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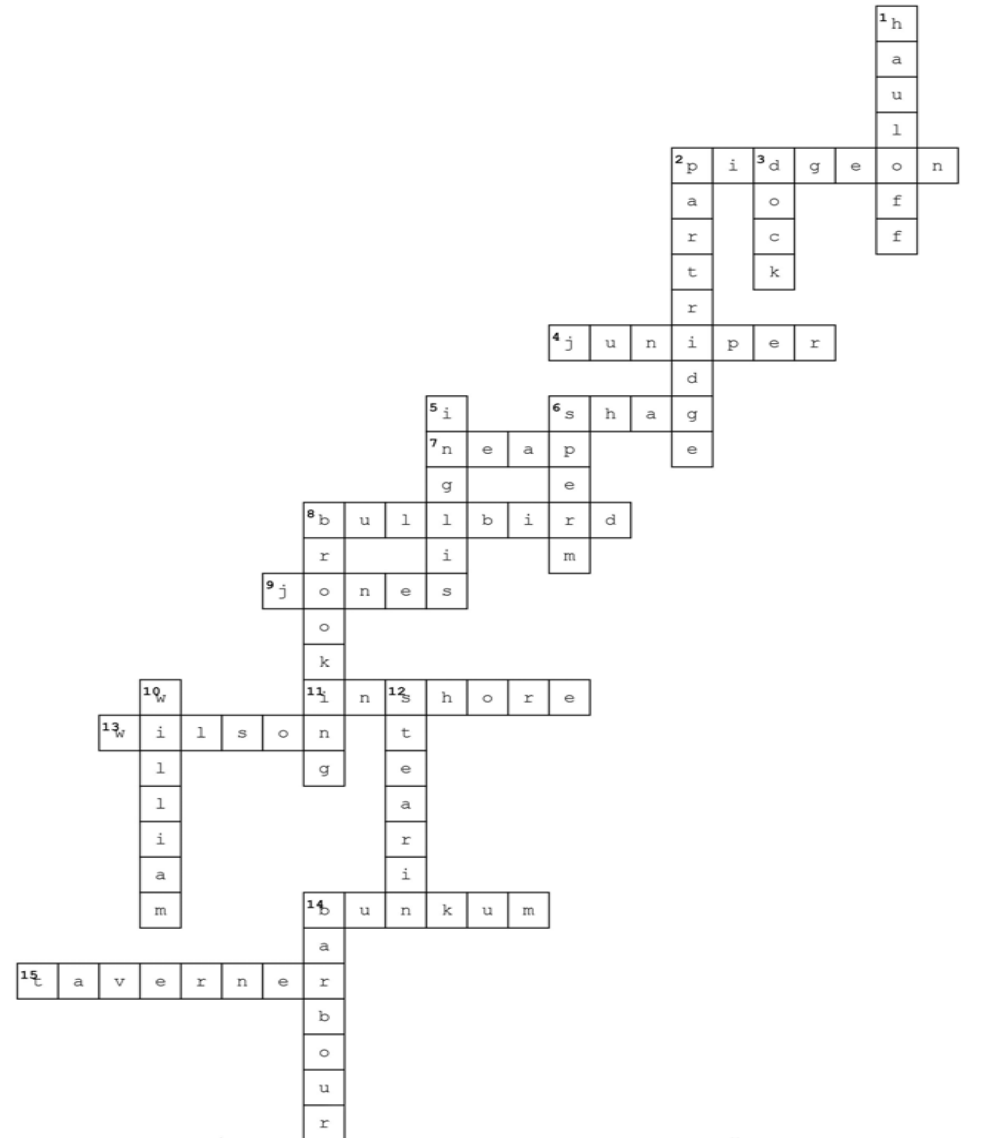
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**Across**

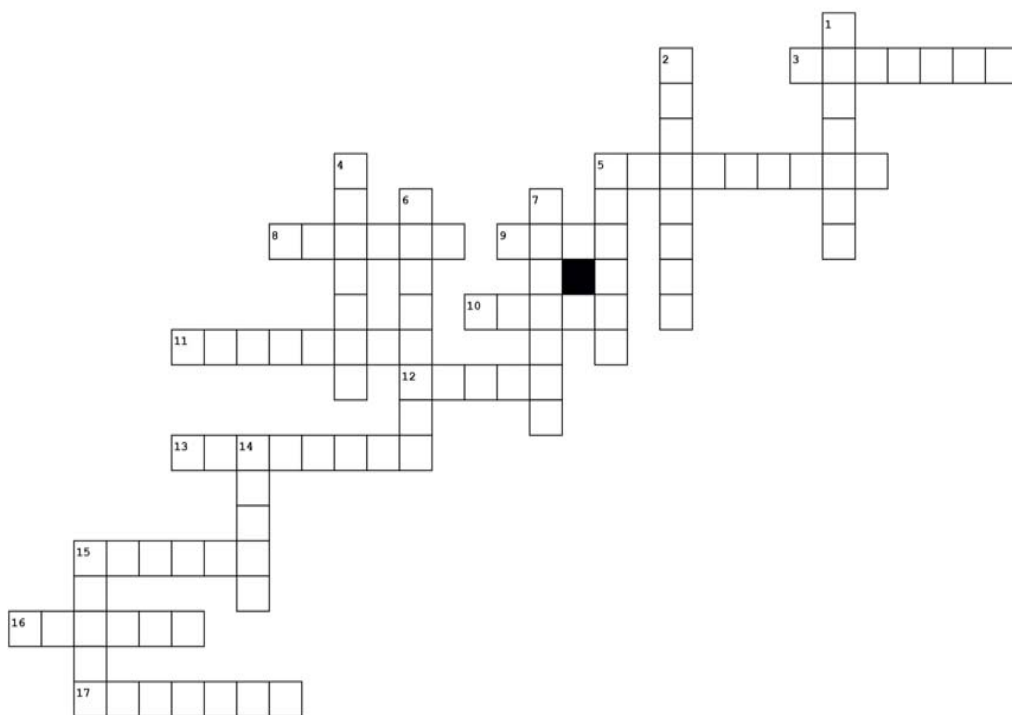
2. In NL a black guillemot is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. NL tree that lean east.
6. In NL a cormorant is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Lower than average tides at the first and last quarter of the moon.
8. In NL a dovekie is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The surname of the present owner of Rocky's Place.
11. Cod fishery pursued close to shore.
13. Medical doctor who lived on Bar Point in the 1950s.
14. An old NL word meaning "nonsense" which begins with b.
15. The surname of Ben Lester's mother.

**Down**

1. A boat mooring device using rope and a pulley.
2. NL named for ptarmigan.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Lane connects Church Road to the government wharf.
5. The bishop who consecrated the 2nd St. Paul's Church.
6. A \_\_\_\_\_ whale blows at a 45 degree angle to the surface.
8. Robinson & \_\_\_\_\_ occupied the Lester-Garland premises from 1852 to 1869.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Bugden has 2 headstone in St. Paul's churchyard.
12. In NL the common term is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The WW I casualty from Port Rexton who died at Beaumont Hamel.



# Remembrance Crossword.



## Across

3. Port Rexton WW I volunteer who died at Beaumont-Hamel July 1, 1916.
5. Port Rexton WW I volunteer who was accidentally shot and died of his wounds.
8. Trinity East WW I volunteer who died in the sinking of HMS Erin's Isle.
9. New Bonaventure WW I volunteer who died in the Battle of Monchy.
10. Lockston WW II volunteer and RAF spitfire pilot shot down near Malta.
11. British Harbour WW I volunteer who was given a German iron cross by a German officer.
12. Ireland's Eye WW I volunteer who died near Passchendaele, France in 1917.
13. Trinity WW II volunteer who died in the Knights of Columbus fire.
15. Champney's West WW I volunteer who died in Belgium in 1917.
16. Dunfield WW I volunteer killed in the Battle of Cambrai
17. Trinity WW II volunteer executed at Sachsenhausen concentration camp

## Down

1. Champney's East WW I volunteer killed in action at Gueudecourt, France.
2. In \_\_\_\_\_ fields where poppies grow, among the crosses row on row.
4. Trouty WW I volunteer who died in the sinking of HMS City of Liverpool.
5. English Harbour WW II volunteer, a RAF flight engineer, who died and is buried in Denmark.
6. Trinity WW I volunteer who died of wounds received at Gallipoli.
7. Old Bonaventure WW I volunteer awarded the Military Medal at the Battle of Monchy.
14. Cat Cove WW I volunteer who died of wounds in England in 1919.
15. Dunfield WW I volunteer who died in sinking of the SS Rio Verde.



## Trinity Historical Society Mark your Calendars!

We will be attending the **Craft Council of Newfoundland and Labrador Christmas Craft Fair** at the Jack Byrne Arena from November 9th-12th with a selection of items from the Forge and Coopersage!

We will be having our 2nd **Online Auction** through Bartlett's Auction House from November 16th - 20th. Register at [www.BartlettAuctions.com](http://www.BartlettAuctions.com) Be sure to watch our Facebook page for fantastic auction items up for bid!

**Letters to Santa!!** We will once again be publishing letters to Santa in the December issue of the Trinity Bight Enterprise. Please send your letters and picture (optional) to Daphne at [programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com](mailto:programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com) Cost is \$5 per letter. Deadline is Friday, November 24th!

We are also planning to host a small **Online Auction** through our Facebook page! This Auction will feature items from our Gift Store this past summer. This will take place December 1st through to December 4th - watch for details on our Facebook page!

If you have an ad, greeting, note of thanks or Christmas Event etc. that you would like published in the **December issue of Trinity Bight Enterprise**, please send it along to [programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com](mailto:programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com) by Friday, November 24th. Mailout is scheduled for Thursday, November 30th.

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*Service Schedule For November 5 – November 26, 2023*

November 5 Twenty- Third Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 31) (Green)	11:00 A.M. Church Of The Good Shepherd (Dunfield) 7:00 P.M. St. Andrew's (Trinity East)	Holy Eucharist  Evening Prayer
November 12 Twenty – Fourth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 32) (Green)	11:00 A.M. St. John The Evangelist (New Bonaventure) 7:00 P.M. St. Clement's (Champney's West)	Holy Eucharist / Holy Baptism  Evening Prayer
November 19 Twenty - Fifth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 33) (Green)	11:00 A.M. Christ Church (Port Rexton) 7:00 P.M. St. Paul's (Trinity)	Holy Eucharist  Evening Prayer
November 26 The Last Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 34) The Reign Of Christ (White)	11:00 A.M. St. Andrew's (Trinity East) 7:00 P.M. St. Matthew's (Trouty)	Holy Eucharist  Evening Prayer

### Memorial Christmas Tree Lighting Schedule

**December 4:** St. John The Evangelist @ 6:30 P.M.  
 St. Matthew's @ 7:30 P.M.

**December 6:** Church Of The Good Shepherd @ 6:30 P.M.  
 St. Paul's @ 7:30 P.M.

**December 7:** St. Clement's @ 6:30 P.M.  
 St. Andrew's @ 7:30 P.M.  
 Christ Church @ 8:30 P.M.



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Grace) was captured and occupied for several weeks in the summer of 1762 by a French expeditionary force under Admiral de Ternay. This event marked the final military engagements of the French in North America during the Seven Years' War. Although some ships and fishing premises were destroyed, and the fort completely dismantled, most premises in Trinity including those of major merchant firms, and other landowners were left intact when the French withdrew. The inhabitant and migratory fisheries each expanded after the war up to the American Revolutionary War (1773-1783) then both suffered marked retraction from disruptions to the trade particularly the embargo on imported food supplies from the American colonies.

At Trinity, Balfour a resident missionary who had arrived to minister to about 70 families in the mid-1760s complained a few years later that changing circumstance and fluctuations of their lot continually removed some families every year but that new members were also added. From the mid-1780s and particularly over the French and Napoleonic War period 1793-1815, the resident population of Trinity, the northeast coast, and Newfoundland generally, stabilized and expanded rapidly, increasing some four-fold in that span. Concomitantly, the migratory fishery from England virtually collapsed and Newfoundland inhabitants became the main producers of cod. Poole merchants, however, still dominated the supply and market trade at Trinity and northwards and would for another half century before gradually yielding these functions to St. John's firms.

At the time of French occupation, Trinity Harbour had three main settled areas - the West Side (the main town on a small peninsula in the middle of the harbour), the East Side (now called Trinity East, but in 18th century sources, the North Side) and the South Side (the inside of Fort Point including Maggotty Cove). Other parts of the harbour were settled by a scattering of planters or had fishing rooms used by summer fishing crews from England and Ireland. A census taken in 1753 provides the following statistical measures of both the inhabitant and servant populations.

Families	Women	Children	Servants (under 15 years)	summer/winter
West Side (Trinity Town)	34	49	88	703/279
North Side (Trinity East)	24	26	59	409/128
South Side (Fort Point)	5	8	20	256/81
Total	63	83	167	1368/488

### Early Church

In 1729, the first parochial church (and for over a century the only church in Trinity Bay) was built at Trinity, reputedly largely at the expense of Jacob Taverner. In 1729 the Rev. Robert Kilpatrick, a missionary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG), arrived. For a decade previously, Capt. John Moors, a ship's captain from Christchurch, Hampshire acted as a minister of the Church of England at Trinity, English Harbour, Hants Harbour and Old Perlican during the fishing season. The SPG supplied other missionaries throughout the 1700s (including Jones, Lindsay, Balfour, Clinch and Bullock). In the absence of ordained clergy church services and rites of the Church of England were performed by lay persons. The church represented the first formal institution in Trinity.

# Trinity

## Discourse and Discovery. Part 4

Gordon Handcock

"This Port being ye Centre of Trade, not only for this Bay but all ye Northern Har- bours whose Effects are, for ye most part, brought hither in so much yt. (that) About 30 sail of vessels will have their loading here this season." Rev. Henry Jones SPG Mission- ary 1747

Jones's comment establishes Trinity as the chief *entrepot* of trade on the northeast coast by the 1740s. By this time Trinity ranked among the leading ports in the English New- foundland trade (on a par with other major mercantile centres such as Harbour Grace, Carbonear, Placentia and Ferryland), and in recognition of its strategic importance, (fol- lowing years of petitioning to the Admiralty by Poole ship- owners and traders,) in 1747 a fort was built on Admiral's Point (later renamed Fort Point) at the harbour entrance.

For over a century and a half, from about 1720 Poole merchants with headquarters at Trinity dominated the economy, and effectively controlled the coastal resources, on the northeast coast of Newfoundland from Bay de Verde to Fogo Island. At times two mercantile houses, the Lesters and Whites (after 1771 Jeffrey & Street), exported up- wards of 30-40 percent of the main staples (cod, train oil and seal skins) produced by the English trade in Newfoundland. By the 1780s these firms were together operating 35 ocean-going ships, exporting annually 100, 000 quintals of dried salted cod and sup- plying about 6000 inhabitants. Trinity was the principal transshipment place for fish, sup- plies and servants employed in the fishery but sub-establishments were built, staffed by agent- managers, clerks and tradesmen at other important fishing harbours including: Hants Harbour, Old Perlican and Heart's Content in Trinity Bay; Bonavista, Barrow Harbour and Greenspond in Bonavista Bay; and at Fogo and Tilting Harbour in Notre Dame Bay. Meanwhile most of Trinity Town and large portions of other choice shore spaces inside the harbour (in Pease Cove, Maggoty Cove and on Admiralty Point) were owned and used by these principal merchants and were occupied year-round by the agents (if not themselves), employees and tradesmen. Other fishing rooms (also known as premises) were owned or occupied by smaller firms and inhabitants, some very de- pendent on one or other of the major firms, others operating more independently.

Because it had become one of the main trading centres in the English fishery (and particularly the food supplies held in mercantile premises), Trinity (along with St. John's, Carbonear and Harbour

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*Port Rexton and Fort Point Lions Clubs-We Serve*



# Trinity Historical Society

## Newsletter, Issue 33

October 2023

R. Coope, J. Morris, Eds.

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.

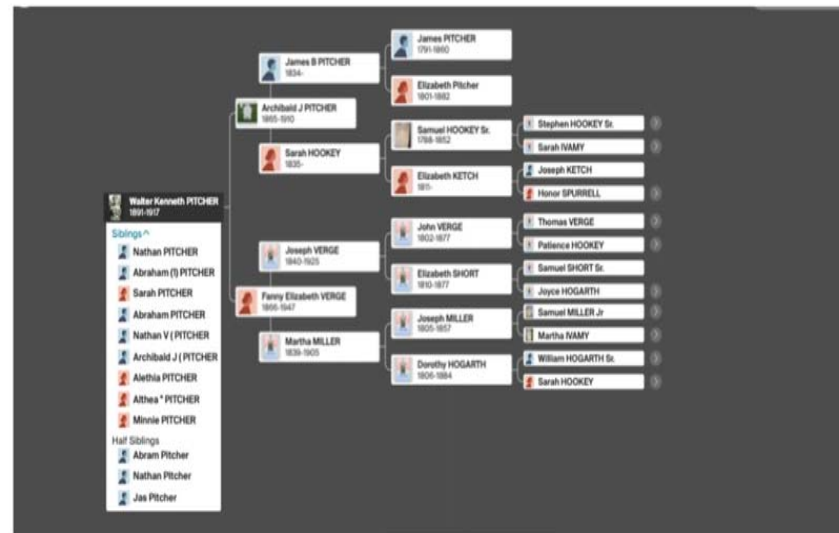
As always, the THS welcomes application for membership from anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.



## 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

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Military Medal



Monchy 10



Beaumont Hamel Memorial