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The Trinity Historical Society (THS) is pleased to report that Robyn Lacy and Ian Petty from Black Cat Cemetery Preservation completed a third week of work on the restoration of the headstones in St. Paul's Churchyard June 20-24th. During this time, they up righted, reset, repaired, and cleaned an additional 52 headstones. Once again, we would like to thank Corey Jones for providing accommodation for them at Trinity Cabins. A total of 127 headstones have now been restored. The cost for Black Cat to perform this third week of work was \$9,951.16, in addition to the cost of two loads of crusher dust which we supplied on site. Further work to complete the restoration of the remaining headstones will depend on our ability to raise additional funds for the project.

The book launch of *"From Fisher's Cove, Trinity. Poetry and Prose by siblings Rose Sullivan and George Hoskins"* was scheduled for July 19th, at the Lester Garland House with readings by Ruth Lawrence and Des Walsh but had to be cancelled due to covid exposure and will be rescheduled. The book is available for purchase at the Lester Garland Giftshop.

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 18th of the men whose names are inscribed on the War Monument in St. Paul's Churchyard.



Arthur Hurdle



Arthur William Hurdle, the son of Charles Hurdle and Jessie Verge, was born in Cuckholds Cove on June 20, 1895. He enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at the Church Lads Brigade Armoury in St. John's on February 8, 1915. He was killed in action at the Battle of Cambrai, France, on November 21, 1917. He was 22.



Family Tree

At enlistment Arthur recorded his occupation as fisherman earning \$300.00 per year. He was 5' 8 ¼" tall and weighed 147 lbs. He had a dark complexion, black hair and blue eyes. He embarked St. John's for Liverpool with No. 8 Platoon of D Company on March 20, 1915. After training in Scotland, he embarked for Egypt on August 20, arriving on August 31. He then embarked for Gallipoli, landing at Suvla Bay on the night of September 19-20. He was evacuated with medical illness in December and rejoined the regiment at Alexandria on January 16, 1916. On March 16 he embarked Port Suez for France and the western front. He was invalided to England with medical illness on June 6 and subsequently was assigned to the Regimental depot at Ayr.

On August 5, 1917 he landed at Rouen with the 28th Reinforcement Draft, went to Belgium and then to northern France in October. In November, the Newfoundland Regiment fought in the Battle of Cambrai as a part of the 29th Division of the British Army. On November 21, while serving with the reinforcement detachment during fighting near the villages of Marcoing and Masnieres, Pte. Hurdle was wounded and taken to the 48th Casualty Clearing Station, where he died of his wounds that same day. He is buried at Rocquigny-Equancourt Road British Cemetery, Manancourt, France

