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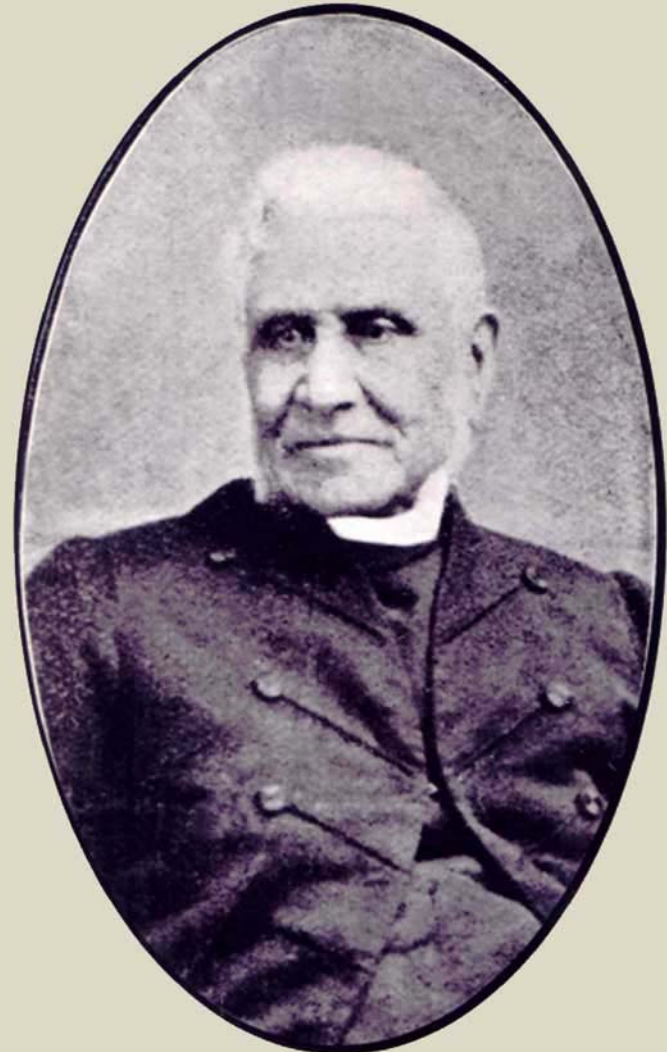
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Rev. William Bullock, founder of
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Celebrating 185th Anniversary



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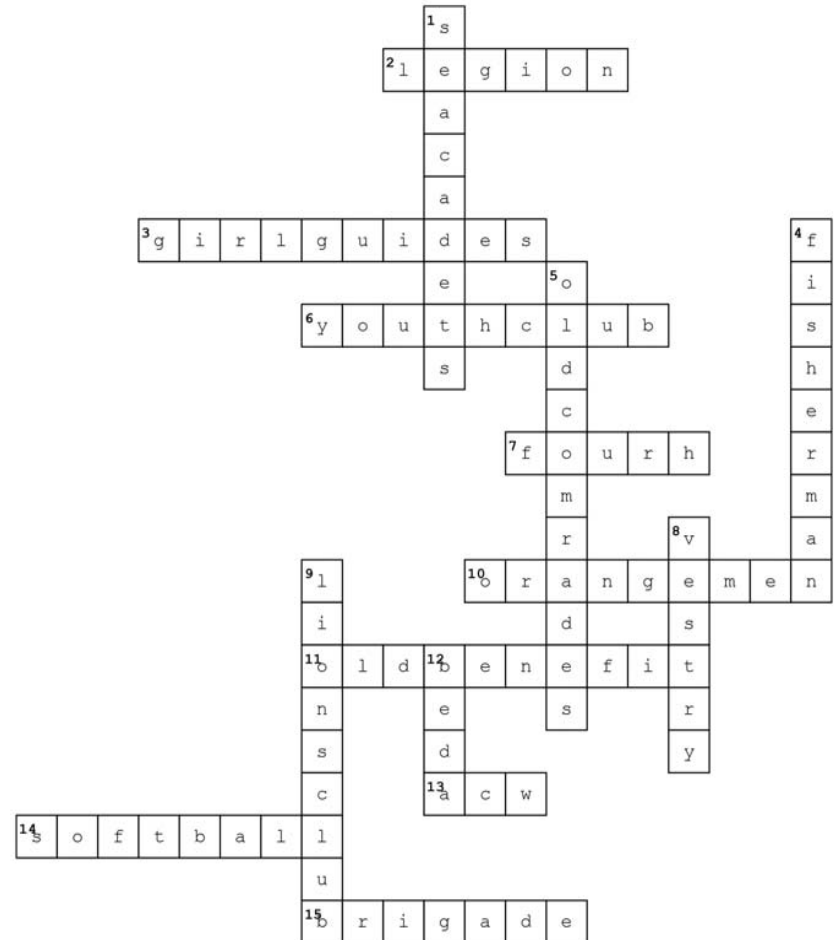
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Bight Organizations

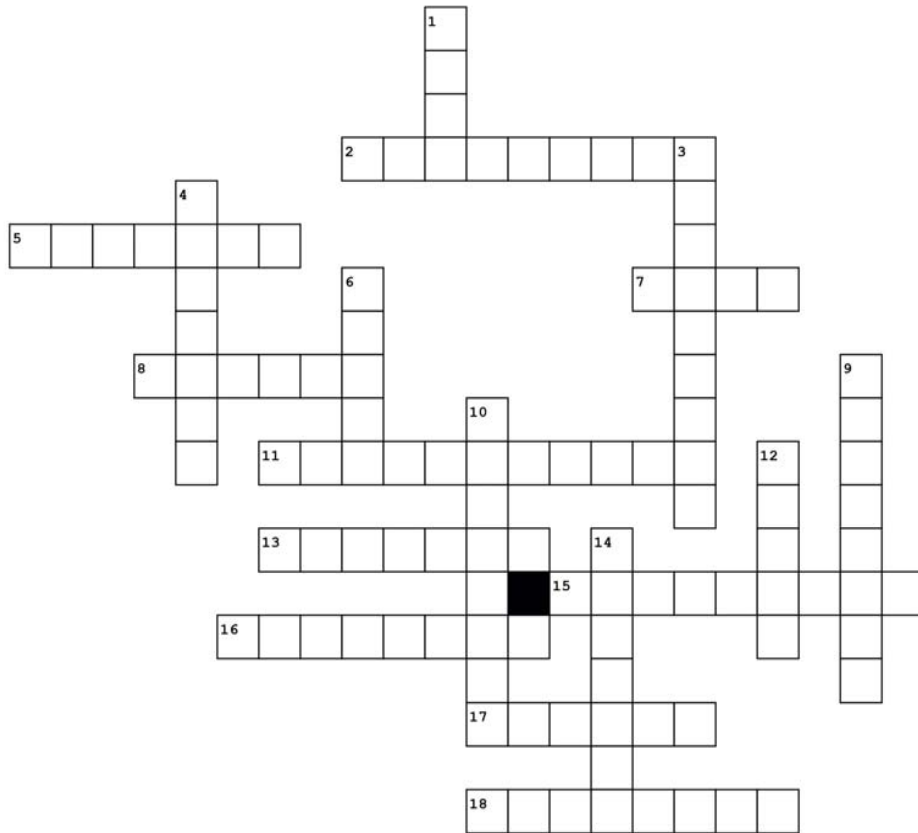


Across

2. Rocky's Place, was previously the _____, home of this veteran's association.
3. Rose Sullivan was a commissioner of the association for young girls.
6. The Trinity ____ was a young person's organization started by Stewart Fraser in the 60s.
7. A youth organization in Trinity in the 70s and 80s.
10. This organization has a "time" in New Bonaventure every New Year's Day.
11. The Trinity bight organization that meets on Candlemas Day.
13. Initials of the Anglican women's service group.
14. A 6 team men's sports league in the 80s.
15. The Church Lads _____ in PortRexton/Trinity East is more than 100 years old.

Down

1. A male naval association in Trinity in the 50s and 60s.
4. The Society of United ____ once owned the hall in Old Bonaventure.
5. A Port Rexton organization of former CLB members.
8. A group of parishioners who oversee local church matters.
9. The service organization names Fort Point.
12. Organization of communities from Bonaventure to English Harbour.



Across

2. _____ Lane connects Church Road to Taverer's Path.
5. James _____ was missionary in Trinity in 1764.
7. The initials of the militia group formed in Trinity during the War of 1812.
8. The _____ was the name of the teenage hangout where West Street and Doctor's Hill meet.
11. The cove between Black Duck Cove and Broad Cove on Ireland's Eye island.
13. The name of the school in Trinity.
15. In 1835 175 _____ of rum were imported into Trinity.
16. The street where the courthouse is located.
17. The Old Benefit Club meets on February _____.
18. Front _____ is the shore on the east side of Fox Island.

Down

1. The regular public service which came to Trinity in 1850,
3. The town of Trinity was incorporated in nineteen _____.
4. _____ Head is the next headland north of Skerwink on the Port Rexton side.
6. At one time there were _____ sawmills operating around Trinity harbour.
9. The _____ had a seat reserved for him in the second St. Paul's church.
10. The large Trinity business which closed in 1949.
12. The statue of Our Lady in the Catholic church was donated in memory of Charles _____.
14. He wrote the sermon preached at the consecration of the 2nd and 3rd St. Paul's churches.

We are excited to be hosting a **Paint Night on Wednesday, February 22nd with Anastasia Tiller!!** This event will be at BEDA beginning at 6pm. There is limited space and registration will be required by Thursday, February 16th by calling Daphne at 464-3599 or emailing programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com. Cost is \$10 per person and open to all skill levels! All materials and instruction will be provided. Depending on the amount of interest, we may add an additional paint slot at 3pm. This event will be weather permitting of course and will be rescheduled if inclement weather occurs on the day of.

Interested in Freezer Meals? We will be hosting **3 Freezer meal sessions** on Wednesday, March 1, 8 and 15th beginning at 1pm at BEDA. The cost will be \$5 per session and registration will be required (one week prior to each session). Each participant will take home a freezer meal. On the menu, Broccoli and Chicken Bake (March 1st), Cauliflower Mac and Cheese (March 8th), Sweet and Sour Meatballs (March 15th). We will preparing the meals as a group and sharing between us to take home. We will also make some cookies that are able to be frozen in each session! All ingredients and supplies will be included, along with the recipes and cooking instructions. In the event of bad weather on the day of, we will reschedule to another time.

We are hoping to do our **Snowshoe Hikes and Boilups** again this year in March in partnership with the Town of Trinity. Please check our March issue with updates and a list of dates and times!

We are starting up our Crafter's Circle again on Tuesday's in February from 12:30 - 2:30 at the Lester Garland House.

If you wish to place an ad in our March issue of Trinity Bight Enterprise, please send it along to programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com. The deadline is Monday, February 20th with mailout scheduled for Tuesday, February 28th.

Trinity Historical Society Auction & Garden Party

Please reserve Friday, August 18, 2023 for our
Annual Auction & Garden Party

We are also now accepting items for the Auction should you be doing any spring cleaning, renovations or down sizing and have art work, furniture etc that your looking to get rid of we will gladly accept. Please contact us at either
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Fort Point Lions Club

Pancake & Sausage Supper



Date: Shrove Tuesday (Feb. 21)

Place: Lions Hall, Goose Cove

Time: Doors open at 5:30,
supper starts at 6:00

Cost: \$10.00 (adults)
\$ 8.00 (12 and under)

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The Trinity Benefit Club 1838 - 2023

by Gerald Spurrell

The Trinity Benefit Club will be 185 years old on February 2, 2023!

The first meeting was held in the old court house at Trinity by Rev. William Bullock, incumbent of Trinity Mission and other members of the town. At the first meeting 76 people were enrolled in the Club, officers were elected and Rev. Bullock became the first President. It was probably after similar Clubs in England with which Mr. Bullock was familiar. The Club was formed in 1838 with the object of providing benefits (in the form of money and labour) to Club members and their families in time of sickness and death.

The idea for the Club was born following a sermon by Rev. William Bullock at St. Paul's Anglican church in early 1838. His sermon commented on mutual burden-bearing and duty of practical brotherly love. It was born from necessity. In those days there were no government funded welfare system to provide for people in times of sickness or injury.

The receipts from the members for the first three years of the Clubs existence show that the Club collected about \$500.00 and paid \$350.00 in sickness and mortality benefits. When the first treasurer Mr. William Kelson resigned in 1860 after 22 years the Club had collected \$4,500.00 in that period and distributed that amount in sick members. In the first 100 years of its history the Club paid out more than \$22,000.00 with \$15,000.00 paid in sick benefits and \$7,000.00 in mortality.

Early days the men cooked dinner and had a meeting and the students from St. Paul's school on the hill would take their fork in hand and go down to the hall for their dinner. The day was enjoyed by all.

At the 100 year anniversary, they sung God Save the King and now 85 years after we have a King again. At the 150 year anniversary they had 17 new members and 123 on the roll. Today, we have 55.

The Anglican Parish of Trinity / Port Rexton

Service Schedule For February 5 – February 26, 2023

February 5 Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany (Green)	11:00 A.M. St. Clement's (Champney's West) 7:00 P.M. St. Matthew's (Trouty)	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer
February 12 Sixth Sunday After The Epiphany (Green)	11:00 A.M. St. John The Evangelist (New Bonaventure) 7:00 P.M. St. Andrew's (Trinity East)	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer
February 19 Transfiguration Sunday (Green)	11:00 A.M. Christ Church (Port Rexton) 7:00 P.M. Church Of The Good Shepherd (Dunfield)	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer
February 22 Ash Wednesday (Purple)	7:00 P.M. Christ Church	Midweek Lenten Service Imposition Of Ashes
February 26 First Sunday In Lent (Purple)	11:00 A.M. St. Paul's (Trinity) 7:00 P.M. St. Clement's (Champney's West)	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer

The types of services may change due to when my surgery is scheduled but the times for services will remain the same.

Rev. John+



Note of Thanks

Frank Bartlett

March 11, 1948 - December 5, 2022

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to those who helped Frank and I during his sickness and after his passing.

Thank you to the Fort Point Lions for anything that I needed, you were all so wonderful and it won't be forgotten, and for the lunch after the service. A special thanks to Gerald Spurrell for all his calls and visits and the reading in church representing the Trinity Benefit Club. Also, to Rosanne Toope for the heartfelt memories from Frank's many years, that he certainly enjoyed, as a Lions member.

Thank you to Reverend Sparkes for the lovely church service, Marion Fleet for playing and to Wayne White for help at the church. Thank you to Fewers for their professionalism and help during the most difficult time.

Thank you as well to Kevin, Gerald, Ron and Kyle for all the ambulance trips they made with Frank to the hospital. Thank you to all who brought food, called or came to visit at our house and sent cards.

I would like to send a special thank you to Randy Hurdle who made so many trips to our house to help with Frank while he was sick. We both appreciated that so much. Thank you to Eileen who brought us many meals for the past few months.

A last thank you to my family, especially Scott, Lisa, Michael and Stephen who helped me so much during the last few months and to Chelsea, Matthew and Allie who always came to see us.

I love you all.

Frank, we will always love and remember you.

Shirley

The club in its 185 years has only had 19 presidents. One was president for 40 years, that was Dr. Robert White. The other was Calvert Goldsworthy.

Over the years the Club had the dinners at the Parish Hall in Trinity and cooked dinner themselves or the Trinity ACW would cook for them. Over the past years the Club would move around the area from Dunfield, Trinity East, Goose Cove and Port Rexton. This year the meeting and the dinner will be at Trinity Fire Hall on February 2.





Trinity Historical Society

Newsletter, Issue 24

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our readers a Happy New Year, 2023. In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the third of the men whose names are inscribed on the Monument in Trouty. Beginning in the next edition of our Newsletter we will present the stories of the men who are remembered in the stained glass windows of the church of St. John the Evangelist in New Bonaventure.

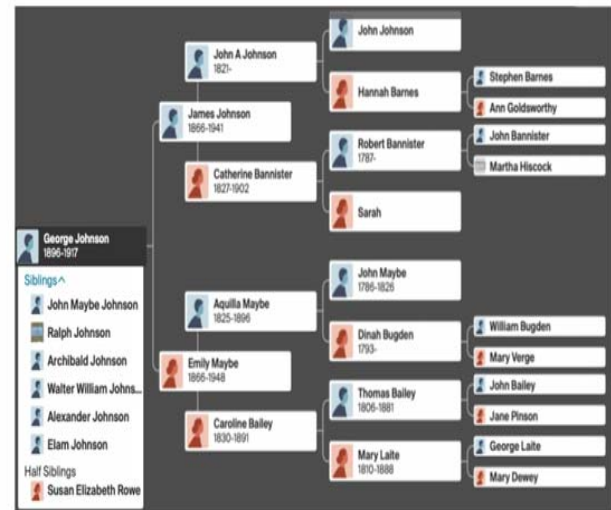
As always, the THS welcomes application for membership from anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.



George Johnson



George Johnson, the son of James Johnson and Emily Maybe, was born at Trouty on January 9, 1896. He enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on October 22, 1915. He went missing in action on April 14, 1917. He was 21.

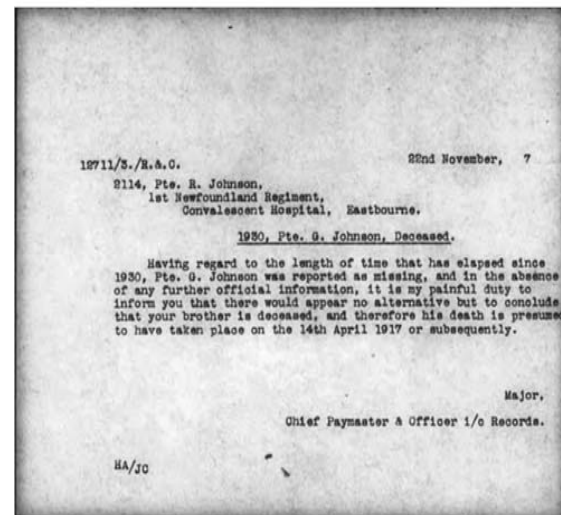


Family Tree

Private George Johnson, a student before enlisting, joined the Regiment in France on Christmas Day, 1916. On April 14, 1917 he 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 Johnson was reported as...*missing in action*...on April 14, 1917, while fighting at Monchy-le-Preux. Some thirty weeks later, on November 17, 1917, he was officially...*presumed dead*."

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



Death Notice



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