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The Trinity Historical Society (THS) is pleased to announce that Ms. Kay Butler has donated the wheel of the Marion Rodgers to the Society. The Marion Rodgers was lost with all hands when she ran aground just outside the entrance to Trinity harbour in November 1938. The wheel and a storyboard will be erected in Trinity and a second at Fort Point near the location of the wreck.

In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of the 7th of the men whose names are inscribed on the War Memorial in Trinity.



Harvey Green



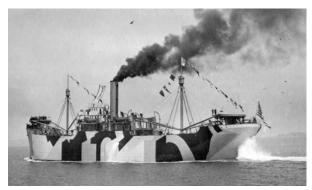
Harvey Green, the son of John James Green and Mary Ann Fowlow was born in Trinity on December 7, 1899. He was a member of the United States Merchant Marine in WW II. He survived one torpedo attack but lost his life when the merchant vessel SS Major Wheeler was torpedoed in the Atlantic by U107 on February 6, 1942. He was 42.



Family Tree



At 16.08 hours on 6 February 1942 the unescorted and unarmed SS Major Wheeler



Major Wheeler

was hit on the starboard side underneath the aft mast by one G7e torpedo from <u>U-107</u> while steaming on a non-evasive course in good weather about 130 miles east-southeast of Cape Hatteras, off the North Carolina coast. The U-boat had spotted another freighter but disengaged to chase the **SS Major Wheeler** which after being hit immediately developed a list to starboard and sank by the stern in two minutes. All eight officers and 27 crewmen perished.



Position when sunk