



# Trinity Historical Society

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Trinity Historical Society (THS) held a Ceremony of Remembrance in St. Paul's Churchyard in Trinity on November 11<sup>th</sup> to honour the memory of the men and women who lost their lives in World Wars I and II. The ceremony was led by Kris Drodge. There were about 70 people in attendance and the ceremony was well received.

In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of the eighth of the men who are remembered on the War Monument in Port Rexton.

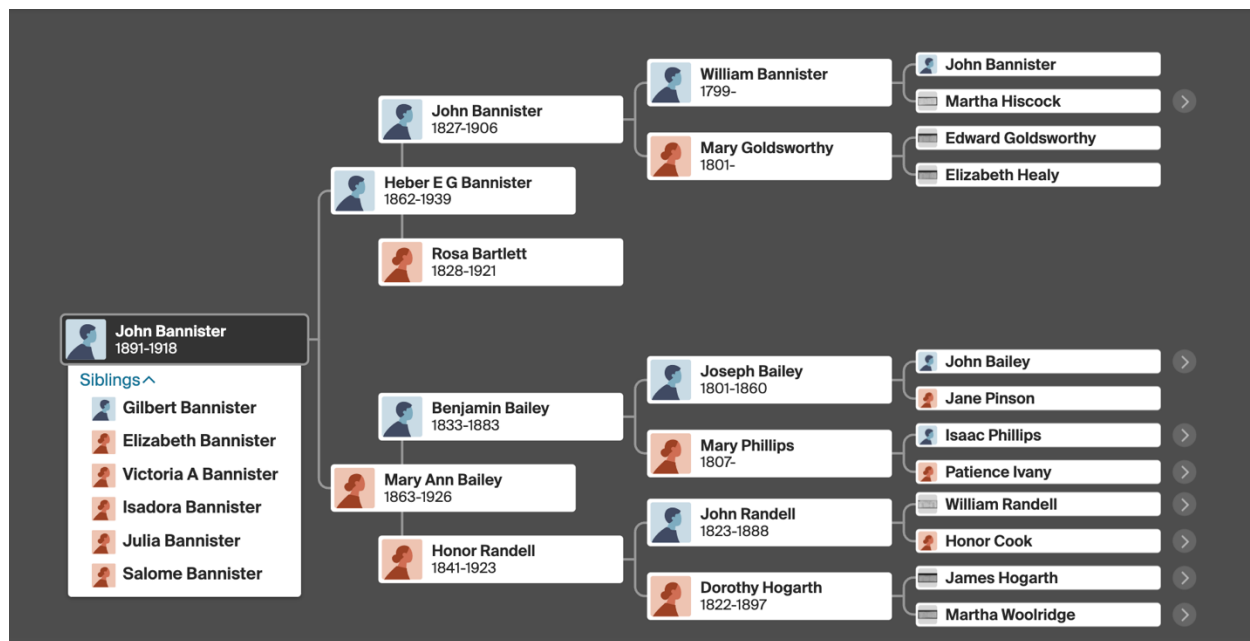
As always, the THS welcomes application for membership from anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.



## John Bannister

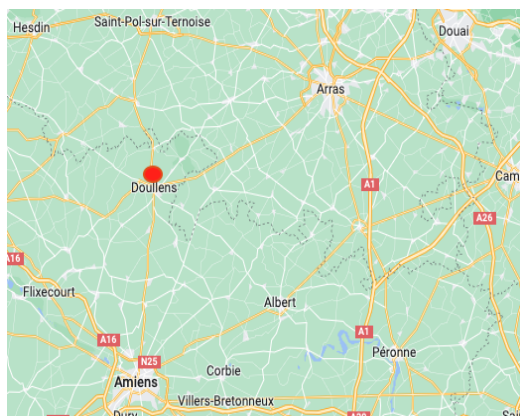


**John Bannister, the son of Heber Bannister and Mary Ann Bailey, was born at Port Rexton on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 1891. He enlisted in the 185<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Cape Breton Highlanders at Sydney, Nova Scotia, on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 1916. He was accidentally shot and died of his wounds on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1918. He was 26.**



Family Tree

**John was living in Sydney, Cape Breton when he enlisted and at attestation stated his occupation as schoolteacher. He arrived in England on-board HMS Olympic on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 1916 and was assigned to Camp Witely where the battalion remained in reserve until March, 1918. John then traveled to France where he joined the Nova Scotia Rifles near Raimbert on March 14<sup>th</sup>. On March 30<sup>th</sup>, while in the trenches, a fellow soldier accidentally discharged his weapon “... inflicting gun-shot wounds to Private Bannister’s legs .....” He died of his wounds the same day and was interred at Doullens Communal Cemetery, Doullens, France.**



Death Location



Gravestone