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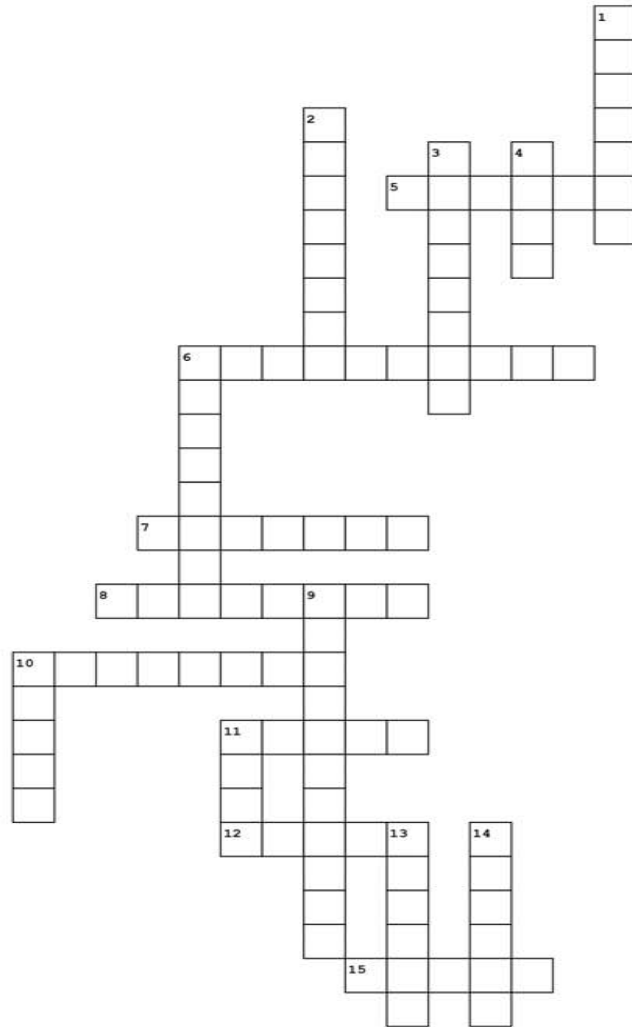


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Fall Events***

## November 2022



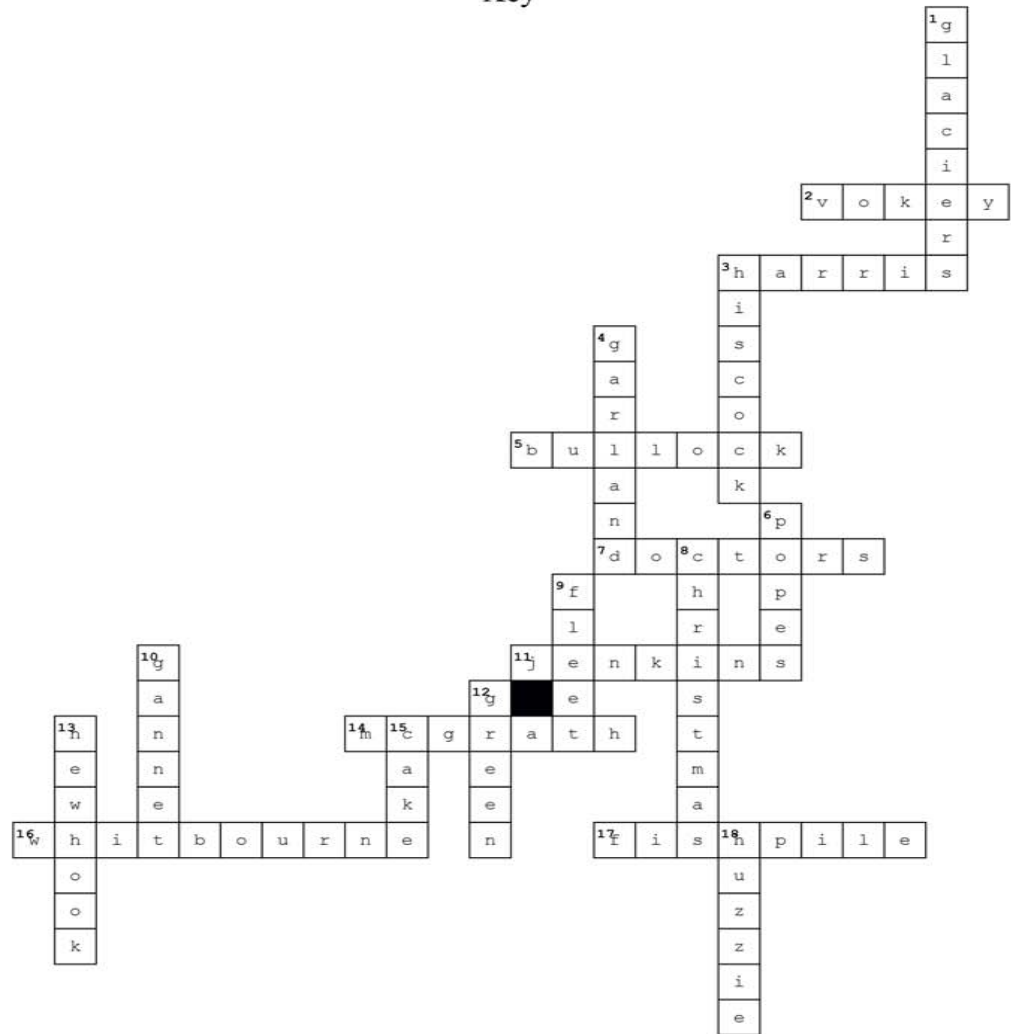
### Across

5. The smallest measure of rum a Trinity merchant could sell in 1835.
6. Thomas Street built the first \_\_\_\_\_ in Trinity in 1774.
7. He inherited the Lester property in Trinity.
8. Bob \_\_\_\_\_ Point is just east of Fahey's Neck.
10. The next community south of the town of Ireland's Eye.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Street connects Water Street and High Street behind the Catholic church.
12. The business in Trinity which closed in 1952.
15. What public transport service began operation in Trinity in 1845?

### Down

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Cove is located on the south side of the isthmus to Champney's West.
2. Trinity sea captain who found the plane wreck "Old Glory" in the Atlantic in 1927.
3. The captain of the whaling steamer that operated out of Trinity.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Cove is located in the southeast part of Gott's Cove.
6. French engineer who mapped Trinity harbour in 1762.
9. In 1894 the third St. Paul's was \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Rocky's Place is located on \_\_\_\_\_ Hill.
11. There were \_\_\_\_\_ main communities on Ireland's Eye.
13. The Hog's Nose business which closed in 1861.
14. The first Methodist Church was built on \_\_\_\_\_ Hill in 1828.

## October 2022 Key



### Across

2. The Trinity boat builder awarded the Order of Newfoundland.
3. He arrived in Trinity in 1747 and immediately became the doctor.
5. The minister who was married to John Clinch's daughter.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Hill is located at the west end of Gallivan's Lane.
11. He commanded the infantry in the Loyal Trinity Volunteer Rangers.
14. The last family to occupy Lester-Garland house.
16. He first visited Trinity in 1579.
17. The fishing ground located using St. Paul's school and a knob on Green Island.

### Down

1. Icebergs break off from the leading edge of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. He operated a forge on Dandy Lane in the 60s.
4. The road between the post office and Rising Tide Theatre.
6. Little Harbour is located inside \_\_\_\_\_ Harbour.
8. The 3rd St. Paul's opened for the first service on \_\_\_\_\_ Day.
9. The second Methodist church was located on \_\_\_\_\_ Street.
10. White seabird with a yellowish head and black wingtips.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Island is located east of Anthony's Island.
13. The famous Trinity boat builder born in 1817.
15. A Newfoundland song mentions the Trinity \_\_\_\_\_.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ Head is located between English harbour and Champney's East.





## Trinity Historical Society



**Walking Buddies** will begin in January, please check back in the December's edition of the Trinity Bight Enterprise for further information.

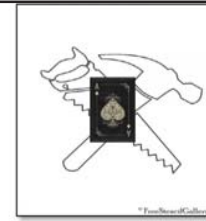
**Crafters Social!** We are starting up our social circle again, on Wednesday, November 9th for new and experienced crafters! We will be meeting once a week, each Wednesday, from 12:30pm - 2:30pm at the Lester Garland House. This will be on a drop in basis and will be free of charge! If you have any fabric or wool that you no longer have a need for, we'll happily take it off your hands! Please drop it off at the Lester Garland House!

We will be hosting an **Online Auction** through Facebook from noon Monday, November 14th through to noon on Monday, November 21st! An album will be posted to our Facebook page a couple days prior. Bidding will increase by dollar amounts and must be posted in the comments section under the item. Successful bidders will be notified at the end of auction. You will have until noon Friday, November 25th to pay for and make arrangements to pickup your items. Failure to pay for items on time will result in the items going to the next highest bidder.

We are happy to be posting **Letters to Santa** again this year in the December issue of Trinity Bight Enterprise! Letters along with a picture will be \$5 and can be emailed to Daphne at [programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com](mailto:programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com) or dropped off at the brick house! Deadline is Wednesday, November 23rd.

If you wish to place an ad in our December issue of Trinity Bight Enterprise, please send it along to Daphne at [programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com](mailto:programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com). The deadline is Wednesday, November 23rd with mailout scheduled for Wednesday, November 30th.

Happy 3rd Birthday to  
our little treasures,  
Ayden and Brielle LaSaga  
who will celebrate on November  
25th! Lots of love,  
hugs and kisses  
from Nanny and Poppy xoxo



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**Note of Thanks**  
**Evelyn Caroline Toope**  
**September 24, 1924 - October 12, 2022**

The family of the late Evelyn Caroline Toope (Carrie Toope) of Trinity would like to thank all those who supported us during this difficult time.

We would like to thank Dr. Howse and the nursing staff of Carbonear General Hospital who assisted us with her care.

Special thanks to Reverend John for his spiritual guidance. Thank you to Noel's Funeral Home and Vardy's Funeral Home for their services. Special thanks to Kim Hansford for her personal summary and the gravesite scrabble game, the Trinity Fire Department for assisting with traffic, Marion Fleet for playing the pipe organ, and Bartlett's Electrical for preparing the gravesite.

We appreciate the donations in her memory to the Trinity Fire Department and Central Paws, and all the phone calls, cards, messages, and food. We were moved by the number of people who attended the wake, funeral service, and interment; some of whom had to travel long distances. It demonstrates the respect and love you all had for her.

Known affectionately by each of her granddaughters as Nan (Alicia), Nanny (Eilanda), and Nana (Sara) she has positively influenced each of us. Her kindness, sense of humor, love of people, and zest for life was inspirational. She has left us with a lot to live up to. Thank you for remembering her and us. May you be blessed for your thoughtfulness.

Sincere Thanks  
Kevin, Eileen and Family

**The 11th Annual Patrick Goldsworthy Memorial Wishmaker Walk** for Wishes will take place on Saturday, November 12th. If you would like to walk with us (or on your own if date is not suitable), please contact Daphne to pick up your registration sheet! If you are unable to join us for the walk and would like to make a donation to the Children's Wish Foundation, please contact Daphne (ddks.clarke@hotmail.com) or Paula (paulaspurrell1@hotmail.com).

Registration for the Walk will be held at 10:30am on November 12th at the Fire Hall, Trinity with the Walk beginning at 11:00am. Please dress for the weather!!

All monies raised stays here in Newfoundland and Labrador and helps grant the wish of a terminally ill child between the ages of 3 and 17. For donations of \$20 or more, income tax receipts will be issued!

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supplied servants and settler families, and superintended trade generally. This division of responsibility lasted until 1775 when it was rumored the Americans were offering a reward for Ben's capture in retaliation for his support for the so-called Coercive Acts, a series of punitive measures which triggered outrage and resistance in the thirteen American colonies leading to the Revolutionary War (War of Independence). It must also be considered Benjamin was now getting on in years and that the demands of the Newfoundland trade were becoming too demanding physically. He stopped coming to Newfoundland in 1777 and stayed in Poole to pursue a political career. After Isaac died in 1778 Ben took full control of the firm and left Newfoundland operations in charge of Thomas Stone, formerly his chief clerk at Trinity. Under Stone, Benjamin Lester & Company with headquarters in Trinity and establishments between Bay de Verde to Venison Island in Labrador became in the 1780s & 90s the largest trading firm engaged in the Newfoundland fishery.

Benjamin's sojourn in Trinity, where from the early 1750s he was frequently identified as the chief inhabitant, is recorded in sundry documents (church and court records, government records and the Lester- Papers). All six of his children by Susannah [Francis 1751, Rachael 1752, John (Sir John) 1754, Susannah 1756, Amy 1759, and Sarah 1762] were born in Trinity. Francis died an infant. The others at about five or six years were sent to Poole to reside with relatives for schooling. Meanwhile Susannah remained in Newfoundland until 1767 when Sarah her youngest was five years. She then went to live in Poole. Benjamin went back and forth across the Atlantic until the outbreak of the American Revolution. He decided then to stay home. He died in 1802; Susannah, in 1799.

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Remembrance 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, NL A0C 2S0 or drop to Lester Garland House by Friday, November 18th by 5 PM.



## Benjamin Lester and Susannah Taverner

**Dr. W. Gordon Handcock,**

**Professor Emeritus, Memorial University of Newfoundland.**

Benjamin Lester (1724-1802) grew up in Poole and was probably tutored by his uncle Isaac Taverner, a 'writing master.' He certainly enjoyed the advantages of literacy and was throughout his life an active writer and avid reader. In 1749 Lester married his cousin Susannah, daughter of Jacob Taverner, a prominent planter in Trinity. Through her or, more likely, by assuming her father's huge debts, he gained possession and ownership of a valuable waterside property, known as Taverner's Plantation. On this site in the decades following, he built a major mercantile establishment including a large brick house, a complex of warehouses, stores, wharves and workhouses for artisans, and a shipyard. Today this site is occupied by the Lester-Garland House, the Ryan Store, the Rising-Tide theatre complex, Court House, Parish Hall, and other buildings and spaces.

In 1749 Lester was appointed a justice of the peace for the district of Trinity, a position he held for over twenty years. By now he was a substantial settler and a merchant. A census taken in 1753 records him as a married "Master" with one child, employing 83 summer servants (38 English, 45 Irish), operating 11 fishing boats and skiffs, from three stages (landing structures for fish), and employing 44 winter servants (18 English, 26 Irish). These measures ranked him second in Trinity only to his Poole Quaker cousin, Joseph White, in the summer cod fishery, but show him the largest local employer of winter servants. This indicates he was much involved in wood cutting, boat building (possibly ship building), furring and sealing.

This 1753 census also shows that Ben's brother Isaac Lester owned a supply store at Trinity with three ships in the Newfoundland trade. These facts provide fair proof that the two brothers were in a partnership whereby Isaac was organizing shipping, gathering supplies, and arranging markets from Poole headquarters while Benjamin in Trinity ran the fishery, organized work crews for different activities,

### *The Parish of Trinity / Port Rexton*

#### *Service Schedule For November 6, - December 4, 2022*

November 6 Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	11:00 A.M. St. Andrew's (Trinity East) 7:00 P.M. St. Matthew's (Trouty)	Holy Eucharist  Evening Prayer
November 13 Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	11:00 A.M. St. John The Evangelist (New Bonaventure) 7:00 P.M. Christ Church (Port Rexton)	Holy Eucharist  Evening Prayer
November 20 The Reign Of Christ (White)	11:00 A.M. St. Clement's (Champney's West) 7:00 P.M. Church Of The Good Shepherd)	Holy Eucharist  Evening Prayer
November 27 The First Sunday Of Advent (Blue)	11:00 A.M. St. Paul's (Trinity) 7:00 P.M. St. Andrew's (Trinity East)	Holy Eucharist  Evening Prayer
December 4 The Second Sunday Of Advent (Blue)	11:00 A.M. Christ Church (Port Rexton) 7:00 P.M. St. John The Evangelist (New Bonaventure)	Holy Eucharist  Evening Prayer



# Trinity Historical Society

## Newsletter, Issue 21

October 2022

R. Coope, J. Morris, Eds.

The Trinity Historical Society is pleased to report that Black Cat Cemetery Preservation has completed a fourth week of work at St. Paul's churchyard. Once again, we thank Corey Jones for providing accommodations for them at Trinity Cabins and Ervin Locke for supplying the crusher dust used to stabilize the stones. One hundred and fifty one of the 188 headstones have now been restored. The remaining stones need cleaning but do not need up-righting or repair. We have also restored 6 headstones in the old Methodist Cemetery in Trinity.

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

In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of the 21<sup>st</sup> of the men whose names are inscribed on the War Monument in St. Paul's Churchyard.



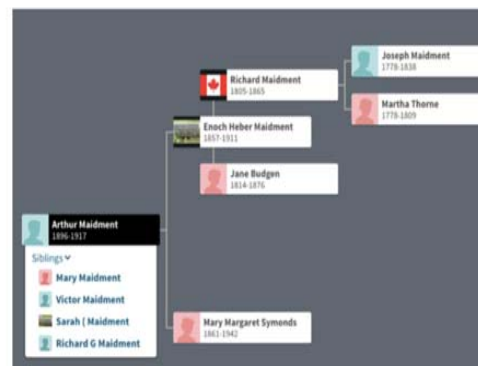
## Arthur E.W. Maidment



Arthur Maidment, the son of Enoch Heber Maidment and Margaret Symonds, was born in Trinity on September 8, 1896. He enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at St. John's on June 27, 1916 and was assigned to Company B. He was killed in action at Monchy-le-Preux, France, on April 14, 1917. He was 20.

Arthur sent 15 letters home to his family between June 4, 1916 and March 14, 1917. The letters reveal a transition from "best times ever..." when he was in St. John's in June, to "great to be a soldier..." from Scotland in October, to "if I ever get home...we are going to the front in 10 days...I am in high spirits and don't mind going..." when still in Scotland in November, to "please God I hope to see you all again someday after the war is over..." from France, on March 14, 1917.

At 0530 on April 14, 1917 the Newfoundland Regiment and a battalion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Essex launched an attack from their trenches at Monchy-le-Preux toward Infantry Hill, Bois du Vert and Machine Gun Woods. The attack met with withering enemy fire from machine guns and artillery. A wounded survivor made it back to Headquarters. A small group then advanced, held back the German counterattack, and got a message back to Brigade HQ that allowed artillery support. The British Bombardment helped to keep back the enemy but also killed many wounded soldiers lying in the field. The Newfoundland regiment sustained 166 deaths, 141 wounded, and 153 taken prisoner.



Family Tree

