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

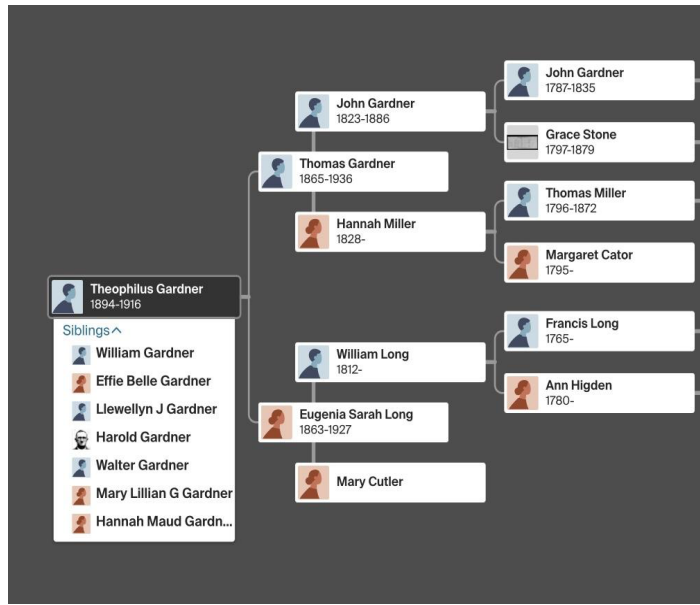
As always, the THS welcomes application for membership from anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.



Theophilus Gardner

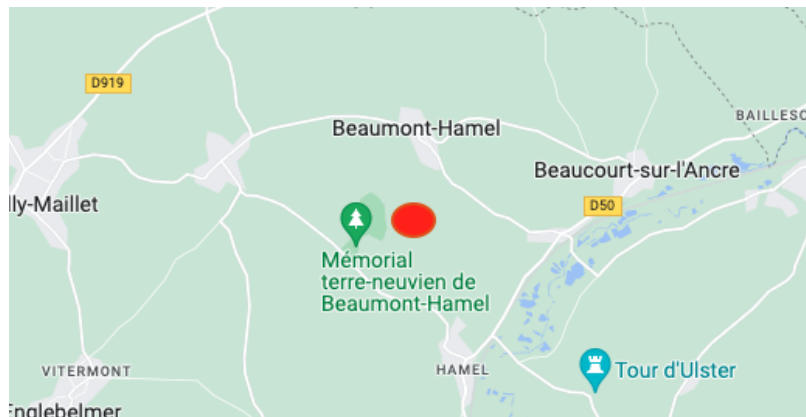


Theophilus, the son of Thomas Gardner and Eugenia Long, was born at British Harbour on November 19th, 1894. He enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on May 23rd, 1915. He died of wounds on July 11th, 1916. He was 21.



Family Tree

Theophilus embarked for England on June 6th, 1915 and after training joined the regiment at Englebelmer, France on May 5th, 1916. On July 1st, 1916 he was one of the 801 Newfoundlanders who went “over the top” at Beaumont-Hamel. Only 68 regiment members answered the roll call the next morning. Thomas was wounded in the thigh and abdomen and died 10 days later. He is buried in Gezaincourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Gezaincourt, France.



Death Location



Headstone