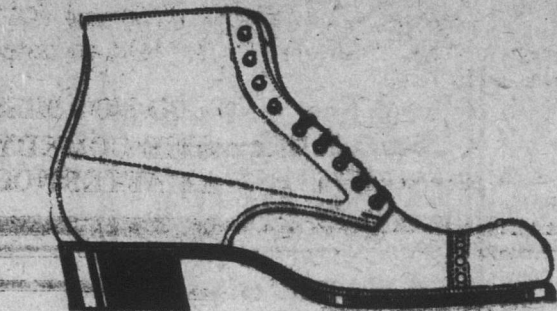


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### TRINITY

THE HOOSIER, AGENT AND CITIZEN IN TRINITY, ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX YEARS AGO.

As far back in history as the earliest town of Poole, in Dorset, England, has been associated with the world, the name of Hoosier has been bound up with it, and its direct descendants, the Hoosiers, have been ever thought of entering upon new ventures, or planning a new undertaking in connection with colonial development, without first talking it over with Giles Hoosier, in his small but highly important office. This office was so built that every vessel that entered or left the harbor could be closely observed by him; and every man to whom was entrusted duties, was the least to the greatest in connection with the business—passed in view before him many times a day, the performance of those duties.

There were two things that by unbroken law, were to be perpetuated in connection with the business. One was that a male member of the Hoosier family was to be the driving force of the complex machinery; and the other was, that one of the sons of every generation was to be trained to succeed to this important position, or two or three generations this had been successfully, and without interruption from outside influences. The eldest boy of the family was given the Christian name Giles; and Samuel was not more surely set apart

in earliest years for a definite object, than was Giles Hoosier to the family business. At the earliest opportunity the boy's education in school and out of school, was carefully moulded to fit him for the special duties of his young manhood, which were supposed to be performed some years under his father's immediate directions in the office, and then to be undertaken solely by himself at a later period.

We know from what we have read, and from what our fathers have told us, how continuous, and with what dangers several of our business firms of a generation ago went on. Then there began that insidious process of disintegration, the effects of which were felt coming from several directions at the same time; resulting to-day in honored names being all but forgotten; and extensive and once splendidly kept premises, either completely demolished, or with but enough of them left to remind us of the past, and to enable us to read ICHABOD writ large in the wreckage. A few years after old Giles Hoosier the Second, had begun to train young Giles Hoosier the Third to take his place eventually in the business in Poole, a stroke of apoplexy, in a moment, and for ever stopped the many activities of that brain, the wonderfulness of which was known and admitted by friends and foes alike in the commercial world.

For the first time in a century the office blinds were drawn in the daytime. For the first time in the memory of the old men who had either worked on the wharves, or sailed in the vessels since boyhood, there was nothing doing beyond what was absolutely necessary. Everything on or about the premises proclaimed by its very stillness, and reminded the whole

town by its silence, that a serious change had come to the old business firm of Hoosier. When after the funeral the office books were critically examined, and the will was read, it quickly became known to everybody, that, in spite of all the efforts that had been made to carry on the business at a profit, those efforts had been thwarted; the business would have to be closed, and there was very little money for the family. The business of Hoosier had been carried on for a half-century with Newfoundland and with its suspension other business men of Poole undertook to work in Trinity, Newfoundland, as well as in other parts of the country.

The first to arrive in Trinity were two men who had practical experience in this line of business as young men in the shipping departments of other firms, and they agreed to pool their interests under the firm-name of Slat and Read. They considered themselves fortunate when they secured the services as Agent, of Young Giles Hoosier, who had been behind the scenes in his father's office, several years before his father's death. Young Hoosier was born in 1784, and when he came out to Trinity in 1787, he was an attractive young man of twenty-three and regarded by all as an acquisition to Trinity. Arrangements were made for a stretch and width of waterfront, just below where the old Spence property had its beginning, continuation and living since. Within an incredibly short time, the wharves and stores and all things necessary to a thorough equipment of the business, were prominent on this bit of restless shore, and the business went on apace, side by side, and in competition with the greater and lesser firms, whose establishments dotted at least a dozen business vantage

points inside the beautiful harbor of Trinity.

This business venture in Trinity, like those of Lester, Slade, Street, Jeffrey, Coates, Reeves, White, Farrell, and a dozen others, had their little day, and together with those names they bore, passed away and are now gone. In calm, the sea-birds now rest upon the rocks, on which these buildings once stood; and in storms, the sea cavorts, and races over them, as though to celebrate once again the freedom, that for a few short years man had taken from it. When young Giles Hoosier came to Trinity, he was pleased to meet one, whose family name was familiar to him in Devonshire, and whose father had personally known his grandfather long years before. This man was Joseph Newall, Esq., whose father had come to Trinity in the 17th Century, and whose grave to-day is marked by a stone on the old Newall homestead at Trinity East. Mr. Hoosier was glad to accept the kind invitation of Mr. Newall to visit his home in Trinity and to meet his wife and family. Such reminders of home life in a far away land had great attraction for him, and through the part that Mr. and Mrs. Newall had in it, it never grew less; the part that Miss Grace Newall held in it grew more and more every day.

The story of what happened during the next year is a fairly long one, and deeply interesting, if the reader would have me tell it page by page. As, however, the details are largely those of hundreds of such stories that have been told before and since, with the reader's permission I shall just skip a hundred pages or so, and quote from the last page as follows:—"1817 Jan. 12th—Married, Giles Hoosier, of Poole, and Grace, daughter of Joseph Newall, Esq., and his spouse Hannah, of this Harbor." After three years of faithful service in Trinity (including the first year of his marriage) Giles Hoosier and his wife removed to Bonavista, where one of Mrs. Hoosier's cousins (Mrs. Alexander) lived, and better opportunities offered at the time. During the frequent visits of Rev. John Clinch to Bonavista for Priests' duties, he baptised the following children of Giles and Grace Hoosier (as found in old St. Paul's registers): "Maria, William, Elizabeth, Mary, Giles." Owing to their removal to Bonavista, I am unable to trace the family any further; though I shall be interested to hear of any one bearing that family name there to-day, as doubtless they are the descendants of Giles and Grace Hoosier of Trinity.

Since writing I have found the following entry in the Marriage Register:—"1815—Married, Aaron, son of Thomas and Hannah Field, of this Harbor, and Elizabeth, daughter of the late Giles and Grace Hoosier of Bonavista." This indicates that Giles and Grace Hoosier died in Bonavista, and that one of their daughters, Elizabeth, came back to Trinity as the wife of Aaron Field. Thus I have found the following Baptismal entry:—"1827—Baptised, Giles child of Aaron and Elizabeth Field." Here we have the old family Christian name, Giles, of the Hoosier family in Poole over two hundred years before. In addition to this, (though it is not in our own records) there is a Giles Field in English Harbor, in another generation, and in the same direct family line of Giles Hoosier of Poole, England. Much of this, I know, is not very important to some of my readers; but it should be more or less interesting to the descendants of

the Hoosiers, and Newalls, and Fields, and also to others from a general historical viewpoint.

### SOME HAPPY EVENTS OF SIXTY YEARS AGO.

#### MARRIED.

1837—George Hiseock and Amelia Martha Tocher. Witnesses: Geo. S. Field, Elizabeth Field, Francis Ash, Charlotte Granger.

1848—David B. Grant and Frances Collis. Witnesses: Geo. S. Field, Jas. M. Collis, Sarah Vittman, John Collis, Mary Coleman.

1857—James Pittman of Crawkern, Somerset, England, and Isabella White, Trinity. Witnesses: James Pacey, Mary Ann Pittman, Charles Granger, Charlotte F. Granger, James Christian, Miriam Granger.

1859—Joseph Morris of Cuckhold's Cove, and Charlotte F. Granger. Witnesses: Charles Granger, Sr., Rachel Morris, Charles Granger, Miriam Granger, Jacob Morris, Benjamin Miller, Mary Ann Tocher.

1860—Giles Foote, of Exploits, and Sophia Charlotte Bayly. Witnesses: Fred. J. Wyatt, M. A. Bayly, Henry Lind, Mary R. Buchanan, Andrew Tavernier, E. M. Ash.

1861—George W. Mews of Hant's Harbor and Frances Catherine Nelson Trinity. Witnesses: Richard Ash, Isobel Bremner, Francis Ash, Maria Sweetland, Henry Lind, Jessie E. Bayly.

1862—William James Collis (Widower) and Elizabeth Isabella Field. Witnesses: James Collis, Sr., Arnold Collis, Mary Field, Sarah E. Lockyer.

1863—Robert Gould of Open Hall, and Helen Rex of Ship's Cove. Witnesses: John Rex and Mary Ann Rex.

1863—John Steele, of Fontmell, Dorset, England, and Zipporah Carberry of Bergon's Cove. Married in Ireland's Eye. Witnesses: David Kelly, Sarah Phillips, Charles Paul, Mary Ann Paul.

1864—John Baker, of Dorset, England, and Honor Randall. Witnesses: Isaac Randall, Betsey Newhook. (The name Baker has died out in Trinity Right.)

1865—Jacob Miller of Freshwater, North Side, and Elizabeth Rowe of South Side, Trinity. Witnesses: William H. Rowe, Louisa Hayter, James Rowe, Anastasia Soper.

1865, December 5th—William Jas. Hunt, and Miriam Ann House, Trinity. Witnesses: Nicholas Pacey, James Mayers, Harriet Crocker, John Pinhorn, Thomas Hunt, Sarah House.

#### TRINITY IN 1802.

On Garland's premises in Trinity in 1802 was a large shop, a cooperage, with a master cooper and twenty journeymen; a long range of wharves, on which were provisions, salt, oil and ash stores; a large dock containing a

saw pit, with six gangs of saws, a large forge, with a master blacksmith in charge, huge launchways for ships, a "pond" for spars, a large carpenter's shop, with a staff of efficient carpenters under charge of a master carpenter, and an immense sail-loft under charge of a master sailmaker. There was also a master rigger, with a number of mates under him. In charge of the whole was a skilled master shipwright, who designed and superintended the building in this dock of not only large brigs and schooners, but of large ships of 700 tons burthen, also. The man who held this responsible position in 1802 was Mr. Newall, the grandfather of the late Captain Alexander Graham and the father of Mrs. Giles Hoosier. There was an immense shed in this dock. The floor was of beaten earth, and it was used as a shelter for shipwrights when trimming timber for the building of various crafts in the dock.

As we look at "Sam White's Cove" to-day, we seldom if ever think of it as a suitable place for wharves or a business place. We have got into the habit of thinking of it only a place for casting caplin; and yet, in 1750 Joseph White had a first class fishing establishment there, fully equipped with wharves, stages, stores, etc; and the best proof of its efficiency is, when Joseph White died in 1771, he was worth one hundred and thirty thousand pounds sterling, all of which he made by fishing and trading at Trinity in the early part of that century.

Efforts are being made to reorganize the Band of the L.O.A., in Trinity. A local band in an outpost town is a most difficult organization to keep together, owing to the number of young men who leave the place, and with no efficient Band Master to give the necessary technical instruction. It was difficult enough forty-five years ago, when the instruments were new, and other things were favorable, but impossible in Trinity to-day.

"The chain of friendship stretching far,  
Links days that were, with day that are."

**A PRAYER.**  
At And Before a General Election.  
"Govern, O Lord, the minds of all who are called to choose faithful men to serve the Nation in Parliament; that, considering their sacred trust and the great issues thereof, they may exercise the same in all godliness and honesty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Raise up, O God, politicians who will fear Thee and Thee alone, and will Thy Will, and work Thy Work, fearless and faithful unto death in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen."

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST—TRINITY 100 YEARS AGO.

One of the oldest houses in Trinity, that immediately North of Mr. Sam. Grant's shop, it was built and occupied by Dr. Skelton about 1824, on land owned by Garland, and leased by the Doctor for ninety-nine years. Since then it was occupied by Doctor Gill, Doctor Johnson, Captain Hay-

ward, William Nelson, Charles MacFarlane, John Stewart, Mrs. E. Hiseock, and others.

Robert Mayers was the gardener at Garland's; his brother John was skipper on Garland's Room. Robert Mayers was married in 1827.

Richard Anderson was the Constable and Sexton of the church. He lived where Solomon Hiseock lives now. He became blind, and had to give up both of his positions. It was he who liberated Matthew Roman from the stocks. He died in 1825.

The house was owned by James Clifford near the Wesleyan Cemetery, stands on property once owned by John Crocker (1868). He married a Miss Lander, a sister to old Mrs. Bremner. Mrs. Bremner was married in 1824.

Bartlett, Austin, Hall and Churchill had property in Collin's Cove, in 1800. Churchill sold his property to Brett, then it was sold to Slade, then to Patrick Murphy, then to John Gover. It is now owned by Fred. Hunt, who married John Gover's daughter.

Skipper Dwyer, master of Slade's

vessels, lived on property at Hog's Cove. It was sold to William Power, Cooper, who married Dwyer's daughter. Then it became the property of William Frampton, and Thomas Maybee.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

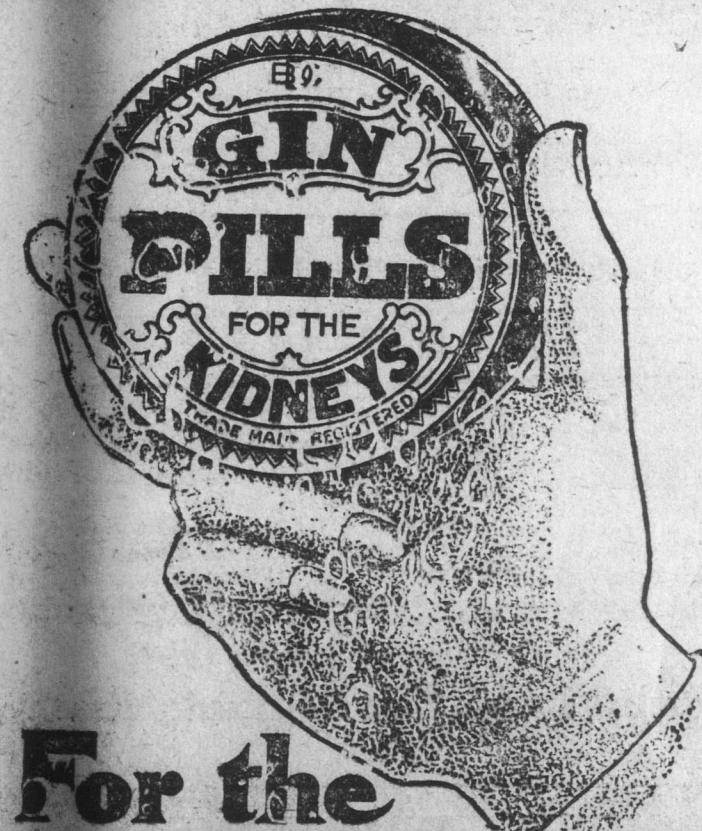
Dates.—Rev. John Clinch died, November, 1819. Rev. William Bullock came to Trinity, October, 1822 and was married to Miss Clinch, October 1823. They were married by Rev. J. Burt, in old St. Paul's.

History.—Trinity was twice taken and nearly destroyed by the French—once between 1706 and 1709, and the last time in 1761.

Doctor's Cove.—Yes, in addition to the fishing premises at "Sam White's Cove," Messrs. Samuel and Joseph White had another premises on the shore from Mackerell Point to about half way across Doctor's Cove. See article on Trinity in 1802 in this issue.

Messrs. W. H. Christian, Bennett and Brett, via dog team from Port Union to Clarenville, spent Wednesday at Trinity enroute to St. John's. W.J.L.

March 24, 1923.



## For the KIDNEYS

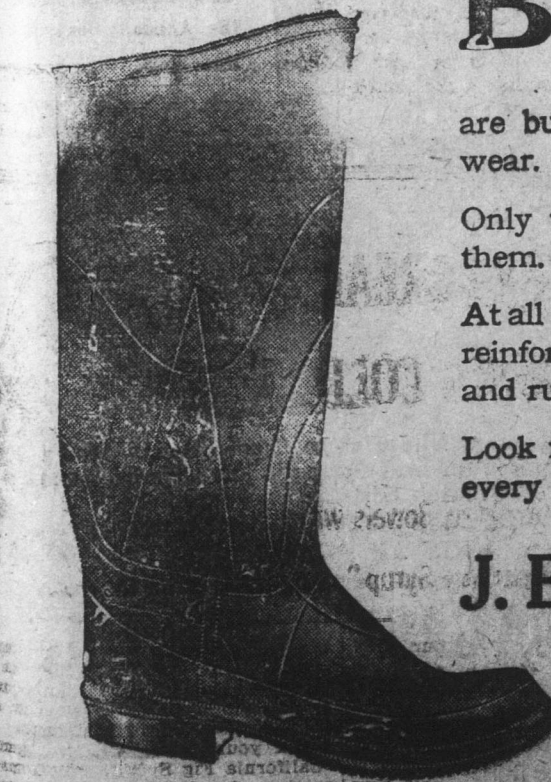
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