

## **Trinity Historical Society** Newsletter, Issue 30

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

William Clarke		Villiam Clarke 1820- Joseph Clarke 1860-1919 Mary Ivany Ivamy 1831-	Joseph Clarke 1796-1857 Grace Miller 1800- Joseph Ivany Ivamy 1800-1837 Maria Penny 1807-	<ul> <li>John Clarke</li> <li>Martha Osmond</li> <li>John Jonathan Miller</li> <li>Mary Smith</li> <li>Joseph Ivany</li> <li>Mary Wells</li> <li>John Penny</li> <li>Mary Higden</li> </ul>
1837AIS17 Siblings A Delilah Clarke Delilah Clarke Lucy Janet Clarke Mary Kezia Clarke Alfred Mark I Clarke Jordon Clarke	<b>1</b>	John Fifield 1825-1892 Mary Elizabeth Fifield 1862-1905 Mary Ryan 1837-1880	William Fifield 1797-1865 Eleanor Foster 1801-1848 David Ryan 1808-1870 Mary Cook 1801-1891	<ul> <li>Thomas Fifield</li> <li>Hannah Newell</li> <li>Richard Ryan</li> <li>Flora Bailey</li> <li>William COOK</li> <li>Elizabeth Pottle</li> </ul>

**Family Tree** 

Private William Clark, a fisherman before enlisting, joined the regiment in France on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1916 and on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 1917, while serving with 'A' Company in the fighting at Monchy-le-Preux. Some thirty weeks later, on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 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**