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Trinity Historical Society will hold a Memorial Day Ceremony at the War Monument in St. Paul's Churchyard on July 1st, 2024 at 1045 am. Please see our website and The Trinity Bight Enterprise for more details.

In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of the third of the men who are remembered on the War Monument in Port Rexton.
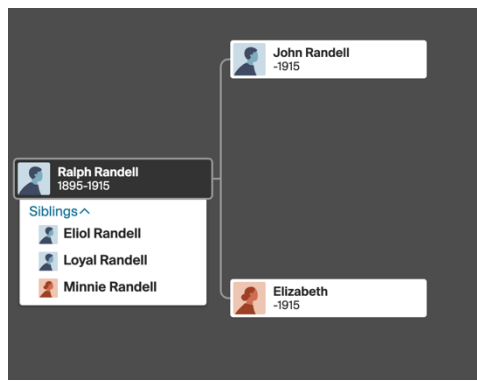
As always, the THS welcomes application for membership from anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.

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Ralph Randell

Ralph Randell, the son of John and Elizabeth Randell, was born at Port Rexton on October 5th, 1895. He enlisted in the Newfoundland Royal Navy Reserves on November 4th, 1914. He died in the sinking of the Clan MacNaughton on February 3rd, 1915. He was 19.

Family Tree

Ralph left St. John's for England on November 19th, 1914 onboard the liner Carthaginian. After a brief training period he was assigned to HMS Clan MacNaughton, an armed merchant cruiser, which sailed from Liverpool just before Christmas 1914 on patrol as part of the 10th Cruiser Squadron. The ship foundered in a severe storm west of the Hebrides on the night of February 2nd, 1915 with the loss of 20 officers and 261 crew. Ralph is remembered on the Beaumont Hamel Memorial, Beaumont Hamel, France.

HMS Clan MacNaughton

Beaumont-Hamel Memorial