



Trinity Historical Society

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The Trinity Historical society (THS) is pleased to report that donations in the amount of \$7,195.00 have been received thus far toward the “Adopt a Headstone Project”. We have engaged the services of Black Cat Cemetery Preservation and we anticipate completion of the restoration of the 50 most damaged headstones in May of this year. We would like to thank Corey Jones for donating two weeks of accommodations at Trinity Cabins for the two archeologists who will do this work. Our ability to proceed with the restoration of the remaining stones will depend on the success of our fundraising efforts. A description of the project and how to donate can be found on the THS Website and Facebook Page. We have also started ticket sales on an original painting donated by Ed Roche in support of this project.

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 13th of the men whose names are inscribed on the War Monument in St. Paul’s Churchyard.

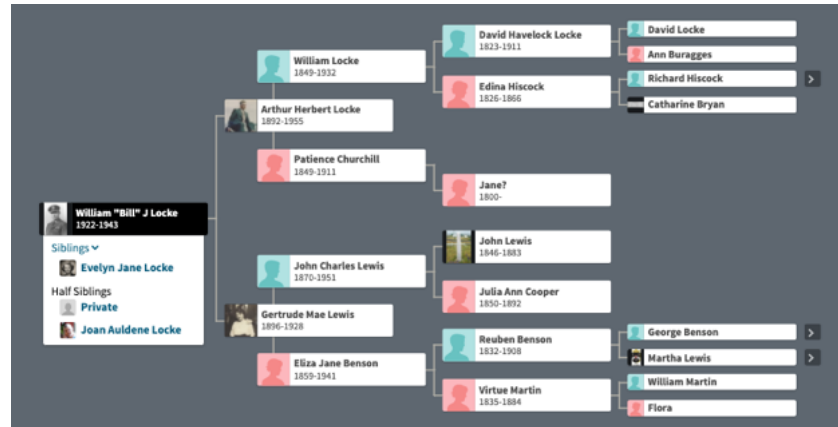


William Locke

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve



William John Locke, the son of Herbert Arthur Locke and Gertrude Mae Lewis, was born in New York City on March 28, 1922. He moved to Lockston with his family and completed school before joining the Newfoundland Forestry Unit in 1939. He later transferred to the Royal Air Force as a flying officer. His Spitfire was shot down near Malta on March 20, 1943. He was 20.



Family Tree

No. 249 (Gold Coast) Squadron RAF was a Royal Air Force squadron, active in sea-patrol, fighter, and bomber roles during its existence. It was the top scoring fighter squadron of the RAF in World War II. Locke, William John was killed whilst flying in Spitfire VC, BR345 of No 249 Sqn., which was shot down by Bf 109s off Cape Scaramia, Sicily during an Air Search and Rescue sortie. He is commemorated on the Malta Memorial.



Spitfires at Malta



Cape Scaramia, Sicily