



# Trinity Historical Society

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The Trinity Historical society (THS) is pleased to announce the launch of a monthly crossword puzzle that will focus on questions related to Trinity Bight and our maritime connection. The first of these crosswords can be found on the THS Facebook page and in the May issue of the Trinity Bight Enterprise, <http://www.trinityhistoricalsociety.com/TBE.pdf>. The questions in this crossword are on local geography. The answers will be published in the June issue of the Enterprise and on our Facebook page.

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

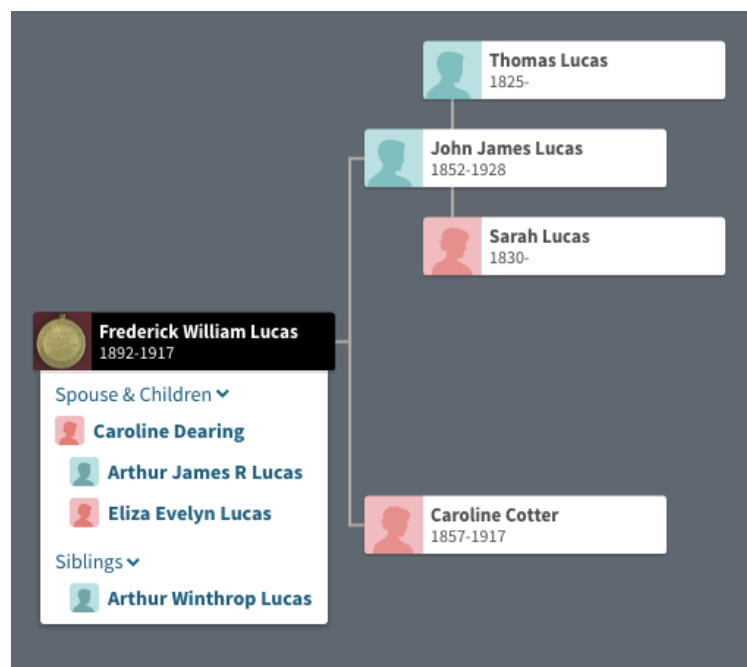
As a continuation of the theme of our previous newsletters, we present the story of the third of the 21 men named on the Trinity War Memorial.



## Frederick William Lucas



Frederick, the son of James Lucas and Caroline Cotter, was born at Trinity on September 18, 1891. He enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on May 29, 1916 and was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Company C. He left St. John's on August 8<sup>th</sup> and after training in the United Kingdom, he joined the regiment in Europe on December 12, 1916.

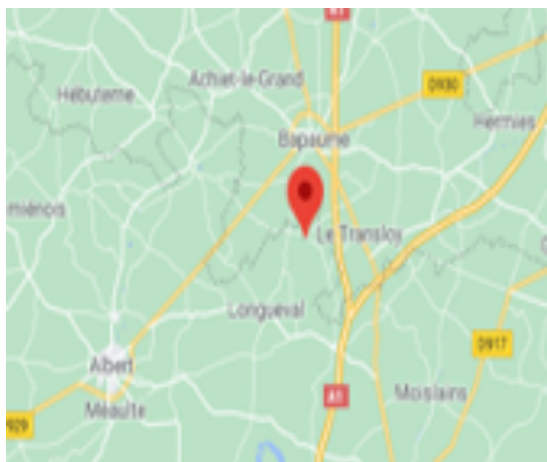




Fred was married to Caroline Dearing in St. John's on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1913 and was working at Ayre and Sons Ltd. as a shipping clerk when he enlisted. Fred and Caroline had two young children, Arthur aged 2 years and Eliza, 8 months.

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, 1917 during action near Gueudecourt, France, Fred sustained gunshot wounds to his wrist and right thigh. He was evacuated to the 34<sup>th</sup> Clearing Station where he died the following day. He was 25. He was interred at Grove Town Cemetery, Maulte, France. Caroline received \$6.10 from Fred's estate.

Mrs. Caroline Lucas,  
9 Gear Street,  
City.  
Dear Madam,-  
I enclose herewith cheque for \$6.10, being  
the balance due you as Administratrix of the Estate of  
the late Pte. F. W. Lucas.  
Yours faithfully,  
Capt. C. Paymaster



February 2, 1917.  
Dear Madam,  
I regret to have to inform you that  
the Record Office of the First Newfoundland  
Regiment, London, to-day reports that your  
husband, No. 2808, Private Frederick W. Lucas,  
died at the 34th Casualty Clearing Station,  
France, on January 28th, as a result of gunshot  
wounds in the thigh and wrist.  
Yours sympathetically,  
Colonial Secretary.  
Mrs. F. W. Lucas,  
47, Waterman Rd.