



# Trinity Historical Society

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In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of Frederick Gardner from British Harbour. He is one of six casualties from British Harbour in WWI, four of whom were from the Gardner family. The population of British Harbour at that time was about 200 individuals. The loss of six young men must have been devastating.

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

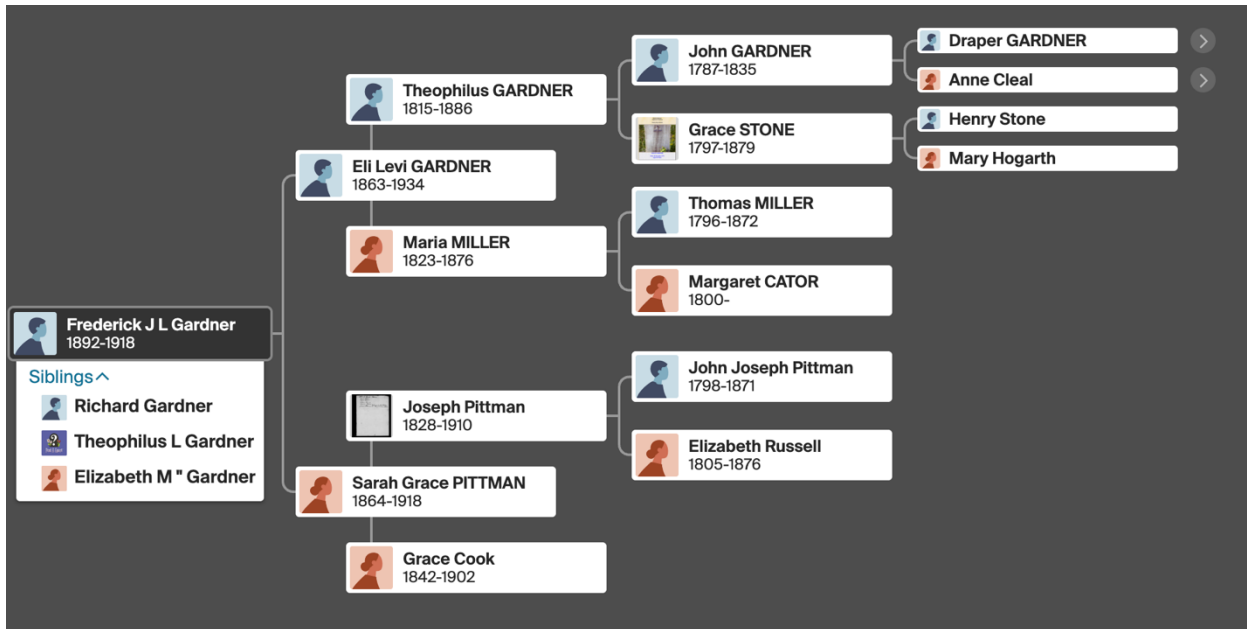
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## Frederick Gardner



**Frederick Joseph Lewis Gardner, the son of Eli Gardner and Sarah Pittman, was born at Baine Harbour on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1892. Frederick's father was from British Harbour and Frederick was living there in 1916. He enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1916. He died a prisoner of war in Germany a month after the war ended. He was 26.**



Family Tree

We do not have a photograph of Frederick. He was 5 foot 9 inches and weighed 137.5 lbs at enlistment. He listed his occupation as fisherman and lumberman. Frederick joined the Regiment in France on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1916. He was listed as missing in action at Monchy Le Preux during the battle of Arras on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1917. In June 1917 he was identified as a prisoner of war in Germany by the Red Cross. He died in the prison camp hospital at Parchim, Germany of pneumonia and influenza on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 1918. He was buried in the camp cemetery, but his remains were later exhumed and buried in the Hamberg Cemetery-Ohlsdorf, Hamburg, Germany. His father's letters inquiring about his son are very moving.



Gravestone



Hamberg Cemetery