at Beaumont-Hamel, France.



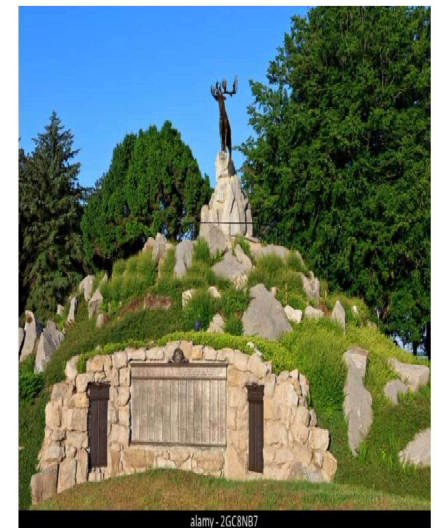
William Jones



William Jones, the son of John Jones and Jane Penney, was born at Trinity East on March 25th, 1891. William joined the Royal Navy Reserve and reported for duty onboard the Newfoundland Reserve training ship HMS Calypso in St. John's on February 16th, 1915. He was reported to have drowned accidentally on December 9th, 1915 while serving onboard His Majesty's Trawler Returno. He was 24.



Death Location



Beaumont-Hamel Memorial