



# Trinity Historical Society

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Trinity Historical Society (THS) would like to thank all of you who supported the auction held in the garden of the Museum on August 18<sup>th</sup>. The weather cooperated and the auction was a great success.

In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of the third of the men who are remembered in the stained-glass windows of St Luke's Church in Old Bonaventure.

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

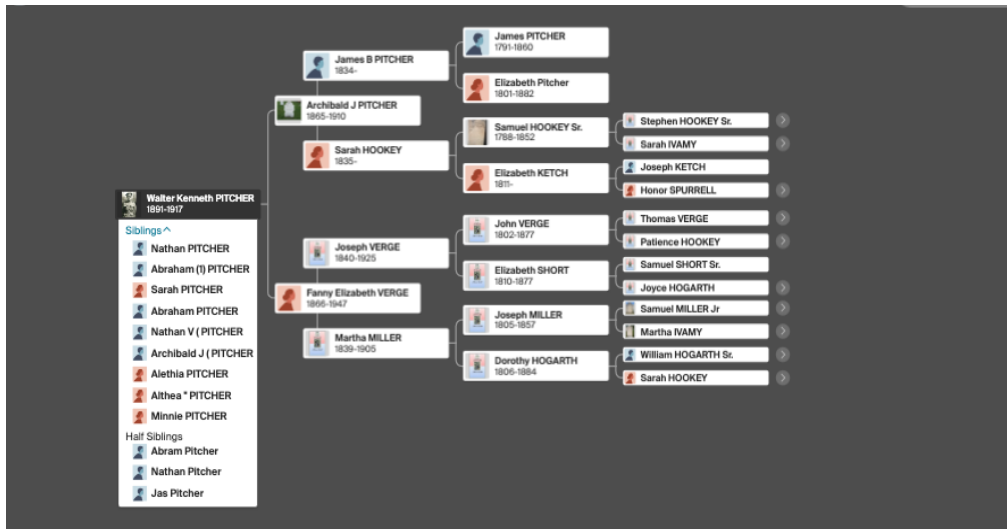
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## Walter Kenneth Pitcher



**Walter, the son of Archibald Pitcher and Frances Verge, was born at Old Bonaventure on April 6, 1891. He enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1916. He joined the battalion in France on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1916 and lost his life on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 1917. He was 26.**



Family Tree

Walter fought in many battles but is remembered for his heroism as one of the Monchy 10. Walter and 9 of his comrades held off more than 200 German soldiers, preventing them from recapturing the village of Monchy-Le-Preux. All 10 received medals. Shortly after Walter was promoted to the rank of sergeant.

**Lance Corporal Pitcher (later Sergeant) was a recipient of the Military Medal\*... ‘for bravery in the field. At Monchy-le-Preux on 14th April, 1917, when an attack had failed and the enemy were advancing on the village, he displayed the greatest gallantry as one of a small party hastily collected to oppose the hostile advance. This party maintained itself in the face of overwhelming odds, inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and completely checked him on his part of the line.’ - London Gazette, July 9th, 1917**

He is remembered on the Beaumont Hamel Memorial, Beaumont Hamel, France.



Military Medal



Monchy 10



Beaumont Hamel Memorial