



# Trinity Historical Society

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Trinity Historical Society (THS) held a Memorial Day Ceremony in St. Paul's Churchyard in Trinity on July 1<sup>st</sup> 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 and was very moving.

In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of the first of the men who are remembered in the stained-glass windows of St Luke's Church in Old Bonaventure.

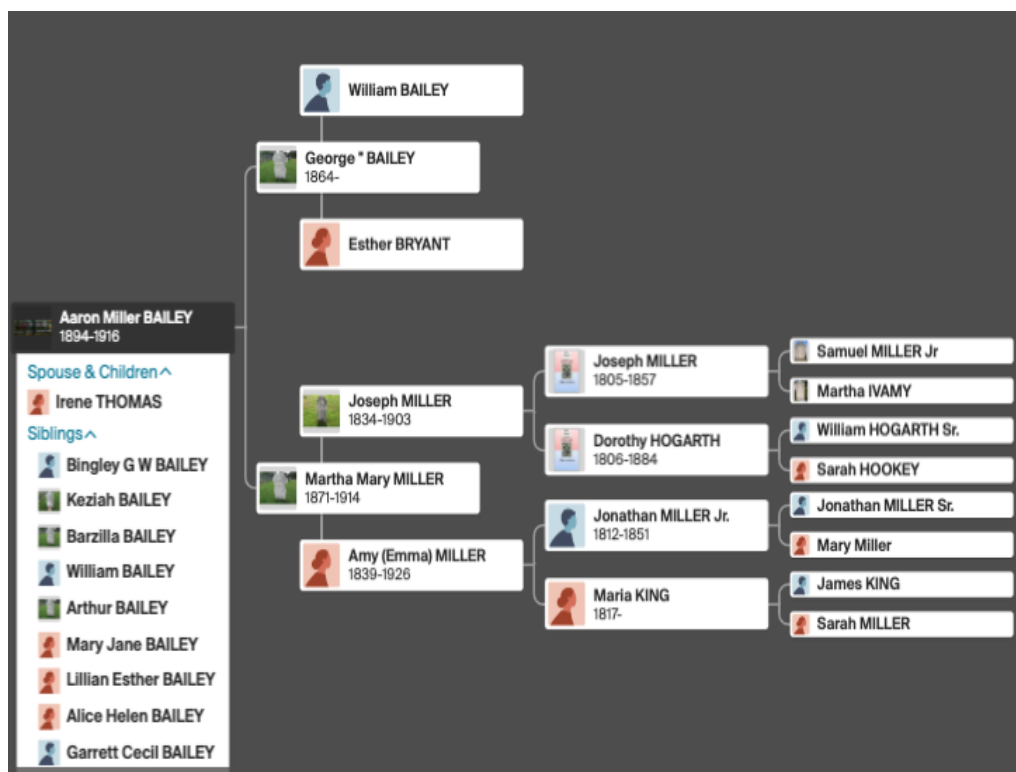
As always, the THS welcomes application for membership from anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.



## Aaron Miller Bailey



**Aaron, the son of George Garrett Bailey and Martha Mary Miller, was born at Old Bonaventure on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1894. He joined the 40<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force at Halifax on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1915. He was reassigned to the 25<sup>th</sup> battalion and embarked for France on September 15<sup>th</sup>. He was killed in action on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1916. He was 22.**



Family Tree

In April 1916, the 25<sup>th</sup> battalion was defending the front lines in Belgium in an area called the “St. Eloi Craters” near Ypres. The men were dangerously exposed due to a lack of proper trenches and suffered many casualties in a six-week period. On April 27<sup>th</sup> Aaron was killed by shell fire while relieving a machine gun detachment in a support trench. He is buried in Voormezele Cemetery, West Flanders, Belgium.



Aaron’s headstone



Voormezele Cemetery