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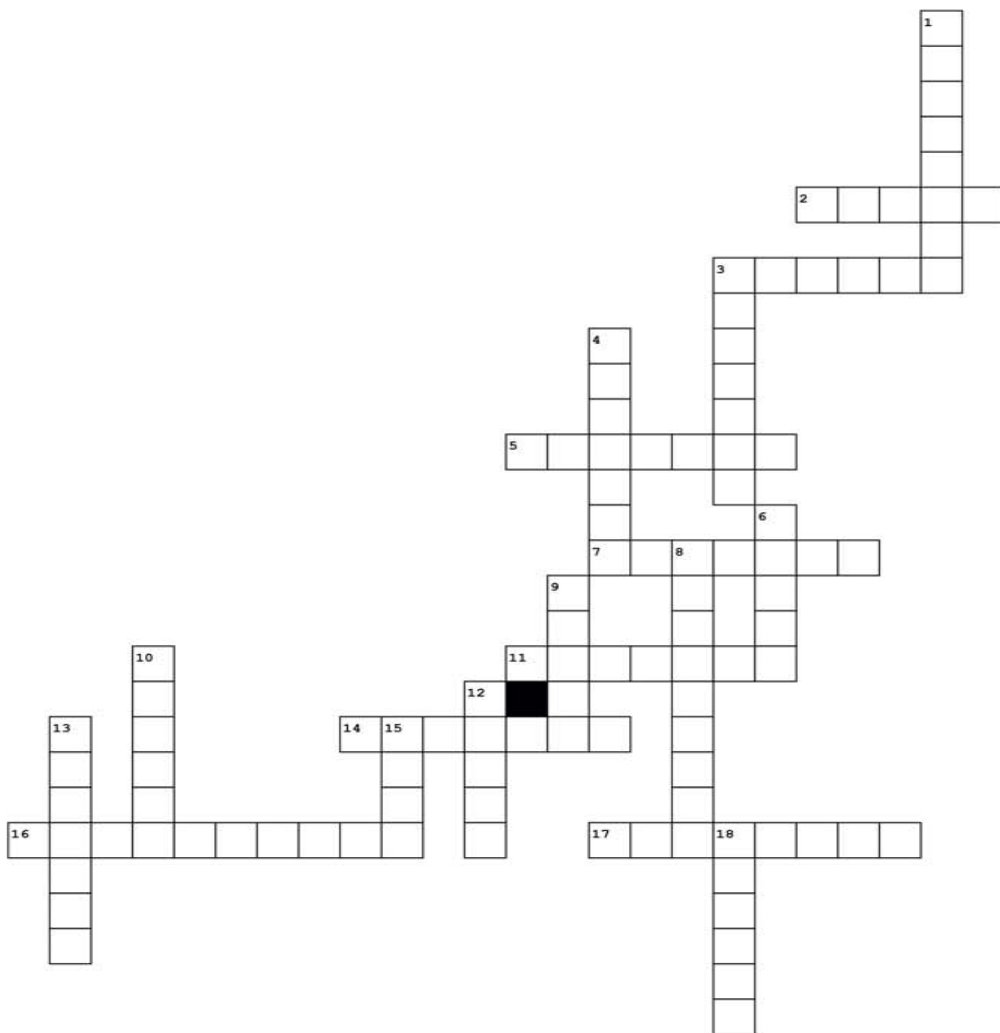
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Fall Events***

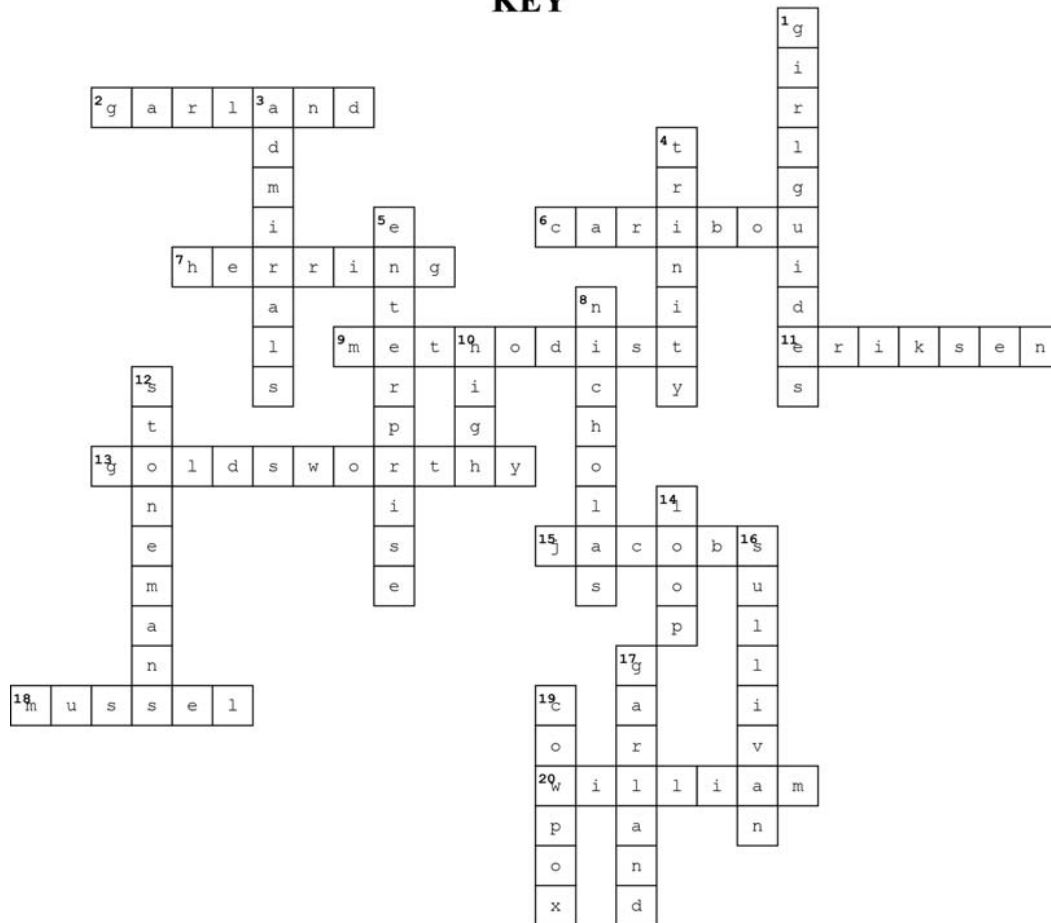


Across

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.



Across

2. The English merchant who donated the land for the construction of the RC church.
6. Ben Taverner captained this ship torpedoed in WWII.
7. The cove on the south side of the isthmus to Champney's West.
9. The second _____ church was built in Trinity in 1877.
11. The engineer at the Trinity whale factory.
13. The _____ family lived in Bishop White manor in the 60s.
15. A cove between Ireland's Eye harbour and Ireland's Eye Point.
18. The _____ Bar is the shallow area in Trinity harbour near Fort Point.
20. _____ Locke was the Lockston son who was a spitfire pilot in WWII.

Down

1. The _____ built a hut behind Trinity Cabins in the 1950s.
3. The earlier name for Fort Point was _____ Point.
4. The oldest standing church in NL is in _____.
5. The second newspaper published in Trinity in 1908.
8. The name of the fort constructed on Ryder's Hill.
10. The street on the west side of Hog's Nose.
12. _____ Lane runs along the southern boundary of St. Paul's Church.
14. The _____ amusement park was located near Trinity.
16. The Trinity son who earned a PhD in Psychology.
17. He inherited the Lester premises in 1802.
19. The vaccine used by John Clinch to prevent smallpox.

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVITY IN TRINITY

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Trinity Historical Society



We will be having an **Outdoor Movie Night** on Thursday, October 6th at 6:30pm in the garden of the Lester Garland House. This will be weather pending! Cost of admission is \$5 per person and refreshments will be included! Registration would be appreciated by contacting Daphne at programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com. The movie will be **Hocus Pocus 2!!** Please bring your own blankets/chairs!

Some upcoming activities over the next little while - **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 Monday, November 14th through to noon on Monday, November 21st! Details will be published in next month's issue and will also be on our Facebook page. Featured items will be from the Green Family Forge and Cooperage and more!

Beginning Monday, November 7th and Monday's and Wednesday's after - we will be doing **'Walking Buddies'** at the Lester Garland House 10am! This will be \$2 per person and will be inside for each session! Walking Buddies will be following YouTube videos and is for all walkers - at your own pace! Each week we will do a different video. There is limited space inside for this event, so registration is important. If necessary, we may be able to add more sessions. For more information or to sign up please contact Daphne at programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com

If you wish to place an ad in our November issue of Trinity Bight Enterprise, please send it along to Daphne at programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com. The deadline is Monday, October 24th with mailout scheduled for Monday, October 31st.

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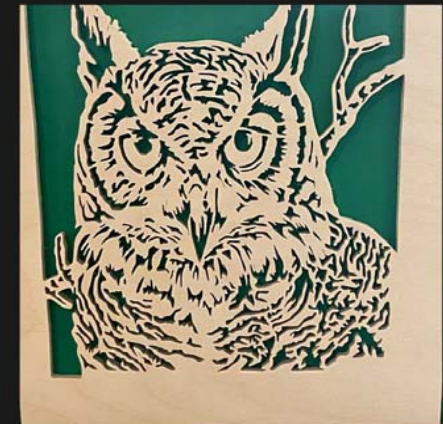
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The family of the Late Cecil (Cec) Piercey of Port Rexton would like to thank everyone for your thoughtfulness during the passing of a dear husband, father, grandfather (Poppy Cec), step-brother and friend. Your presence, generosity and support during this difficult time helped to lighten our burden.

We would like to thank Dr. Rorke (Oncologist) and N.P. Sherry Young in addition to all the cancer care team at G. B. Cross who assisted in his care during the 3 ½ yrs. of his final journey. A special thanks to the Public Health nurses in Bonavista, and especially nurse Shirley Ryan who went above and beyond in supporting us with his care. They were our angels in the final two weeks.

A special thank you to Rev. John for your spiritual council, prayers, and words. At times like these, your guidance means more than ever. Thank you to all those who supported the dignified funeral service; Glenda (layreader), Carolyn (music), Deanna (soloist), Stan (reader), and the grandchildren (Jacob, Joey, James, Kyla, Jessica, Amy) for acting as pallbearers. Our thanks to the former teachers of Bishop White School who formed a special Honor Guard at the end of the service. Also, thanks to Pam and the staff of Fewers Funeral Home for their memories of Cec over the years and professional service.

Our deepest appreciation for all the beautiful cards, food and donations to the Port Rexton-Trinity East Cemetery Fund. Our hearts were touched by all those who attended the funeral service and interment at the cemetery. It touches us to know the respect and appreciation for his life. His legacy of service and kindness will live on in all of those who knew him.

Although it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please be assured that every act of sympathy and kindness will always be remembered and treasured in our hearts.

With Sincere Thanks

Lilly, Stephen, Trudy, Brad and family

Taverner planter/settler units – Margaret Taverner with 10 servants; and her sons William married with a child and 10 servants; Andrew single with 18 servants and Robert single with 10 servants. As far as can be determined Margaret and her husband William are the ancestors of all Taverners in Newfoundland. William Taverner, Margaret's husband, was ill at the time of the 1675 census and then residing in Poole. Meanwhile Margaret oversaw their fishing operation in Bay de Verde and was accorded the status of "planter". William's will written in 1679 records him as "of the Town and County of Poole, fisherman". The will mentions wife "Margaret", sons Andrew, Robert, John, James, William, daughters Mary White, Elizabeth Williams, and sons-in-law Samuel White and William Williams, grandchildren William White and Samuel White. To sons John and James, William bequeathed "a plantation in Bay de Verde". The other older sons evidently were already provided for and settled in the fishery.

Following French raids and the destruction of their Bay de Verde fishing rooms in 1697, two Taverners relocated to Trinity Harbour. A census of 1702 records William Taverner at Trinity with six (6) winter servants and 14 summer servants, and Jacob Taverner with two (2) winter and six (6) summer servants. Genealogical data indicate that William Taverner (the one who made his will in 1679 above) died in Poole 27 March 1680; Margaret Taverner his wife (census 1675) the matriarchal planter of Bay de Verde died at Poole 14 June 1701, and Jacob Taverner (1671-1751) died at Trinity. Jacob was the son of James Taverner, and thus a grandson of William & Margaret. He would have been just four (4) years of age in 1675 and about 30 years when he moved to Trinity.

Jacob was father of Susannah, wife of Benjamin Lester. He was also Justice of the Peace 1728-31 but was removed from this position for being a "Dissenter." He is credited for building at his own expense the first Church at Trinity.

In 1748, when Benjamin Lester married Susannah, the couple received a wooden house on the property known as Taverner's Plantation. Eventually Lester acquired the whole plantation.

To a large degree Benjamin Lester was educated and gained useful experience in the Newfoundland trade through his Taverner kinship connections. These connections were essential influences in the background of a man who began as a boy apprentice in the Newfoundland fishery and became, by the 1780s, the largest, most influential, and wealthiest merchant in the English-Newfoundland trade.

Benjamin Lester (1724-1802) of Poole & Trinity

and

His Taverner Heritage

Dr. W. Gordon Handcock, Professor Emeritus, Memorial University of Newfoundland.

The Lester family of Poole and Trinity descended from John Lester, a London carpenter who settled at Poole in the late 1600s. His son Francis Lester became a cooper at Poole and got involved in the Newfoundland trade as an importer and dealer in cod and seal oil. Francis married Rachael Taverner, daughter of William and Rebecca Taverner, a pioneer family of Bay de Verde, Newfoundland. When Francis died in 1737, son Isaac took over the family coopering trade and interest in the transatlantic cod trade. Younger son Benjamin meanwhile, then a mere youth of thirteen years, was next year taken to Newfoundland and tutored in seafaring and the cod fishery by Taverner relatives. [variant spellings of Taverner incl. Tavenor, & Tavernor]

On his maternal side, Benjamin Lester had multiple kinship links with the Taverner family of Poole and Newfoundland. As noted, his mother was Rachael Taverner of Bay de Verde. Her family were prominent adventurers, seafarers, fisher folk, explorers, pioneers, and Newfoundland planters (settlers) of the 17th century. Taverner females were matriarchs in major Poole-Newfoundland merchant dynasties of the late 17th and 18th centuries, among them: Whites (Samuel & Joseph) from Samuel White & Mary Taverner, Masters from John Masters & Sarah Taverner, and as noted, Lesters from Francis & Rachel.

Poole-Bay de Verde Taverners also intermarried with early lesser-well-to do but significant Newfoundland settler families among them: Bailey/Bayly, Bellows, Barnes, Coates, Coombes, Cook, Corbin, Evelyn, Frampton, Hiscock, Rowe, Sweet, Vardy, and Walters, as well as with non-resident individuals (Whitewood, Williams, and Woodford) visiting as ship's captains or in other capacities in the Newfoundland trade.

The Taverner family was the largest extended English family in late 17th century Newfoundland as recorded in several censuses taken in 1670s. At that time the family was confined to the Bay de Verde area. The 1675 census included four

The Parish of Trinity / Port Rexton

Service Schedule For October 2,- November 6, 2022

October 2 Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	11:00 A.M. St. Clement's (Champney's West) 3:00 P.M. St. John The Evangelist (New Bonaventure) 7:00 P.M. Church Of The Good Shepherd (Dunfield)	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer Evening Prayer
October 9 Harvest Thanksgiving (White)	11:00 A.M. St. Matthew's (Trouty) 3:00 P.M. St. Paul's (Trinity) 7:00 P.M. St. Andrew's (Trinity East)	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist / Holy Baptism Holy Eucharist
October 16 Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	11:00 A.M. Christ Church (Port Rexton) 3:00 P.M. Church Of The Good Shepherd (Dunfield) 7:00 P.M. St. John The Evangelist(New Bonaventure)	Holy Communion Evening Prayer Evening Prayer
October 23 Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	11:00 A.M. St. Paul's (Trinity) 3:00 P.M. St. Matthew's (Trouty) 7:00 P.M. St. Clement's (Champney's West)	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Holy Eucharist
October 30 Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	11:00 A.M. St. John The Evangelist (New Bonaventure)	Parish Service Of Holy Eucharist
November 6 Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	11 A.M. St. Andrew's (Trinity East) 3 P.M. St. Paul's (Trinity) 7 P.M. St. Mathew's (Trouty)	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer Holy Eucharist



Trinity Historical Society

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H. Coope, J. Morris, Eds.

The book launch of *"From Fisher's Cove, Trinity. Poetry and Prose by siblings Rose Sullivan and George Hoskins"* was held in the garden of the Lester Garland House on September 2nd, 2022 with readings by Ruth Lawrence and Des Walsh, and music by Des and Cyril Toope. Forty-seven people attended and the evening was well received. Whiskey and wine was donated for the event by Corby's Distillery. We sold 29 books.

As we reported previously, we have restored 127 headstones at St. Paul's graveyard. Black Cat Cemetery Preservation will return for a fourth week of work on the stones on October 3rd.

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 20th of the men whose names are inscribed on the War Monument in St. Paul's Churchyard.

On February 21, 1918 Walter was serving as a seaman on board the SS Rio Verde, a 4025 ton defensively armed British steamer, enroute from Glasgow to Milford Haven, Wales with a cargo of coal. The Rio Verde was torpedoed without warning 4 miles west of Crammag Head, Mull Of Galloway by U 100. She sank with the loss of all 20 of her crew. The bodies of 5 of the casualties including Walter were buried at Kirkmaiden Parish Cemetery, Wigtownshire, Scotland.



Family Tree



Walter Marsh (Mesh)



Walter Marsh, the son of Arthur H. Marsh and Sarah Jane Spurrell of Cuckhold's Cove, was born on November 12th, 1892. He joined the Newfoundland Division of the Royal Naval Reserves in WWI. He died in the sinking of the SS Rio Verde on February 21st, 1918. He was 25.

