

The Martins of Little Heart's Ease



Moses Martin

Moses Martin was born on the Point at Little Heart's Ease, Southwest Arm, Trinity Bay, Newfoundland. He was very well known and respected throughout the area, St. John's, and the United States for his wonderful carpentry skills and craftsmanship. It was in 1928, just after returning from the United States when Mr. Martin was asked to work on the interior of St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church, Gooseberry Cove. He designed and constructed the interior of St. Alban's with only his hand tools, some of which he constructed himself. Those tools, along with his eye for detail, and his keen sense of awareness is so evident when one examines the interior of St. Alban's Church. His work is magnificent and a credit to this pioneer craftsman.

Seventy-seven years later St. Alban's stands as a testament to its builders, many of

whom were fisher-folk! In speaking with some elders of the community I was reminded that many a boiler of soup was brought from Butter Cove, Southport, Gooseberry Cove and Little Hearts Ease to feed the workers who volunteered their time to work on the church.

Today we are in a new era and St. Alban's requires much needed repairs. We are truly blessed to have the grandson of Mr. Moses Martin, namely, Cluney Martin, and his great-great grandson Nathan Martin conducting those repairs. It is obvious that Cluney and Nathan Martin are following in their grandfather Moses' footsteps while carrying on his wonderful legacy.

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