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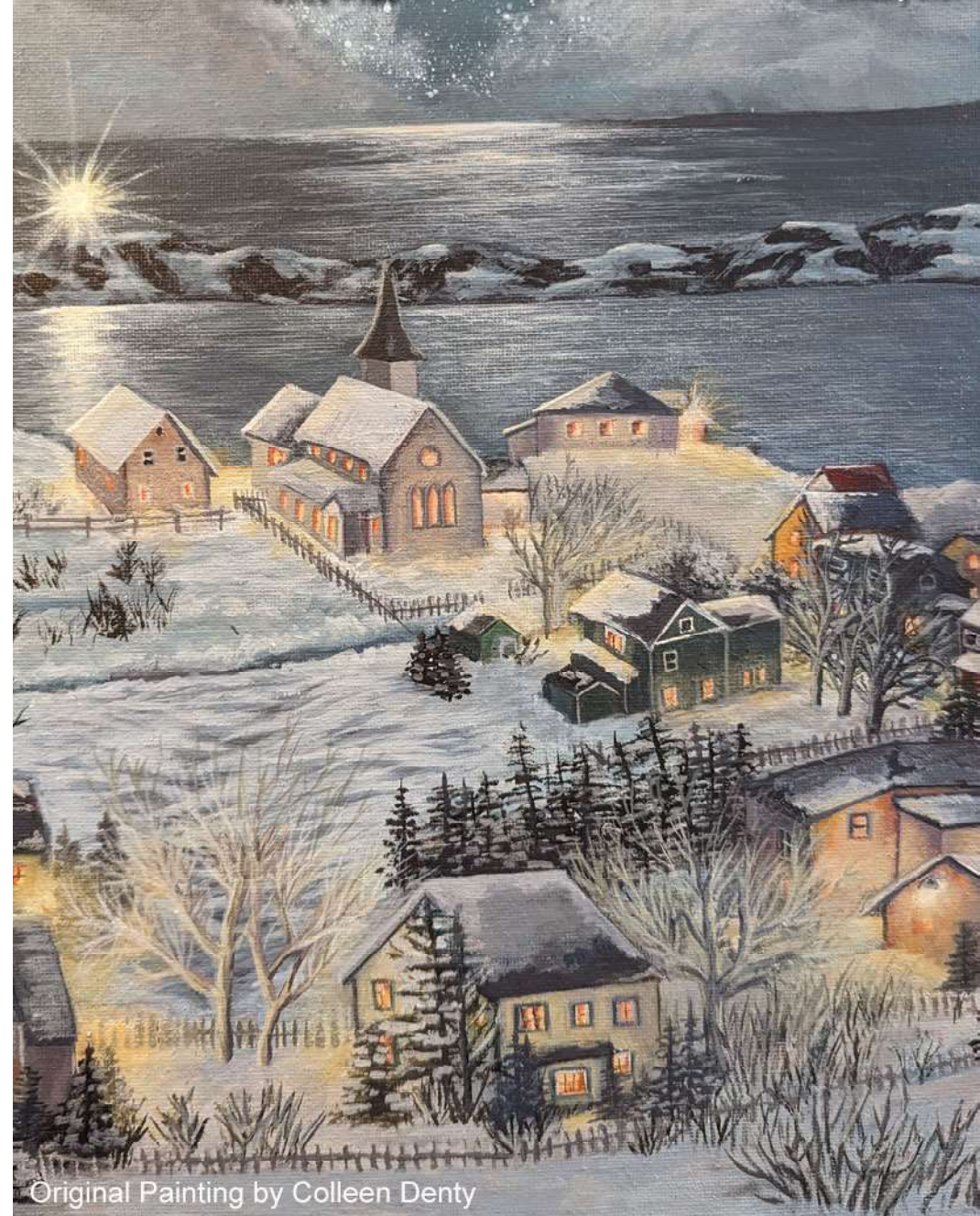
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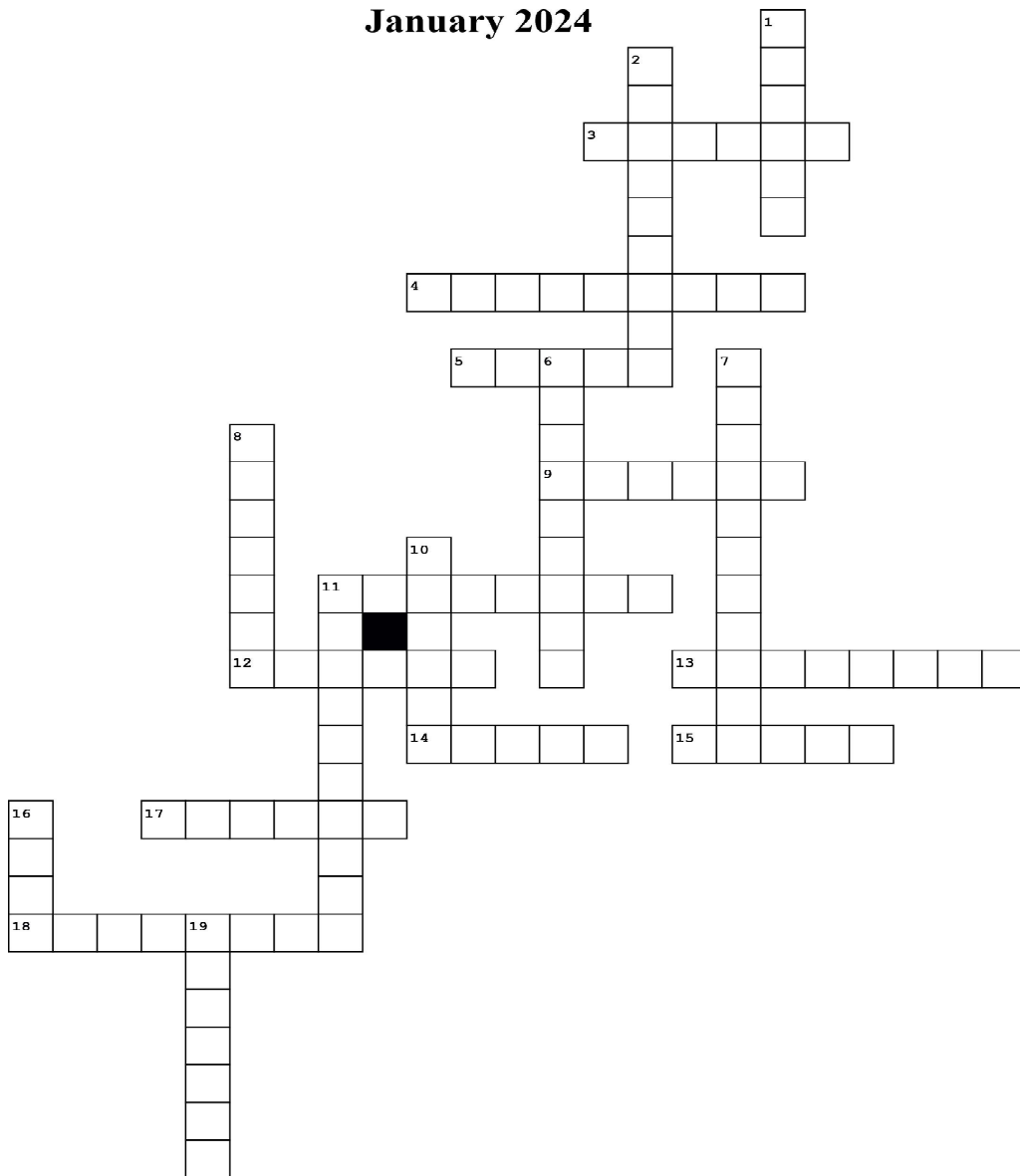


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## Across

3. Another name for a mummer.
4. The new mayor of Trinity.
5. Another name for mitts.
9. The next town south of Dunfield.
11. In the song "The Ryan's & the Pittman's" the maiden was chewing on \_\_\_\_\_.
12. A small, reliable, 70s snow machine was the \_\_\_\_ Elan.
13. Tiny NL seabird that appears to have no neck.
14. \_\_\_\_ Lane connects Church Road to West Street.
15. How many species of gulls are in NL?
17. The first name of the Hiscock in a Trinity road name.
18. The second owner of Lockleven.

## Down

1. The name on the oldest headstone in Trinity harbour.
2. Pinchgut Island is located at the entrance to \_\_\_\_\_.
6. A term meaning a period of two weeks.
7. The "Big Tree" at Midway Pond is a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. In the "Ode To Newfoundland" the night was \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The coal ship which sank in Trinity harbour in 1956.
11. The train trestle in Trinity East is located at \_\_\_\_\_.
16. The first ship built in Trinity was a \_\_\_\_\_, having 2 masts both square rigged.
19. The most southerly town on Ireland's Eye.

By the 1820s & 30s the major firms at Trinity were reducing their overseas shipping and trade and relying more on commercial links with St. John's. Meanwhile, their former sub-establishments on the northeast coast at places such as Greenspond and Fogo were taken over by other firms who now operated independently of Trinity. Garlands ended their trade at Trinity in 1849 and Slades in 1861. For about 30 years their Trinity establishments were leased to St. John's firms, but eventually sold. The extensive Slade Plantation was allowed to decay and before the end of the century was sub-divided and sold in irregularly sized lots. In 1906, most of the former Lester-Garland Plantation, after being closed for nearly a decade and much deteriorated, was sold to the Ryan Brothers of Bonavista and King's Cove. This property included a large Georgian brick house (originally built by Benjamin Lester in the late 1760s and refurbished by his grandson John B. Garland 1819-22), a retail shop & warehouse (built by Lester in the 1760s and enlarged in the Garland era) and other structures of late 18th -early 19th century provenance. Ryan's, one of the largest firms in Newfoundland and a principal supplier of the Labrador cod fishery (a summer fishery conducted by migrants from the northeast coast of Newfoundland), gave a considerable boast to Trinity as a commercial centre. Ryan's continued a retail and general supply trade on the Lester-Garland Plantation until 1952.

Between 1861 (the demise of the Slade's) and 1906 (coming of Ryan's), the main merchant firm was Grieve & Bremer but the trade declined in the 1890s and Trinity was now without a major merchant firm and declined in its relative economic importance and population. Collectively, however, a significant number of small traders and schooner owners engaged in the Labrador Floater cod fishery helped sustain many families, and Trinity continued to be a distinguished Newfoundland outpost boasting a significant middle-class including master craftsmen and professionals. Between 1869 and 1891 (census years) dwellings in Trinity Town declined from 140 to 113 and the population fell from 814 to 550. During this interval and the period up to World War I a significant migration of Trinity residents and families moved to St. John's. Despite Trinity's decline as a commercial centre, fashionable homes and buildings with stylish architecture, many still part of the cultural landscape, continued to be maintained and built, reflecting an intense sense of pride as well as selected family and community prosperity. In 1892-4, St. Paul's Anglican Church, an impressive Gothic Revival Style edifice was completed and consecrated. (It was based on plans of Trinity Anglican Church built in Digby, Nova Scotia, 1878 designed by famed Massachusetts architect, Stephen Carpenter Earle). A few years later a parish hall incorporating ornate features of Second Empire Design was built. Additionally from 1880 to the outbreak of the Great War, as well as an array of traditional vernacular house and buildings, some fine homes with decorative features – dormer windows, turrets, towers and Mansard roofs – were built, adding to an already impressive array of earlier buildings such as the Lester-Garland Georgian mansion, the three-storey Garland (Ryan) Shop with its Dutch-barn styled roof, the Gothic Roman Catholic Church (dating from 1833) and a Methodist Gothic styled Church (built 1877, removed 1935).

Trinity Profile 1871 (*Lovell's Directory*)

Chief town in the district of Trinity; Population 1434 (includes North Side /Trinity East, and South Side); Some farming in Southwest & Northwest Arms; Post Town & Port of Entry; Circuit Court holds a session here every fall; Magistrate's court sits daily; Packet station for the mails to Bonavista & places further north; Distant from St. John's by steamer fortnightly, 63 miles, fare \$4. A ferry plies between the town and the north side daily; Mail weekly

"This town was at one time of considerable importance."

# Discourse and Discovery. Part 6

## Gordon Handcock

### Solidification of Settlement and Society

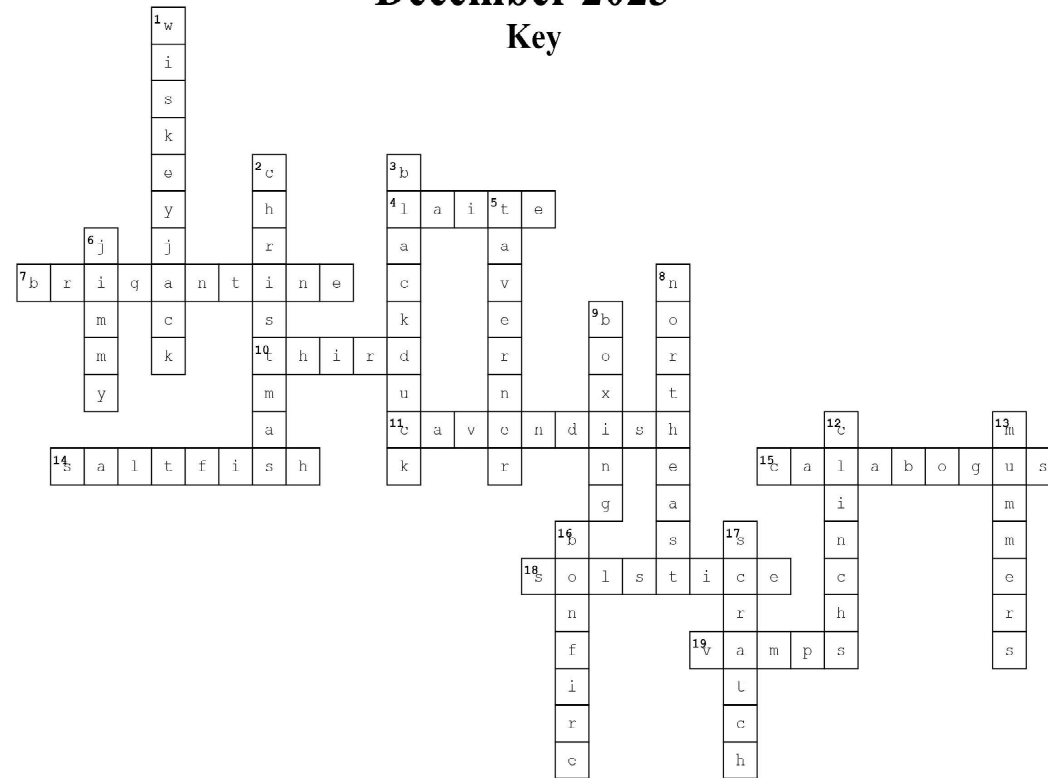
Civic conditions were much improved by the early 1800s though incidents of violence and drunkenness involving unruly servants and visiting sailors get reported for several more decades. By 1800 Trinity had a well-established inhabitant population and local families were able to supply most of the labour demands of the fishery. A small upper class consisted of a handful of merchants (or their agents), a surgeon - missionary, and a few public officials (custom's officer, stipendiary magistrate). Tradesmen-artisans such as accountants, clerks, shipwrights, coopers, carpenters, shoemakers, masons, blacksmiths, and sailmakers, and particularly smaller traders and independent planters, schooner owners, and master-mariners by the 1820s made for a significant middle class at Trinity (and in other major mercantile centres) which other Newfoundland communities lacked. The Masonic Order, distinctively upper and middle class in its orientation and composed almost entirely of mercantile agents, chief employees, and master-mariners of Poole merchants, (a branch of Amity Lodge of Poole) was established in Trinity in 1816 by John Clinch. The families of smaller dependent planters, share-men and servants in the fishery, and labourers constituted a larger poorer class. The upper and middle classes were mainly concentrated in Trinity Town (or the West Side), around St. Paul's Church, and in, around and between the headquarters of the two principal merchant firms, one on the Garland Plantation (formerly Lester's, originally Taverner's) and the other on the Slade Plantation (formerly Jeffrey & Street, originally Joseph White). Trinity Town was also most involved in shipping, warehousing (imported goods & processed staples) and general supply trading activities. Shore rooms in other parts of the harbour (East Side and South Side) were occupied by smaller traders and planters and functioned more in fishing and curing.

The merchants effectively promoted settlement by bringing out individuals who after a period of service with them (or other employers) were encouraged to fish on their own account as planters by being supplied regularly and year-round with food, clothing and fishing equipment on credit in exchange for dried salted cod, oil, seal skins and salmon (or other products) as payment. Not surprisingly, settlers mainly derived from the areas whence migrant labour was recruited. At Trinity, most settlers in the early 1700s came from the Poole area of Dorset, nearby Christchurch

and the New Forest region of Hampshire. In the 1720s Poole ship-owners also began to call regularly at ports in southern Ireland - Waterford, Youghall and Cork - to purchase pork, beef and butter, and recruit fishing servants. By the 1750s a few of these had become Trinity Harbour settlers -among them families named: Dunphy, Kelly, McGrath, Kean, Malone and Murphy. By the early 19th century, the Trinity population was by ancestral origins about 80- 85 percent English, mostly from Dorsetshire, Hampshire, Somerset and Devonshire (the latter supplying many of the captains and seamen on Poole ships), and 15-20 percent from southern Ireland.

December 2023

Key



### Across

4. The last operator of the Trinity to Trinity East ferry.
7. A 2 masted sailing ship with the foremast square rigged and the main mast rigged fore and aft.
10. A generation saltbox is 2 story, with a 2 story linney.
11. Sir Boyle wrote the Ode To Newfoundland.
12. The traditional Christmas Eve food.
15. The fishing admiral's drink containing rum, molasses, and spruce beer.
18. Winter occurs on December 21st.
19. Short, thick knitted woollen socks.

### Down

1. Another name for a grey jay.
2. The first service in the 3rd St. Paul's was held on Day 1892.
3. The new cemetery on Ireland's Eye is located in Cove.
5. The captain of the Caribou torpedoes during WW II.
6. Charlie and Ross Kelly's grandfather who lived to 99.
8. The course to steer from Bonaventure Head to hit Stone Island.
9. December 26th is Day.
12. Lane connects Dock Lane to Church Road.
13. People who dress up over Christmas are.
16. night commemorates the attempt by Guy Fawkes to blow up the British parliament.
17. The store bought food for chickens.

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## The Anglican Parish of Trinity / Port Rexton Service Schedule, January 7 -- January 28, 2024

January 7 First Sunday After The Epiphany The Baptism Of The Lord (White)	11:00 A.M. Christ Church (Port Rexton) 7:00 P.M. Church Of The Good Shepherd (Dunfield)	Holy Eucharist  Evening Prayer
January 14 Second 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
January 21 Third Sunday After The Epiphany (Green)	11:00 A.M. St. Clement's (Champney's West) 7:00 P.M. St. Paul's (Trinity)	Holy Eucharist  Evening Prayer
January 28 Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany (Green)	11:00 A.M. St. Matthew's (Trouty) 7:00 P.M. Christ Church (Port Rexton)	Holy Eucharist/Holy Baptism  Evening Prayer



## Trinity Historical Society



If you have an ad that you would like published in the **February issue of Trinity Bight Enterprise**, please send it along to [programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com](mailto:programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com) by Wednesday, January 22nd. Mailout is scheduled for Wednesday, January 31st.



# Trinity Historical Society Newsletter, Issue 35

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R. Coope, J. Morris, Eds.

Trinity Historical Society (THS) is pleased to report that we will be erecting memory boards in Trouty, New Bonaventure, Old Bonaventure, Trinity East, and Port Rexton which will tell the stories of the men who are remembered on the War Monuments and in the church windows.

In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of the second of the men who are remembered on the War Monument in Trinity East.

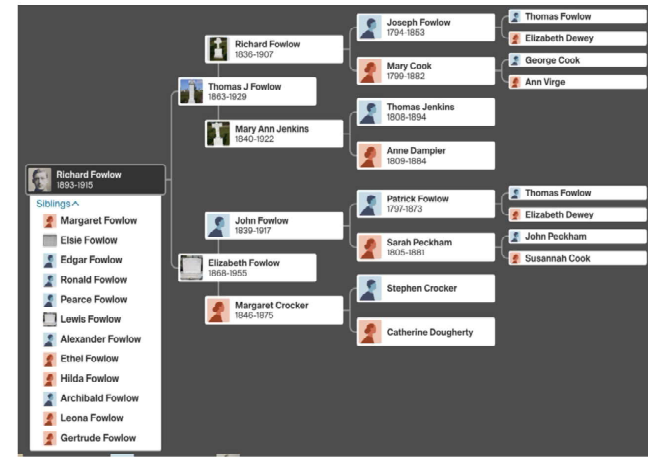
As always, the THS welcomes application for membership from anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.



## Richard Fowlow



**Richard Fowlow was born at Pease Cove, Trinity East on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1893 to Thomas Jenkins Fowlow and Elizabeth Fowlow. He was a clerk before enlisting in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1915. He died in a Malta hospital on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1915. He was 22.**

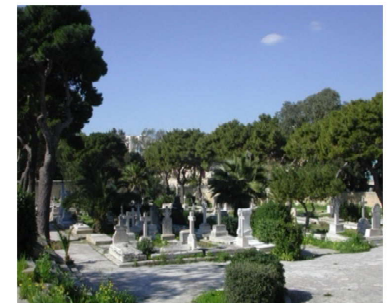


Family Tree

**Richard was promoted to corporal during training in Newfoundland and was transported to England. He departed Devonport onboard the Megantic for the Middle East and arrived in Cairo on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1915. On September 20<sup>th</sup> Richard disembarked at Suvla Bay on the Gallipoli Peninsula. He was evacuated on October 10<sup>th</sup> suffering from severe dysentery. After arriving at Cottonera Hospital on the island of Malta he was diagnosed with typhoid and paratyphoid. He died at the hospital on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1915 and is interred at Ta' Braxia Cemetery, Malta.**



Death Location



Ta' Braxia Cemetery