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Trinity Historical Society (THS) is pleased to report that Black Cat Cemetery Preservation completed the restoration of all 188 headstones in St. Paul's Churchyard in June of this year. We are very appreciative of the expertise of Robyn Lacy and Ian Petty, the two archeologists who have done such a wonderful job. Please visit our new website for a summary of the Project.

In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of the sixth of the men who are remembered in the stained-glass windows of the church of St. John the Evangelist in New Bonaventure.

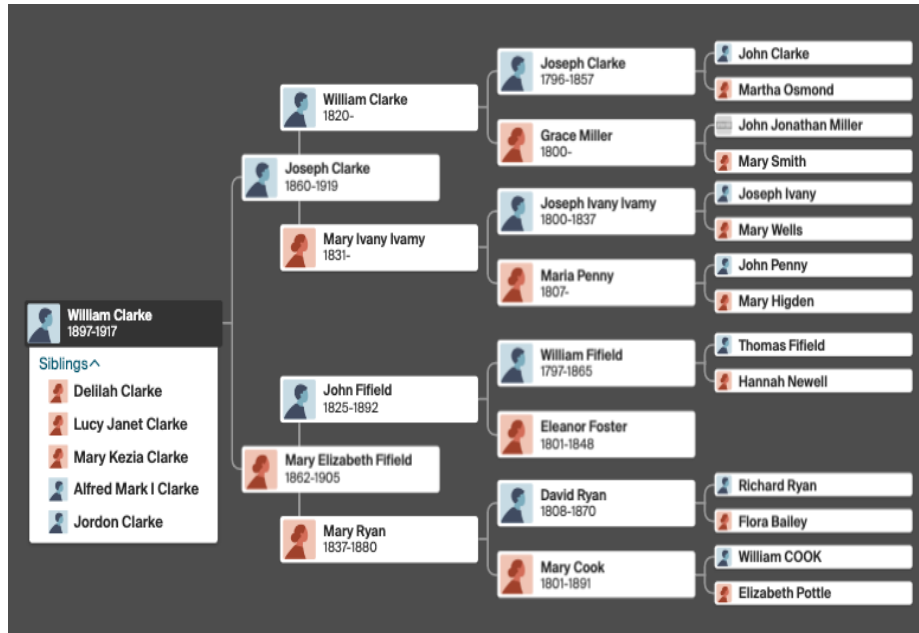
As always, the THS welcomes application for membership from anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.



William Clarke



William, the son of Joseph Clark and Mary Fifield, was born at Kerley's Harbour on November 13th, 1897. He enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on March 13th, 1916 and was declared missing in action at Monchy Le Preux on April 14th, 1917. He was 19.



Family Tree

Private William Clark, a fisherman before enlisting, joined the regiment in France on November 7th, 1916 and on April 14th, 1917 took part in Battle of Arras at Monchy Le Preux. The day proved to be the most costly day of the war for the regiment which suffered 487 casualties.

“Private Clark was reported as...*missing in action*...on April 14th, 1917, while serving with ‘A’ Company in the fighting at Monchy-le-Preux. Some thirty weeks later, on November 17th, 1917, he was officially...*presumed dead*.”

His remains were never recovered. He is remembered on the Beaumont Hamel Memorial, Beaumont Hamel, France.



Beaumont Hamel Memorial



William’s Name



Remembrance Window