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Trinity Historical Society will hold a Remembrance Ceremony in St. Paul's Churchyard on November 11th led by Kris Drodge. Please see The Trinity Bight Enterprise for details.

In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of William Penney who is remembered on the War Monument in English Harbour

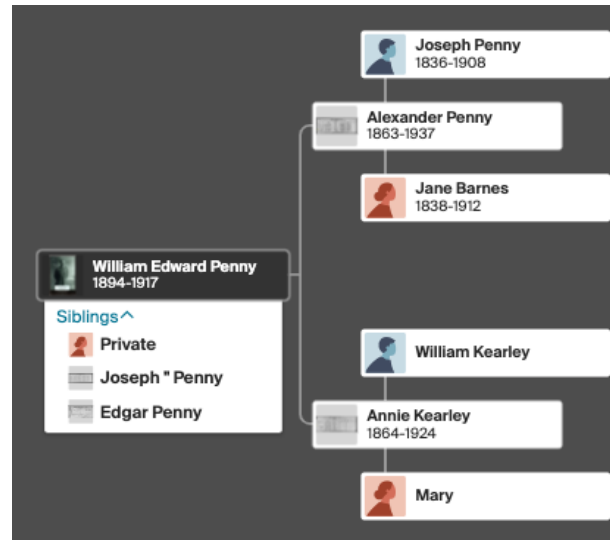
As always, the THS welcomes application for membership from anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.



William Penney

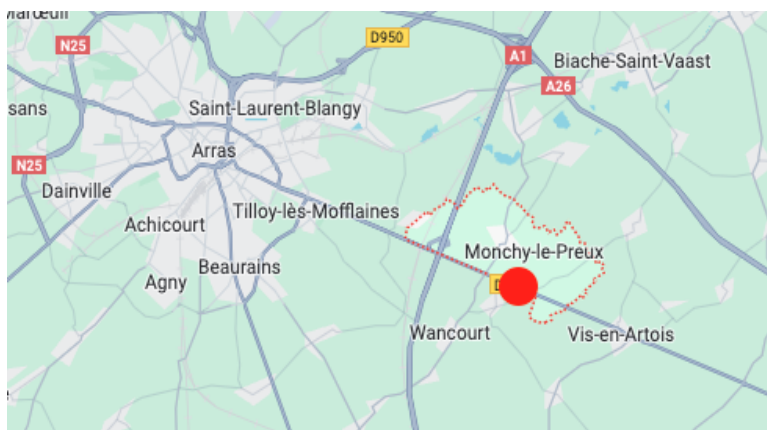


William Edward Penney, the son of Alexander Penney and Annie Kearley, was born at English Harbour on February 23rd, 1894. He enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on February 12th, 1915. He was killed in action on April 18th, 1917. He was 23.



Family Tree

William a fisherman before enlisting, embarked for England from Halifax on-board SS Orduna in March 1915. After training in Scotland, he first saw action at Gallipoli in September 1915. He immediately became severely ill with dysentery and rheumatism and was evacuated to Cairo, and then to England in December 1915. After recovery he rejoined the Regiment in France in October 1916. He was promoted to Lance Corporal on February 15th, 1917. On April 14th, 1917, he fought with the Regiment in the Battle of Monchy at Monchy-Le-Preux where he was wounded by shell fire. He died of his wounds four days later and was interred in Duisans British Cemetery, Duisans, France.



Death Location



Headstone