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arrived in Trinity in 1747 with his father's surgical instruments and became the

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- Rock is located just north of the entrance to Ireland's Eye harbour.
- 5. The friend of John Clinch who discovered the first smallpox vaccine.
- 11. The French admiral who led the force that occupied Trinity in 1762.
- 12. Yankee Hill is named after a
- 13. Pricilla donated the bell for the Catholic church in Trinity.
- Cove is located near Dunfield inside the bar in Trinity harbour.
- 16. The bishop who consecrated the second St. Paul's church in 1827.
- 17. The surname of the first family to occupy Gary Wilansky's house on Hogs Nose.
- was the secretary of the first Board of Education in Trinity.

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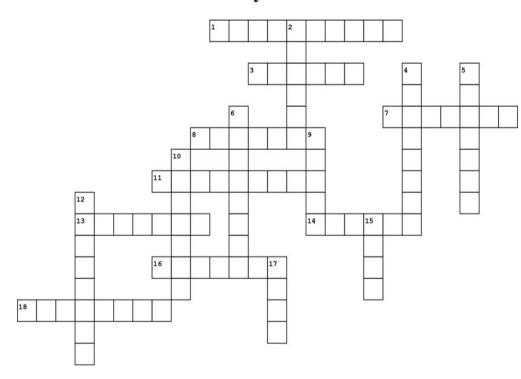
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- is the high ground on the skidoo trail between Yankee Hill trail and Loop Pond.
- 3. The community on Ireland's Eye island across from Thoroughfare.
- 6. The Trinity Bay Sealing Disaster occurred in eighteen
- 7. The Trinity newspaper was published in Trinity in the early 1900s.
- 8. A Commission of was established in Trinity in 1835.
- 9. The next cove south of Ship Cove in Port Rexton Cove.
- 10. Stephen joined the Canadian Army Medical Corp in WW I.
- Lane joins High Street to Water Street just north of Rocky's Place.
- 18. Trinity was the name of the railway station in Trinity.

May 2023



Across

- 1. The distance between two adjacent wave crests.
- The Maggoty Cove factory processed _____ in the early 1900s.
- 7. Toope fished out of Penguin Cove from the 1960s to the 80s.
- **8.** Bishop White Manor is located on Hill
- 11. A NL name for a kittiwake.
- Neck is the spit of land between Gott's Cove and the Northwest Arm.
- Benjamin _____ operated a sawmill on Lockston Brook in the 1870s.
- 16. The depth of water a ship displaces.
- & Robinson occupied the Garland Plantation in the 1850s & 60s.

Down

- 2. The part of a cod trap attached to the shoreline.
- 4. School notebook made from lined newsprint.
- 5. Lane runs from Joan Kane's to the Guide
- 6. A _____ oar can be used to propel a small boat.
- 9. ____ whales blow at about a 45 degree angle when they surface.
- 10. In Newfoundland moths were often called
- A NL term which means to stop what you are doing.
- 15. A passable stretch of water through pack ice.
- Hard is another name for hard bread.



Trinity Historical Society

Our *Gift Store* will be opening on Saturday, May 6th from 12 - 2! We are excited to showcase our beautiful selection of giftware from artisans across the province! We have a lot of new suppliers this year along with some of our favorites from last year! Be sure to drop by and check it out - with Mother's Day right around the corner you may find that special something! We look forward to seeing you at the shop!

Our *Historic Sites* in Trinity, including the Gift Store located at the Lester Garland House will be open for the season on Saturday, May 20th. Hours are 9:30 - 5:00 daily. A tentative open date for the Fort Point Interpretation Site is scheduled for June 26th.

Mother's Day Colouring Contest - Children up to age 10 can take part in our colouring contest. Simply colour the contest page and either mail to P.O. Box 8 Trinity, NLAOC 2SO or drop to Lester-Garland House by Friday, May 12 by 5PM.

Garden Party and Auction - Friday, August 18th. As always, we are looking for any and all donations. If you have some old furniture, books, artwork etc that you are looking to get rid of, please consider us! Please call 464-3599.

We are happy to announce that we are participating in 'They Knit' this year. This is in partnership with the Anna Templeton Centre. This is a celebration of the wonderful knitting and knitters in the province with a knitting exhibit at the Quidi Village Artisan Studios in November 2023! More details can be found in this issue of Trinity Bight Enterprise! If you have any questions or concerns, please email Daphne at programming @trinityhistoricalsociety.com or call 709-464-3599!

If you wish to place an ad in our June issue of Trinity Bight Enterprise, please send it along to programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com. The deadline is Wednesday, May 24th with mailout scheduled for Thursday, June 1st.

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The Port Rexton Heritage Society

will be holding our **Annual General Meeting**

May 4th, @ 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Building (Orange Hall), Port Rexton.

We are inviting new members/volunteers to join us in supporting, preserving and promoting the history and heritage of Port Rexton and area.

The Anglican Church of Canada The Diocese of Central NL The Parish of Trinity/Port Rexton

Service Schedule for May 7 - June 4, 2023

May 7 Fifth Sunday Of Easter (White)	11:00 A.M. St. Andrew's (Trinity East) 7:00 P.M. Church Of The Good Shepherd (Dunfield)	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer
May 14 Sixth Sunday Of Easter (Mother's Day) (White)	11:00 A.M. St. John The Evangelist New Bonaventure) 7:00 P.M. St. Clement's (Champney's West)	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer
May 21 Seventh Sunday Of Easter (Ascension Sunday) (White)	11:00 A.M. Christ Church (Port Rexton) 7:00 P.M. St. Paul's (Trinity)	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer
May 28 Day Of Pentecost (Red)	11:00 A.M. St. Matthew's (Trouty) 7:00 P.M. St. Andrew's (Trinity East)	Holy Eucharist Evening prayer
June 4 First Sunday After Pentecost Trinity Sunday (White)	11:00 A.M. Church Of The Good Shepherd (Dunfield) 7:00 P.M. St. Clement's (Champney's West)	Holy Communion Evening Prayer



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Note of Thanks

On the behalf of Steve, myself and rest of the Kew family, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the support and encouragement provided during Steve's recent cardiac arrest. Words cannot at all express our thankfulness! We are so humbled by the acts of kindness from our friends, family, neighbours and new friends, as well as those that did not know us, but offered so much help and support. Your kind words, thoughts and prayers have been a great source of comfort to us during this challenging time.

On March 6th, my husband Steve Kew, who is a volunteer for the Port Rexton Fire Department, was on a fire call for a devastating housefire in Trinity East, where he suffered a cardiac arrest when getting down from the pumper truck. Thank you to the entire team from the Port Rexton and Trinity Volunteer Firefighters for their heroic efforts in saving my husbands life that day! A very special thank you to Geff Fowlow and Gabe Fisher, for continuing to do CPR on Steve for 30 mins and for Geff for giving Steve that extra 4th shock with the defibrillator, which is when Steve's heart started again. Thank you to Lloyd Davis and Shawn Piercey for your quick response when Steve hit the ground, also to Holly, Kayla and their Mom Corrina, for their response and help as well. I'm sure I'm leaving many names out, but somehow I will thank everyone, even if it's just a big hug!

To all the doctors, surgeons, nurses, specialists and all the medical staff at Health Sciences Centre Hospital in St. John's, and in the Clarenville Hospital, the care and dedication you showed to Steve throughout his stay and post surgery recovery was truly remarkable! The professional and compassionate approach in dealing with the situation made such a difference to both of us. Thank you to our dear friend and neighbor, Todd Pynn who is a Cardiac Perfusionist and part of the cardiac surgical team in St. John's, your professional and compassionate approach in dealing with the situation made such a difference to all of us! Right from the get-go to after we left the hospital. We are indebted to you for your kindness, care and expertise. You made us all feel at ease, and we consider ourselves blessed to have received care and concern from you our friend.

Whitbourne observed English fishermen seldom fished north of Trinity Bay, and estimated 40-50 fishing ships were operating annually in the Trinity area (Trinity Bight), about half in Trinity "above 20 saile," and the rest at: English Harbour "some yeeres 6 or 7 saile,"; Salmon Cove "some yeeres 10 saile,"; Robin Hoods Bay "some yeeres 6 good Ships,"; and Bonaventer "5 or 6 good Ships." These were the fishing stations (along with Hearts Ease, Old Perlican, and Silly Cove) whence in 1615 Whitbourne summoned the "Masters of those English ships, that were there riding at Anchor [in Trinity Har-bour], and also ... of some English ships that were neere thereunto ... to hold the first Court of Admiralty ... that ever was (as I believe) holden in that Country...." At this time, Trinity was the most central and convenient place Whitbourne could have used to hold his inquiry in Trinity Bay, in response to complaints of "abuses and disorders committed amongst Fishermen veerely upon that Coast." Although disputes in the migratory fishery were customarily to be settled by Admirals (captains of the first fishing vessels to arrive in a harbour each year), the system was not functioning well and Whitbourne was commissioned "under the broade Seal of the Admiralty" to go to New-foundland to effect improvements. He left Exeter, Devon, on May 11, 1615 in a ship, "a Barke," supplied and crewed by eleven men and boys, claiming at his own expense, and arrived "at the Coast of New-Found-Land, in the Bay of Trinity, upon Trinitie Sun-day, being the 4 of June, and anchored the same day ..." [Whitbourne or someone contemporary earlier had already named Trinity, for its three Arms]. After summoning the ships' captains he held hearings in Trinity as directed and "also in other Harbours [not named, but probably Carbonear/Harbour Grace, St. John's, Bay Bulls, Ferryland and Trepassey] of the said Coast."

A 17th century West Country Adventurer in Trinity Bight

John Rashleigh of Fowey in Cornwall was an English adventurer who frequented the Trinity area in the early 1600s [also known to Whitbourne]. Rashleigh owned the *Success*, a vessel of 100 tons which usually carried a crew of 35-40 men, normally sailed from Fowey in March or April and returned home in September or October. In March 1609, with reference to the previous year and the common practice of leaving fishing equipment behind, Rashleigh wrote that he had left behind "4 new boats lying there in 'Trynyty bay' marked the place called 'Robyn Hodes bay'," "[now part of Port Rexton].

Whitbourne's Court of Admiralty 1615

Although he describes no specific cases, Whitbourne wrote that the more common complaints among the fishermen involved: theft of boats, salt & supplies left from previous years, wood, timber, and bait (capelin, herring etc. from nets and boats) used to catch cod; property damage - destruction of wharves, stages, flakes, and other structures; fishing rooms, taking more shore space than needed; environmental damage – fouling harbours and shipping roads by dumping ballast stones, destroying trees near the coasts and setting fire to forests; and labour issues –fishing on the Sabbath and servants refusing to work.

Discourse and Discovery

Trinity Harbour and Sir Richard Whitbourne

Gordon Handcock

Whitbourne's "A Discourse and Discovery of Newfoundland," 1620 is the most important source on the early English history of Trinity Harbour. It bears witness to important facts and events for the late 16th and early 17th centuries. On his first transatlantic voyage dating back to 1579, for example, Whitbourne then 17 years old, after spending some time in the Strait of Belle Isle on an intended trading and whaling expedition which failed because of problems with the captain and crew (not fully explained) he spent most of the summer at Trinity Harbour "where," he says, "we killed great store of fish, Deere, Bears, Beavers, Seals, Otters, and such like abundance of Seafowle." He says the harbour was the northernmost English migratory fishing station on the Newfoundland coast – in his grammar: "it standeth North most of any Harbor in the land, where our Nation practiseth fishing". Also frequented by the native Beothuk who came by night to pilfer goods.

Trinity Harbour and the Transatlantic Migratory Fishery

European fishermen (Portuguese, Bretons, Normans, Basques and English) who undertook transatlantic cod fishing expeditions to Newfoundland in the early 16th century normally sailed out each spring, fished for the summers and returned home with salted cod or dried salted cod in the fall. Although an English migratory fishery began in the early 1500s and lasted for nearly four centuries it did not become well established until the time of Whitbourne when it was principally carried out in harbours located on the southeastern portion of the island between Trepassey on the south and Trinity (and Bonavista) to the north. The key features for a successful catching adventure were: firstly, and most importantly, proximity to reliable cod fishing grounds and sources of bait (principally a hook and line fishery); safe (or manageable) landing sites with convenient shore space for processing and storage of boats, supplies and catches (room for a room); suitable weather (especially for curing); essential supplies especially salt, food, clothing and fishing gear; and reliable labour in catching and processing.

Whitbourne claimed no part of the world afforded more good harbours than Newfoundland and chose Trinity and Trepassey, as two of the "chiefest." He hoped both would become strategic settlements in an English colonization scheme. The commodious Trepassey, "the Southmost of any Harbour in the Land," would be, as it already was, a fishing place, but also a transatlantic port of call for English ships enroute to and from mainland colonies and the West Indies. Trinity

meanwhile was perceived well situated and endowed with plenty of shelter, anchorage, and shore space to become both a livestock settlement and a principal entrepot in the English-Newfoundland cod fishing trade. He wrote:

Trinity Harbour lyes neere in 49 degrees North-latitude, being very commodiously seated to receive shipping in reasonable weather both to anchor in, and thence to saile towards either the East, West, or South: It hath three Armes or Rivers, long and large enough for many hundred of Ships to moare at Anchor neere a mile from the Harbours mouth: close adjoyning to the Rivers side, and within the Harbour is much open land, well stored with grass sufficient, Winter and Summer, to maintaine great store of ordinary cattell, besides Hogs and Goats, if such beasts were carried thither.

Thank you also to the Port Rexton Lions Club for your help as well and the wonderful work you continue to do for others. It really means a lot!!

Thank you to all our friends, family and neighbours for all the beautiful get-well cards, heartfelt messages, books, magazines, fruit baskets, hospital visits, etc... and for those that wanted to help where they could. You have no idea how much that has meant to us! Thank you to my dear friend, Theresa Peacock for taking me in for my stay in town. Theresa even made me lunches to take to the hospital with me.

I get very emotional every time I have started to write this thank you letter or even think about thanking everyone. How do I thank the people who kept my husband alive? If it were not for them, he would not be here. The cardiologist explained to Steve that there is only a 5% survival rate from this type of cardiac arrest, and he also added that only the defibrillator could restart the heart, which it did. The doctor said that Steve was in the right place for this to happen when it did, with knowledgeable people, and the right equipment to survive. The nurses and doctors in both hospitals kept calling him the miracle boy.

Steve has been saying since his hospital stay, he will become a huge advocate for AED's (automated external defibrillator) in substantially more locations than they are now. They should be everywhere and there should be signage to prompt people to not be apprehensive to use them, because time is the difference between life and death. This goes in conjunction with CPR, and he will become more vocal helping people understand how these two go together in saving lives.

Words are not enough to convey our most sincere appreciation and thankfulness for all your overwhelming care and support. We will always cherish the gesture and feel blessed to have such a supportive community around us during this challenging time.

Once again, thank you, thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers!! We look forward to a healthier life for Steve soon,

Most sincerely,

Christine and Steve Kew, and our kids, Sherri, Stevie and Molly Champney's East, NL

Student Position: Interpretive Guide-Museum

The Port Rexton & Area Heritage Society is now accepting resumes from high school and post-secondary students for one position at our heritage building.

Interpretive Guide Responsibilities:

- ü Welcome visitors to our heritage building
- ü Enter donated article information on computerized spreadsheet
- ü Help organize artifacts, and
- ü Assist in compiling stories and historical information and documents.

Requirements for the summer student position

All applicants must:

- · Be between the ages of 15-30
- · Be legally entitled to work in the province and Canada
- · Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or have refugee status in Canada

Grant program will also require applicants to:

- be enrolled in high school (Level I, II, or III) or a post-secondary institution in the 2022-2023 school calendar year, and
- $\cdot\;$ be intending to return to school full-time in September 2023, or
- be graduating from Level III in June 2023 and planning to pursue an education at a post-secondary institution in September 2023.

Anticipated start date: July 7th and will end August 25, 2023 Submit your resume to:

Port Rexton and Area Heritage Society P.O. Box 13 Port Rexton, NL A0C 2H0

Email: portrextonheritagesociety@gmail.com

For more information call 709-464-2486 or 709-464-3579

Note of Thanks Sidney Spurrell June 5, 1955 - March 27, 2023



The family of the late Sidney Spurrell would like to thank all who helped alleviate the sorrow caused by the sudden passing of a dear husband and father. We would like to thank the first responders of the Trinity & Area Fire Department and the paramedics of Fewer's Ambulance Service. A special thanks to Rev. Emma O'Rourke for the lovely service, to Kim of Vardy's Funeral Home for the professional services provided, to Marion Fleet for providing the organ music, Kirsten Skinner and Afton Batterton for the readings, Tammy Yetman, Leonard Barry, Gus Oldford and Larry Spurrell for the lovely selections of music. To the pall bearers, Bartlett's Electrical for the opening and closing of the gravesite. For the many cards, messages of condolences, gifts of food and money and to the Anglican and United ladies for a tea social after the funeral. Special thanks to our family for helping us in any way.

Your kindness will always be remembered by wife Anita, son Dennis

Attention: Knitters of Newfoundland and Labrador!

You are invited to submit a hand-knit stocking to our community exhibition "They Knit"

This project is part of the Anna Templeton Centre and is in memory of Dorothy Marie Verge Clarke. It is celebrating knitters and knitting across the province! The Trinity Historical Society is happy to partner in this project!

Information can be obtained from Daphne by calling 709-464-3599 or emailing programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com.

The Lester Garland House will be a drop off point of knitted stockings and will display the collection during the first week of October. The knitted stockings will then be sent to the Anna Templeton Centre to be displayed at the knitting exhibit at the Quidi Vidi Village Artisan Studios in November 2023.

We will be having knitting group socials over the summer months! Details to follow! If you are interested in participating, please let Daphne know so the details can be sent to you regarding what the centre is looking for!

We have some talented knitters in this area, so lets show off our work!



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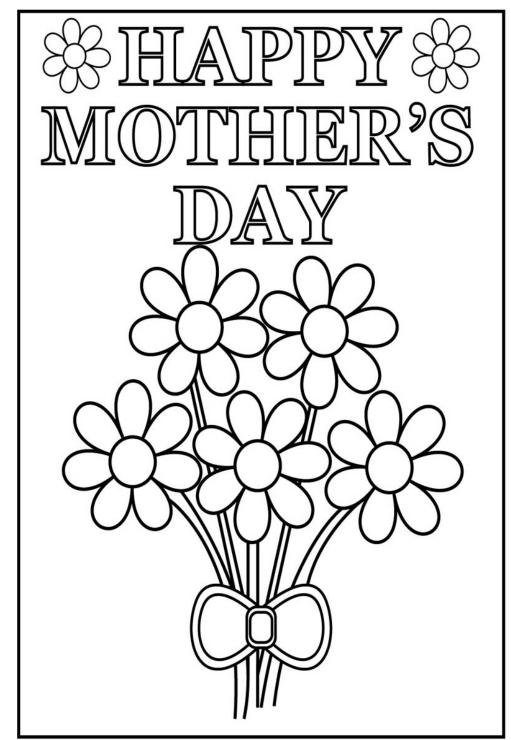
If you appreciate the efforts of the THS to preserve, present and promote the cultural and built heritage of the Trinity area, please consider supporting us by becoming a member!

Membership is just \$30 or \$50 for a family annually. In addition to helping to support a great local organization, you receive the following benefits

- 15% Discount at Lester-Garland House Gift Shop
- A copy of the publication "The Story of Trinity"
- Free admission to THS sites (Lester-Garland House, Cooperage, Green Family Forge, Trinity Museum, Methodist School House and Fort Point)
- Digital Monthly newsletter The Trinity Bight Enterprise
- · Notification of upcoming events
- · Voting Privileges at the THS Annual General Meeting
- THS Membership Card

Visit our website for more details! www.trinityhistoricalsociety.com





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Trinity Historical Society - The Loyal Trinity Volunteer Ranger Award

Call for Nominations

The Loyal Trinity Volunteer Ranger Award is an annual award (the first award was given out in 2022 to Mr. Chris O'Dea) recognizing a person, past or present, who has demonstrated a commitment to the promotion and preservation of our collective heritage.

The Loyal Trinity Volunteer Ranger Award is named after the *Loyal Trinity Volunteer Rangers* who were formed during the war of 1812 under the command of William Kelson to defend Trinity Harbour and the nearby towns. Many of the restored armaments found at Fort Point were due to this effort and fort reactivation.

Terms of Reference

Name of Award:

The Loyal Trinity Volunteer Ranger Award

Award Ceremony:

The award will be presented to the recipient at the annual Trinity Historical Society Auction. This year being on Friday, August 18, 2023.

Award Description:

The Loyal Trinity Volunteer Ranger Award recipient will receive a plaque with the name, date and THS crest. A photo of the recipient, accompanied by a description of their contribution, will be hung in Lester Garland House for one year, and published in the Trinity Bight Enterprise and THS Newsletter.



We are pleased to launch our new and refreshed website. We can be found at the same address

www.trinityhistoricalsociety.com

but we have a new look with our logo colours. There is also up-to-date event and fundraising information; new descriptions and photos of our historic sites; an archival photo gallery; Trinity Bight Enterprise and the THS Newsletter; plus the Guide to the Holdings and our Finding Aids for researchers and so much more.

And we aren't done just yet.....in the coming month we will launch an e-commerce store; and then updated virtual exhibits and more. Stay tuned.

Thanks to Dean Bailey our IT Specialist for his hard work on getting the new website ready for us; to Pamela Sullivan, Sharon Jeans and Jim Miller for their work as part of the committee overseeing this work; and a shout out to Janice Schoening for her assistance with some editing. Great work team.

Once you have the chance to view the new site let us know what you think of it or any suggestions for additional features. You can reach us through our new email - ths@trinityhistoricalsociety.com or through Facebook.

Lester Garland House Gift Store!

Our Gift Store is opening on Saturday, May 20th for the 2023 season! We are offering a sneak peek on Saturday, May 6th from 12 - 2! We hope you can stop by and check it out!

New to the shop this year;

- *Handcrafted bowls by Dion Kendall
- *T-shirts, Hoodies and Beanies by Saltwater Designs including a custom line just for us!
- *Sauces and Spices Saucy Newfoundland
- *Candles Forest and Brooks including two custom candles just for us!
- * Sea Salt from Newfoundland Salt Company
- *Spreads and Baking Mixes from Java Jacks
- *Stained Glass by Clara Guy
- *Energy Bars by The Oat Company









Some of our favorites are also returning!

- *Handcrafted items from The Green Family Forge
- *Handcrafted items from the Cooperage
- *Trinity Coffee Company
- *Handcrafted loose tea Wild Island Tea
- * Spices by Newfoundland Seasonings
- *Wine glasses, mugs by Salmon Cove Creations
- *Labradorite Jewelry by Monty Shears
- *Wide selection of bath and body products by East Coast Glow
- *Adult and Children's Books from Downhome
- *Alexander Bay Pottery
- *Stained Glass by Classy Glass Girls
- *Prints and Note cards by Richard Steele
- *T-Shirts from Hike Discovery
- *Because I Felt Like It
- *Blown Glass by Seafire Glass

Members of the Trinity Historical Society will receive a 15% discount on items.

Nomination Process:

A call for nominations from the THS membership and the public shall be communicated on May 1st of each year and be concluded on June 1st. Each nomination application shall include the following information:

- 1. Name of nominee
- 2. Address of nominee
- 3. Name of Nominator, with address and contact information
- 4. Provide a nomination statement indicating how long you have known the nominee and the reasons you believe this nominee is a worthy candidate. The statement should be typed and should not exceed one page. (Approximately 500 words)
- 5. Any additional material to support the nomination such as publications, media stories, tributes, work produced, etc.

Award Selection:

A committee of two Trinity Historical Society board members will review the nominations and recommend the recipient to the board for ratification.

Deadline: Nominations will be accepted until <u>5:00 P.M. on Thursday</u>, <u>June 1</u>, <u>2023</u> and will be accepted by email to info@trinityhistoricalsociety.com or can be mailed to:

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Trinity, NL
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April 2023

R. Toope, J. Morris, Eds.

Trinity Historical Society (THS) is pleased to host a series of five lectures in Trinity this summer, as well as three homecooked breakfasts at beautiful Fort Point. Please check out our website, the Enterprise and our expanded Newsletter for details.

In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of the second 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.



Henry Arthur King



Henry, the son of Richard King and Phoebe Miller, was born at White Point on January 7th, 1899. He enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on April 27th, 1916. At enlistment his age was recorded as 18 years 4 months. His actual age was 17 years and almost 4 months. He was declared "presumed dead" on November 9th, 1918. He was 19.



Family Tree

At enlistment, Henry stated his occupation as fisherman. He was 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighed 125 lbs. He joined the regiment in France on October 22nd, 1916. Shortly afterward he became ill with enteritis, dysentery, and paratyphoid fever and was evacuated to England. During his convalescence he was promoted to Lance Corporal. He rejoined the regiment in France on June 19th, 1917. He was declared wounded and then missing in action near Steenwerck, France on April 13th, 1918 while resisting a German offensive. On that day the regiment lost 5 officers and 130 non-commissioned officers and men. His remains were never recovered. He is remembered on the Beaumont Hamel Memorial, Beaumont Hamel, France.







Beaumont Hamel Memorial

Henry's Name

Remembrance Window

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