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Trinity Historical Society will present the movies Rare Birds, Blueberry Grunt, and Skeet in Trinity in cooperation with Rising Tide Theatre this summer. Please see our Mail Chimp Newsletter, website, and the Trinity Bight Enterprise for details.

In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of Kenneth Vatcher from British Harbour.

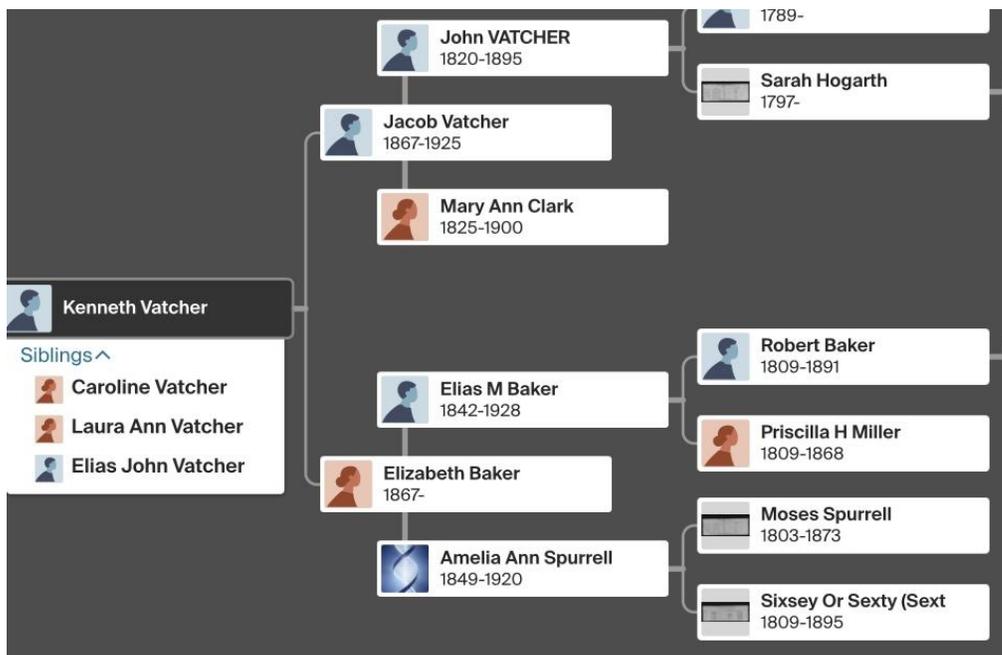
As always, the THS welcomes application for membership from anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.



Kenneth Vatcher



Kenneth, the son of Jacob Vatcher and Elizabeth Baker was born in British Harbour in March of 1910. He enlisted in the Royal Navy in WW II as an Able Seaman. He lost his life when the HMS Hermes was sunk by Japanese bombers in the Indian Ocean on April 9th, 1942. He is buried in Trincomalee War Cemetery, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka. He was 32.



Family Tree

HMS Hermes, the world's first purpose-built aircraft carrier to be launched, was in harbour at Trincomalee, Sri Lanka, undergoing repairs. Advance warning of a Japanese air raid allowed her to leave port but as she returned following the raid on April 9th, 1942, she was spotted off Batticaloa by a Japanese reconnaissance plane. She was defenseless when she was attacked by seventy Japanese bombers and was hit forty times. Hermes sank with the loss of three hundred and seven men.



HMS HERMES



HMS HERMES sinking



Position when sunk