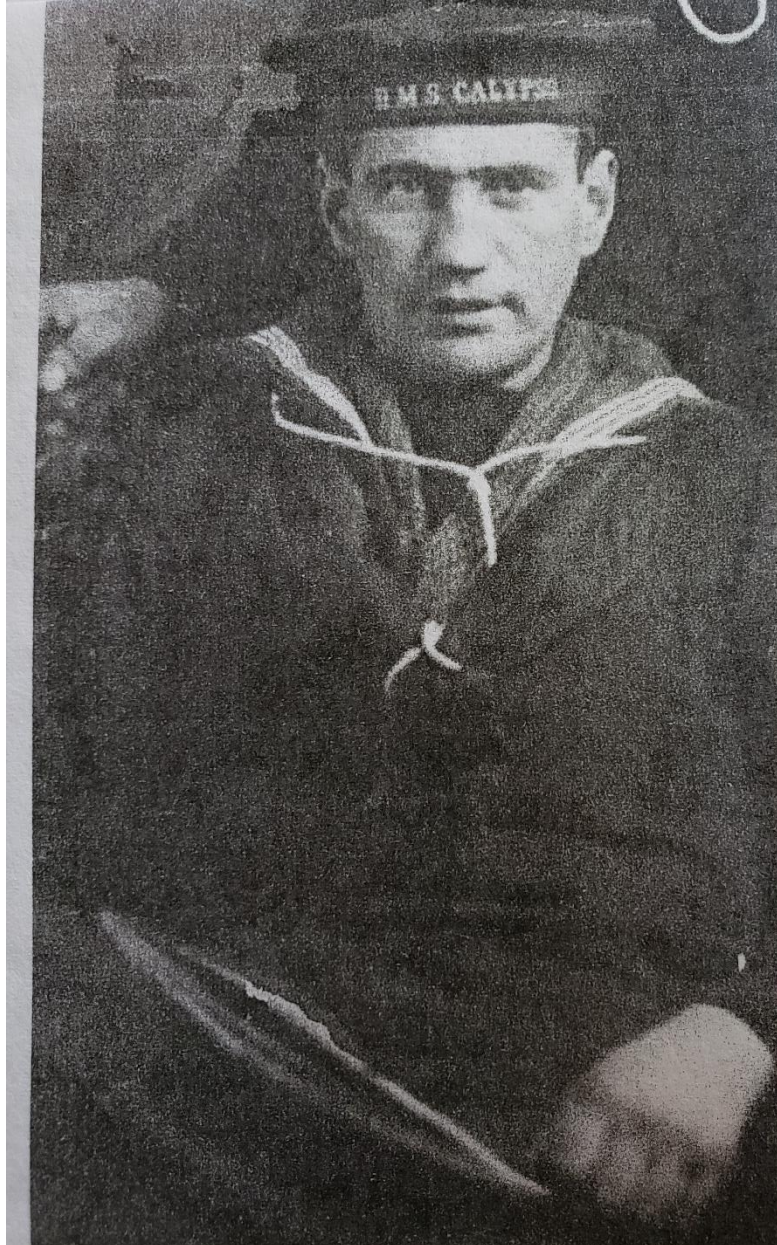


Name: Nelson Adams

WWI and WWII

Community: Bordeaux, Placentia Bay



Son of James and Emily (Boutcher) was born at Bordeaux in 1885. His history after he returned from overseas is marked by a complicated love story. He fell head over heels for Isabel Hynes but his mother vigorously opposed the affair as Nelson and Isabel were cousins. The relationship ended. Nelson became a confirmed and "eccentric" bachelor while Isabel married a sea going captain from Catalina.

Her marriage was short and not sweet. It ended in the early 1930's with Arnold's Coves' introduction to the previously unheard of act of divorce. Isabel moved to the States but she kept up a letter correspondence with Nelson. Nelson re-enlisted in the Forestry sector in the Second World War and spent the next five years in Scotland. Five years after the end of WWII, Isabel returned to Arnold's Cove and they were finally married. Nelson was sixty five. Isabel was fifty one.

Between the two great wars, Nelson lived in Arnold's Cove, working as a carpenter but still maintaining a house and an agriculture operation at Bordeaux. He built a three-storey house, gigantic by Arnold's Cove standards of the era, and following their marriage in 1950, they operated a board and lodging place known as "Anchorite House". Barbara (Bailey) Barrett recalls the times she stayed there while travelling between her home in Baine Harbour and Tack's Beach where she was teaching.

The love birds had seventeen years of wedded bliss. Isabel died in 1967 and Nelson a year later.