



# Trinity Historical Society

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Trinity Historical Society (THS) is pleased to present its new logo as shown in the upper left of this page. The text in our old logo has been changed to Trinity Historical Society and the image in the centre is the Lester-Garland House, which houses our offices and archives.

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 the church of St. John the Evangelist in New Bonaventure.

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

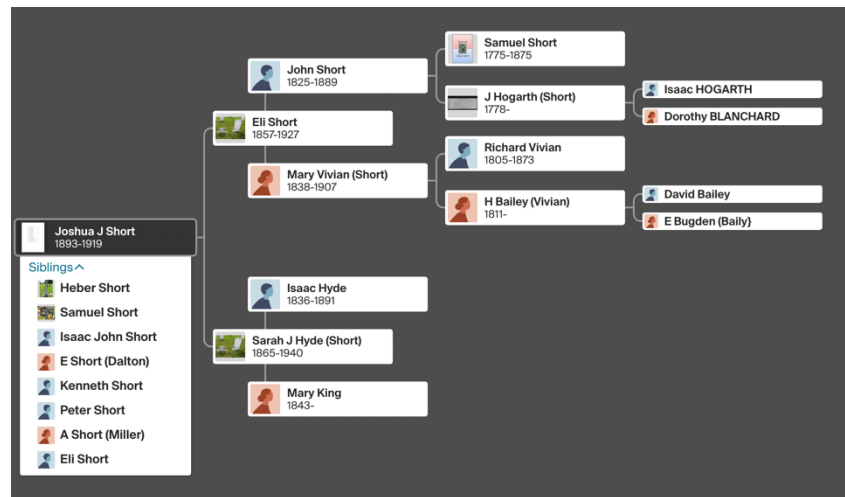
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## Joshua Short



**Joshua, the son of Eli Short and Sarah Jane Hyde, was born at Cat Cove on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1893. He enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1915 and died of war wounds on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1919. He was 25.**



**Family Tree**

At enlistment, Joshua was 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighed 135lbs. He had auburn hair, blue eyes, and a fair complexion. He listed his occupation as steward.

He saw his first action with the regiment at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli in September, 1915. On October 21<sup>st</sup>, he was evacuated to Giza, Cairo having become ill with dysentery and required 10 weeks of medical care. He rejoined the regiment at Suez in January, 1916. In February, he contracted pneumonia and was admitted to hospital where he was considered dangerously ill. He recovered and rejoined the regiment in France in the spring of 1916. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1916 he went “over the top” at Beaumont-Hamel. He sustained gunshot wounds to his right forearm and was evacuated to hospital in England the following day. After treatment and convalescence, he rejoined the regiment at Ayr in October and was promoted to lance corporal in February, 1917. In April, he returned to France with the 23<sup>rd</sup> Re-enforcement Draft, rejoined the Newfoundland Battalion on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1917, and was promoted to corporal in September.

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1917, while in action near the Broembeek, Joshua sustained a serious gunshot wound to the abdomen and was subsequently admitted to hospital in France, where he was “dangerously ill”. On November 6<sup>th</sup> he was transferred to the Fulham Military Hospital in England. He remained in hospital until the afternoon of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1919, when he died from “wounds and exhaustion complicated by appendicitis”. He was buried with full military honours at Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, UK.



**Brookwood Cemetery  
Surrey, UK**



**Headstone**



**Remembrance Window**