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The first five seminars in our Summer Seminar Series have been held at Rocky's Place in Trinity and have been well received. These seminars are now available as pay-per-view on our website. Rising Tide Theatre in cooperation with Trinity Historical Society presented a script reading of "Clinch of Trinity" written by Ed Burry at Rising Tide on July 27th.

In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of Arthur Batson who is remembered on the War Monument in English Harbour
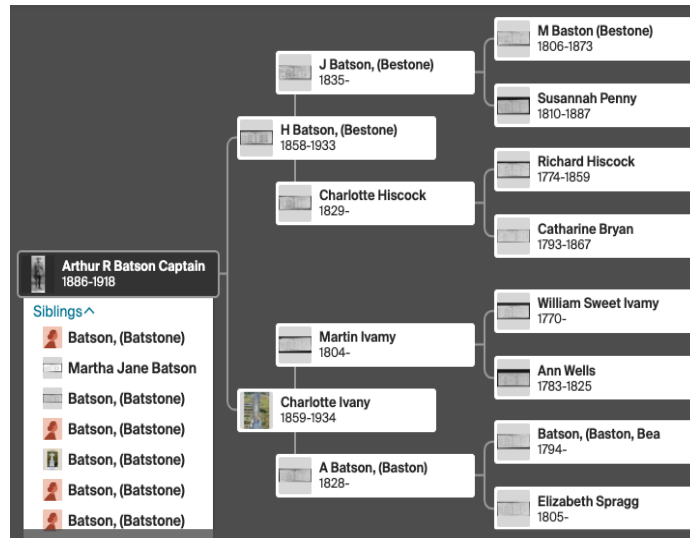
As always, the THS welcomes application for membership from anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.
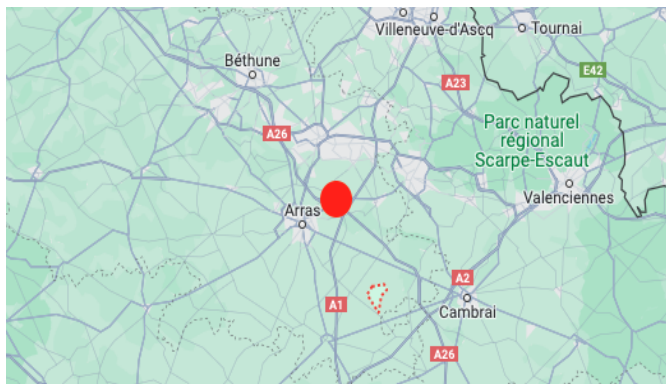
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Arthur Batson

Arthur Richard Batson, the son of Henry Batson and Charlotte Ivany, was born at English Harbour on August 15th, 1886. He enlisted in the 31st Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in Alberta on December 10th, 1914. He was killed in action on September 2nd, 1918. He was 32.

Family Tree

Private Batson arrived in France with the 31st in September 1915 and fought until he was wounded in April 1916. During convalescence in England he was promoted to Lieutenant and joined the 50th Battalion in France on December 2nd, 1916. In fighting during the spring and summer of 1917 he was twice decorated for bravery, receiving the Military Cross and a Bar to his Military Cross. He was promoted to Captain in December of 1917. On September 2nd, 1918, after leading B Company on a successful assault on the German Drocourt-Queant Line, he was killed by shellfire. He was interred at Dury Crucifix Cemetery, Dury, France.

Death Location

Headstone