

Lest We Forgot

Biographical Information Cochrane Street United Church Honour Roll WWI



Prepared by CSUC Archives



INTRODUCTION

On the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice and end of the First World War, the Church Council wishes to take this opportunity to acknowledge and honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice and reflect on the many people from across our province whose lives were forever changed by this war. Today, as every day, we remember those who volunteered, served, fought, and died, all for the cause of freedom.

As we pause to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of the first great war, we honour those from our Cochrane Street United Church congregation who sacrificed their lives so that we would live in a free and peaceful world.

Many thanks to Linda Bowden, Church Archivist, for documenting and presenting background information on the people named on our Honour Roll from World War I.

We will remember them.

Stephen Jewczyk
Chair of the Church Council

From Linda BOWDEN, CSUC ARCHIVES:

In preparing this document photos were taken from the Canada Virtual War Memorial. The main sources of information for the biographical information comes from:

- Commonwealth War Graves Commission
- Canadian Virtual War Memorial
- NL Grand Banks Military Database
- The Rooms, Provincial Archives, Royal Newfoundland Regiment database

Private George Abbott
Royal Newfoundland Regiment, #1242



Source: Abbott Family, St. John's, NF
Source: Famille Abbott, St. John's, TN

Parents: Henry and Emily Abbott, Battery Road, St. John's
Enlisted at age 20, occupation given as cooper
Killed in action at Beaumont-Hamel, July 1, 1916.
His brother Stanley died at Beaumont-Hamel on the same date.
Memorialized at Beaumont-Hamel Memorial, Somme, France
Commemorated on Page 7 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.



Memorial at Beaumont Hamel
Photo credit: Miriam Bowlby



Private Stanley Abbott
Royal Newfoundland Regiment, #283



Parents: Henry and Emily Abbott, Battery Road, St. John's;
Enlisted September 15, 1914 at age 21, occupation given as upholsterer
British Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, August 20, 1915
British Expeditionary Force, March 14, 1916
Admitted to Hospital, LeHavre, as being sick, April 4, 1916
Discharged to duty, May 30, 1916
Killed in action, Beaumont-Hamel, July 1, 1916.
His brother George died at Beaumont-Hamel on the same date.

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Memorial at Beaumont Hamel
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Officer Cadet Frank H. Chown
Royal Navy Air Service

Drowned with a number of other officer cadets in the sinking of the SS Florizel off Cappahayden February 23, 1918, Halifax to New York.
Commemorated on Page 26 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.



Private James Lewis Day, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, #1484



Parents: Ernest and Sarah Day, 48 Mullock Street, St. John's
Enlisted in 1915 at age 19, occupation given as clothes presser
Killed in action at Monchy-le-Preux, France, April 23, 1917
Memorialized at Beaumont-Hamel Memorial, Somme, France
Commemorated on Page 34 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.



Memorial at Beaumont Hamel
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Arthur Driscoll
Royal Newfoundland Regiment, #1054



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Parents: Absalom and Virtue Driscoll, Lower Battery Road, St. John's
Enlisted at age 19, January 29, 1915, occupation given as fisherman
Killed in action at Beaumont-Hamel July 1, 1916, age 20
Buried at Serre Road Cemetery No. 2; Somme, France
Commemorated on Page 37 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.



**Private Ronald Grimes
First Royal Warwickshires**



Father: was Police Supt. Grimes

Died May 7, 1917, age 20

Buried at Douai Communal Cemetery, Département du Nord, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France



2nd Lt. Arthur John Herder
Royal Newfoundland Regiment, #1863



Parents: William J. and Elizabeth Herder, 40 Rennies Mill Rd, St. John's,

Wife: Madge (Houston) Herder, of Lynwood, Ayr, Scotland.

Family: His brother Lt. Hubert Clinton Herder died July 1, 1916 at Beaumont Hamel and his other brother Ralph Barnes Herder, Regimental #34, wounded July 1, 1916, invalided home to Newfoundland in August 1917 as 2nd Lieutenant.

Enlisted in 1916 at age 33, occupation given as barrister at law

Died in France Dec 3, 1917, buried at Tincourt New British Cemetery, Somme, France

Commemorated on Page 55 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.



**Lt. Hubert Clinton Herder
Royal Newfoundland Regiment, #3**



Parents: William J. and Elizabeth Herder, 40 Rennies Mill Rd, St. John's.

Born: July 19, 1891.

Family: His brother 2nd Lt. Arthur John Herder died in France December 3, 1917 and his other brother Ralph Barnes Herder, Regimental #34, wounded July 1, 1916, invalided home to Newfoundland in August 1917 as 2nd Lieutenant.

Enlisted Sept. 2, 1914

Served with 1st Composite Battalion on Western Egyptian Frontier
November 1915 to February 1916

British Expeditionary Force March 10, 1916

Killed in action, Beaumont- Hamel, July 1, 1916, age 23.

Buried Y Ravine Cemetery, Somme, France.

Commemorated on Page 55 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.



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Lance Cpl. Robert P. King #709591

Born April 26, 1889 St. John's, Newfoundland

Believed to be correct but cannot confirm:

Wife: Ella M. Saunders (formerly King), of Stoneham,
Massachusetts, USA

Enlisted November 2, 1915 Sussex, New Brunswick, 26th Battalion,
Canadian Infantry

Died Aug 8, 1918, age 30, in France, buried at Villers-Bretonneux Military
Cemetery, Somme, France

Commemorated on Page 69 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.



**Private George Samuel Knight
Royal Newfoundland Regiment, #309**



Parents: Charles and Phoebe Knight, 74 Willian Street

Born: February 11, 1892

Family: A brother Frank served with G Company.

Enlisted in 1914 at age 21, occupation given as machinist

Killed in action in the Dardanelles December 2, 1915

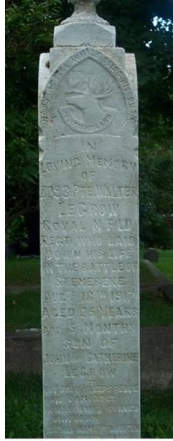
Commemorated on Page 70 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.



This headstone for George Samuel Knight is located in the General Protestant Cemetery in St. John's. The headstone reads in part "... in loving memory of George Samuel Knight, killed in action at the Dardanelles, 2 Dec 1915, age 21 years. Greater love has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his Friends".



Private Walter LeGrow
Royal Newfoundland Regiment, 1st Battalion #2093



Source: STEM - Net Staff, Gander, NF

Parents: John and Katherine LeGrow, 56 Spencer St
Enlisted at age 22, occupation given as draper
Killed in action in France Aug 16, 1917, buried at Artillery Wood
Cemetery, near Boezinge, Belgium
Commemorated on Page 73 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.



Cpl. Herbert G. Luscombe
Royal Newfoundland Regiment, #1978

Parents: Andrew Luscombe, 9 British Square

Enlisted November 15, 1915 age 20, occupation given as draper

Killed in action at Gueudecourt, France October 12, 1916, memorialized at
Beaumont-Hamel Memorial

Commemorated on Page 74 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.



Seaman Alexander Martin
Royal Navy Reserve, #1224

Parents: Rebecca Martin, Battery Road

Lost at sea with 23 men on the HMS "Viktor" off the Irish Coast January
13, 1915, ship lost, possibly foundered in heavy weather off Northern
Ireland

Memorialized at Beaumont-Hamel Memorial

Commemorated on Page 77 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.



Simeon Morris

Note from Linda:

This record is problematic. It is not found in Royal Newfoundland Regiment Nominal Roll, Commonwealth War Graves Commission database (although there are a number of S. Morris'), Canadian Virtual War Memorial Database, Mercantile marine database, or Canadian, Newfoundland, and Merchant Navy books of remembrance. What follows is an educated guess. I would like to think this is our Simeon Morris as a man of this name was married by the minister of Cochrane Street but I cannot confirm it.

- Simeon Morris born Lower Island Cove 29 Mar 1896 to Willis Morris and Susannah Rogers of Lower Island Cove as well as a number of siblings one of whom was Jethro (see marriage below)
- Also, Simeon Morris age 21 fisherman of St. John's married Bertha McCrate age 19 of Monkstown Rd on 24 May 1907 by Rev. H P Cowperthwaite (minister of Cochrane Street 1903-1907 witnesses George McCrate (who I believe to be a brother) and Jethro Morris.



Seaman Walter Morris
Newfoundland Royal Navy Reserve,
HMS "Clan McNaughton" #1282X

Parents: Jordan and Amelia Morris, 63 Field Street

Born: April 3, 1897

Died in HMS Clan McNaughton February 3, 1915, age 19

HMS Clan McNaughton was a merchant cruiser, believed foundered off
NW Scotland.

Memorialized at Beaumont-Hamel Memorial

Commemorated on Page 85 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*



Memorial at Beaumont Hamel
Photo credit: Miriam Bowlby



Private Wilfred [Frederick] Raynes
Royal Newfoundland Regiment #1514

Parents: Robert and Priscilla Raynes, Monkstown Rd

Enlisted May 31, 1915

Died Oct 12, 1916, memorialized at Beaumont-Hamel Memorial



Private Carl Reid
Royal Newfoundland Regiment, 1st Battalion #790



Parents: Caleb and Jane Reid, of Lower Battery, St. John's.

Enlisted December 19, 1914, Occupation given as fisherman

Killed in action in France August 12, 1916, age 22, buried at Menin Road South Cemetery, near Ypres, Belgium

Commemorated on Page 104 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*



**Lance Cpl. Edward Clayton Rowsell,
Royal Newfoundland Regiment #571**



Parents: Uriah and Sarah Rowsell, 49 Hayward Avenue,
Enlisted September 17, 1914 at age 24, occupation given as chauffeur.
Killed in action Beaumont-Hamel July 1, 1916, memorialized at Beaumont-Hamel Memorial
Commemorated on Page 109 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.



**Private John Charles Snelgrove,
Royal Newfoundland Regiment, #895**

Parents: Samuel and Annie Snelgrove, St. John's
Enlisted at age 24, sheet metal worker
Killed in action at Beaumont-Hamel July 1, 1916, memorialized at
Beaumont-Hamel Memorial
Commemorated on Page 116 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.



**Private Douglas K. Snow, Royal Newfoundland Regiment,
1st Battalion #1021**



Photo Credit: Miriam Bowlby

Parents: Charles and Catherine Snow, of St. John's, Newfoundland.

Enlisted at age 20, occupation given a tailor

Killed in action at Beaumont-Hamel July 1, 1916, buried in Y Ravine Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel

Commemorated on Page 116 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.



Lance Cpl. Eugene Frederick Taylor
Royal Newfoundland Regiment, #2525



Parents: Eugene F. and Mary Taylor, 5 Maxse Street, St. John's.

Family: His brothers also died in WW 1. Private Richard H. Taylor on the same day also at Monchy le Preux and 2nd Lt. George Hayward Taylor on July 1, 1916 at Beaumont Hamel

Enlisted at age 20, occupation given as engineer

Killed in action at Monchy-le-Preux, France April 14, 1917, memorialized at Beaumont-Hamel Memorial

Commemorated on Page 122 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.



Memorial at Beaumont Hamel
Photo credit: Miriam Bowlby



2nd Lt. George Hayward Taylor, Royal Newfoundland Regiment #28



Parents: Eugene F. and Mary Taylor, 5 Maxse Street, St. John's.

Family: His brothers also died in WW 1: Private Richard H. Taylor and L. Cpl. Eugene Frederick Taylor on the same day both at Monchy le Preux. Killed in action at Beaumont-Hamel July 1, 1916

Memorialized at Beaumont-Hamel Memorial

Commemorated on Page 122 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.



Memorial at Beaumont Hamel
Photo credit: Miriam Bowlby



Private Richard H. Taylor, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, #1973



Parents: Eugene F. and Mary Taylor, 5 Maxse Street, St. John's.

Family: His brothers also died in WW 1: L. Cpl. Eugene Frederick Taylor on the same day also at Monchy le Preux and 2nd Lt. George Hayward Taylor at Beaumont Hamel on July 1, 1916.

Enlisted at age 23

Killed in action at Monchy-le-Preux April 14, 1917, memorialized at Beaumont-Hamel Memorial

Commemorated on Page 122 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.



**Private Donald Templeman, Royal Newfoundland Regiment 1st
Battalion #1236**



Source: Templeman Family, St. John's, NF
Source: Familie Templeman, St. John's, TN

Parents: Philip and Catherine Templeman, of Water St., St. John's
Born at Bonavista

Enlisted 1915 at age 20, occupation given as clerk

Killed in action at Beaumont-Hamel July 1, 1916, buried at Ancre British
Cemetery, Somme, France

Commemorated on Page 122 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.



Private Gordon Tizzard, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, #753



Parents: Simeon and Elizabeth (Avery) Tizzard, The Battery, St. John's
Enlisted in 1914 at age of 20, occupation given as fisherman
Killed in action April 10, 1918 near Nieppe, France, memorialized at
Beaumont-Hamel Memorial
Commemorated on Page 124 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.



Private Frank Paine Tuff, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, #1694

Parents: Edmund and Serena Tuff, 51 Hayward Avenue.

Family: Brother Cpl. James Roy Tuff died in France of wounds April 28, 1917

Enlisted in 1915 at age 18, occupation given as clerk

Killed in action at Gueudecourt, France Oct 12, 1916, memorialized at
Beaumont-Hamel Memorial

Commemorated on Page 125 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.



Cpl. James Roy Tuff, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, 1st Battalion #23



Parents: Edmund and Serena Tuff, 51 Hayward Ave.

Family: Brother Private Frank Paine Tuff died in France Oct 12, 1916.

Enlisted September 2, 1914 at age 20, occupation given as plumber

Wounded, Monchy April 14, 1917

Died of wounds Apr 28, 1917, buried Duisans British Cemetery, Pas de
Calais, France

Commemorated on Page 125 of the *Newfoundland Book of Remembrance*.

