

2023 - late David R.L. White (awarded posthumously)

Nomination

David R.L. White was born in Port Union Oct 31, 1937 and died while a resident of Trinity on March 1, 2005.

David's family has lived in Trinity (it is said) from the 1700s. His father Walter was a well known amateur historian and a founding member of the Trinity Historical Society. David moved to Trinity after his retirement from a rewarding career with Department of Fisheries and Oceans in 1994. He had a passion for history and had joined the Trinity Historical Society (THS) in 1978 and became President of the THS shortly after moving to Trinity. He was President of the THS at the time of his death. Over this period he championed the restoration of the Lester-Garland House and many other projects of the time. He was also involved provincially with the Newfoundland Historical Society and the Museum Association of Newfoundland and Labrador.

David was also ----elected to Trinity Town Council in 1995 and served as Mayor from 1997-2001

----Church Warden of St. Paul's Anglican Church and Member of Select Vestry and Parish Council

I have been a member of the Town of Trinity for most of my life. David had always demonstrated what I believe is an example of a true volunteer and would easily meet the criteria established for the LTVRA.

David White's Bio

David Raymond Lockyer White was born on October 31, 1937 at Port Union, to Walter George Cornwall White and Stella E. Lockyer. He was the second child and the only son in the family. His sister, Eleanor Ruth, died in infancy (1936 - 1937) and his sister, Monica Myra Taylor (1941 - 1969) was killed tragically in a car accident.

David received his education in Port Union, Corner Brook and St. John=s, completing his high school education at Bishop Field College. From there he attended Memorial University, where he obtained a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Education, and McGill University where he began graduate studies. From there he started a career with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans first as a Bacteriologist then as Chief of Labs and finally as Chief of the Branch of the Department for Newfoundland and Labrador.

David was married on August 25, 1962 to Florence M. Martin of St. John=s. They have three children, Ian D. M., Margot B., and Jane E. V. David acquired an interest in history from his grandfather, William White, and his father, Walter White, who had gathered numerous photographs, documents, and artifacts relating to Trinity and the local area. William White

wrote the first history of Trinity, unpublished, and Walter White was a founding member of the Trinity Historical Society. David became a member of the Trinity Historical Society in 1978 and became its second President in 1995 upon the retirement of Stephen Rupert Morris.

He was also the Secretary for the Trinity Trust - Canada Inc. upon its founding in 1991, later becoming its President. It was during this time that he oversaw the successful reconstruction of the Lester Garland House.

David was also elected to Trinity Town Council in 1995 and served as Mayor from 1997- 2001; Church Warden of St. Paul's Anglican Church; member of the Select Vestry; and the Trinity Parish Council. He was also involved provincially with the Newfoundland Historical Society and the Museum Association of Newfoundland and Labrador.

David passed away on March 1, 2005 having served as President of Trinity Historical Society from 1995 to the time of his passing.