

# The Surf Coast Family History Group

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## The Anglesea Family History Group

c/o P. O. Box 98 Anglesea 3230

**The Society is housed in the Anglesea Historical Society Museum**

**McMillan Street Anglesea 3230**

### Library and Research Facilities

Monday 10am-2pm  
Friday 10am-12noon

### Meetings

The 2nd Thursday of the Month  
Commencing at 10am at the  
Historical Society Museum  
McMillan Street Anglesea 3230

### Visitors Welcome

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### Forthcoming Meetings

**March 10th** Guest Speaker:

Tom & Libby Luke

**“The Beauty That Is Cornwall”**

Ex- President of the Cornish Society

Tom is a Bard of Cornwall

Presentation in PowerPoint

**April 14th** Guest Speaker:

Graeme Reynolds

**“Irish Transportation Records”**

**May 12th** Trip:

**“Visit to the Victorian Archive Centre”**

**June 9th** : Speaker to be announced

**“Shipping Records”**

### Committee Members 2004-2005

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**From Harry Davies a Surf Coast Family History Member  
Researching names: Davies, England, Hill, Leedham.**

**FAMILY LEGENDS:** OF HARRY DAVIES Ancestors..

The ENGLAND branch came from Spain at the time of the Inquisition and settled down in their adopted country. What their name was has not been recorded and passed on, but they Anglicised it to 'England' in honour of their new home.

Gr-gr-gr-pa HILL was said to have been a light-house keeper on the channel coast at Lizard light house at Lands End. Not possible as they are two different places in U.K. However this legend continues: that the Hills came from France during the revolution and changed their name from Huille or DeHuille or whatever to Hill.

Gr-gr-ma England was born at Alice Springs in 1850. Emphatically stated by one of my aunts. Most positively/definitely. Except that Alice Springs was not named as such until about early 1900's.

**NOT A LEGEND::** DAVIES dairy was established in 1869 in East Brunswick by Gr-gr-ma Davies when her milk supply dried-up and she could not feed my grandpa John Wm. So she purchased a cow. An immediate demand from the locals for milk, and so Fanny Maria being an astute business person, she bought more bovines. Dairy in business. It was sold in the late 1940's and the last of us Davies left the area in c. 1970-2. Having been in Brunny for well over 100 years. From about 1863.

Not a transported convict proven as yet. Still researching. Still have one possibility around. Could have a distant one back in England. The relatives back there are hush hush on this one.

Harry Davies has an ancestral branch named **Leedham** in Derby, UK.

He was interested when he found this article.

End of an era?

In 1833, John **Leedham** was the first person to be executed at Derby's new County Gaol on Vernon Street. He was also the last person to hang in Derbyshire for a crime other than murder. Convicted of bestiality, he was hanged on April 12th in front of a crowd of over 6,000.

**Births Deaths and Marriages Victoria Australia covering 1836 through to 1920.**

Births from 1836 to 1920

Deaths from 1920 to 1985

Marriages 1921 to 1942

Most Births, Deaths, & Marriage's for Victoria are now accessible on Line and UNCERTIFIED Certificates can be ordered on line if you have a Credit Card.

It will cost you \$17.00 Australian Dollars to get a copy of the Certificate to your Computer Screen and from there you can Print it out. Its Uncertified AND will need the Registration Number applicable to the Person and even to access the image.

**News Wednesday 5 January 2005**

**FACT OF THE DAY**

All Scottish men over the age of 65, and their compatriots in the rest of the UK received a state pension for the first time on this day in 1925.

[www.scotsman.com](http://www.scotsman.com)

# Glimpses from the past



Lindsay Braden  
Researching the Parker Family

One of the biggest frights I have ever received, was some twelve years ago whilst trying to locate the grave of William Parker at the then remote Mt. Duneed Cemetery. My head was down as I focussed on old tombstone inscriptions. The soft wind was performing a mournful lament through two well established pines that identified the original horse drawn cortege route. Without warning a face popped up at the site of a freshly dug mound and asked "*can I help you?*" It was a gravedigger excavating a nearby plot - *Until then I had not noticed his partly concealed presence !!* After offering my thanks, but feeling slightly shaken at this unexpected intrusion, I continued on and found William's final resting place....

## **Parker Street in Anglesea is named after the pioneer that I was researching.**

**PARKER. WILLIAM A.** Born 1849 . Married 1882. Died 2/1/1928 aged 79.  
Buried at Mt.Duneed.

**PARKER. MARGARET HELEN.** (MacKenzie)). Born 1857. Died 12/6/1923 aged 66.  
Buried at Mt.Duneed.

CHILDREN... Ruby Adeline (Mrs. S.R. Jones) Born 1884 died 1985 aged 100. Ethel Marie Born 1886. Married W.V. Purnell 1914. Died 1971 aged 85.

\*\*\* William Parker, Ironmonger, (son of Richard Parker) whose store was once at 54 Moorabool Street Geelong, resided in Newtown. He was brother of Mrs. Alice Jackson, first licensee of the Anglesea Hotel. His holiday house "Marguerite," just below McMillan's "Blink Bonnie," was constructed in 1887 and destroyed by the 1919 fire.

During that period it was used as a letting investment. Pioneering Anglesea holiday families such as the Harveys, the Patons, the Forrests and the Carrolls all leased this vacation house. The Geelong Advertiser 14/1/1915. reported that J.M. Carroll the town clerk of Newtown was staying at Parker's "Marguerite house." (J.M. Carroll later donated the land for Anglesea's Presbyterian Church (now Uniting) in today's Murch Crescent.)

William Parker after living in Geelong, retired to Fischer Street Torquay. He also owned additional land in early Anglesea.

*Next occasion you are at Mt Duneed take time to inspect this picturesque Graveyard.  
Some of our local pioneers are buried there*

## HMS "Trusty" August 1943



**John Hughes Born 1st November 1919  
St Helen's Lancashire, England.  
Son of John & Agnes (nee Talbot) Hughes.**

A letter addressed to "Lofty" John Hughes from his mate (Jim James) describes time they served in the Navy in the Second World War. Enclosed with the letter, a photo & list of men who served on the "Trusty" They are mainly nick names of men that Jim remembered after 40 years.

The Trusty was a Submarine that served in the Mediterranean, Far East, & Ceylon in 1942/43. The letter describes friendship & companionship of men serving together at a time of war.

Jim tells that just before he was demobbed in 1944, the shell of the "Trusty" was lying up in Haslar Creek, he went on board & walked through the empty boat, He could imagine all the old voices of the lads— it was a lonely boat— but the memories were very clear then. The letter arrived in November 1982, after many years of no contact. Four months later, John Hughes died 1st April 1983. John had been credited a discharged in 1944 with poor health such that he was unfit to serve. He spent his life in solitary confinement & was never the same after his Medical Discharge.

### **Nick Names of Men who served on the "Trusty"**

McHutchin  
(Lofty) John Hughes  
Gibson  
Nobby Hall  
Jumbo Jarvis  
McKenzie (Guns)  
Phil Suter (2nd Scratch)  
Syd Paul (Stoker)  
Pony Moore  
Manny Gooding  
Bert Timmins (Timo)  
Catlow (No 1)  
Subby  
Jan Tooth  
Bill Hooper  
T.I.?  
Coxain  
C.C. Jones  
Pincher Martin  
Horrible Horrobin  
Ginger Cutsforth  
Bert Mobsby  
Jim James (Sent Letter)  
Jock Kilty

Do you recognize any of their names?



## GRANDMA AND THE FAMILY TREE

There's been a change in Grandma, we've noticed  
her of late,  
She's reading history or jotting down some date.  
She's tracking back the family, we'll all have pedigrees.  
Oh, Grandma's got a hobby, she's climbing Family Trees.

Poor Grandpa does the cooking now, or so he states,  
That worst of all, he has to wash the cups and Dinner  
plates.  
Grandma can't be bothered, she's busy as a bee,  
Compiling Genealogy, for the Family Tree.

She has no time to baby-sit, the curtains are a fright.  
No buttons left on Granddad's shirt, the flower bed's a  
sight.  
She's given up her club work, the serials on TV,  
The only thing she does nowadays is climb the Family  
Tree.

She goes down to the Courthouse and studies ancient lore,  
We know more about our forebears than we ever knew  
before.  
The books are old and dusty, they make poor Grandma  
sneeze,  
A minor irritation when you're climbing Family Trees.

The mail is all for Grandma, it comes from near and far,  
Last week she got the proof she needs to join the DAR.  
A worthwhile avocation, to that we all agree,  
A monumental project, to climb the Family Tree.

Now some folks came from Scotland and some from Gal-  
way Bay,  
Some were French as pastry, some German, all the way.  
Some went on West to stake their claim.  
Some stayed near by the sea.  
Grandma hopes to find them all as she climbs the Family  
Tree.

She wanders through the graveyard in search of date or  
name,  
The rich, the poor, the in-between, all sleeping there the  
same.  
She pauses now and then to rest, fanned by a gentle breeze,  
That blows above the Fathers of all our Family Trees.

There were pioneers and patriots mixed in our kith and kin,  
Who blazed the paths of wilderness and fought through  
thick and thin.  
But none more staunch than Grandma, whose eyes light up  
with glee,  
Each times she finds a missing branch for the Family Tree.

Their skills were wide and varied, from Carpenter to Cook,  
And one (Alas) the record shows was hopelessly a crook.  
Blacksmith, weaver, farmer, judge, some tutored for a fee.  
Long lost in time, now all recorded on the Family Tree.

To some it's just a hobby, to Grandma it's much more,  
She knows the joys and heartaches of those who went be-  
fore.

They loved, they lost, they laughed, they wept, and now for  
you and me,  
They live again in spirit, around the Family Tree.

At last she's nearly finished and we are each exposed.  
Life will be the same again, this we supposed!  
Grandma will cook and sew, serve cookies with our tea.  
We'll all be fat, just as before that wretched Family Tree.

Sad to relate, The Priest called and visited for a spell,  
We talked about the Gospel, and other things as well,  
The heathen folk, the poor- and then- 'twas fate,  
it had to be Somehow the conversation turned to  
Grandma and the Family Tree.

We tried to change the subject, we talked of everything,  
But then in Grandma's voice we heard that old familiar ring.  
She told him all about the past and soon was plain to see,  
The Priest, too, was nearly snared by Grandma and the  
Family Tree.

He never knew his Grandpa, his mother's name was ..Clark  
He and Grandma talked and talked, outside it grew quite  
dark.  
We'd hoped our fears were groundless, but just like some  
disease,  
Grandma's become an addict--- She's hooked on Family  
Trees.

Our souls were filled with sorrow, our hearts sank with  
dismay,  
Our ears could scarce believe the words we heard our  
Grandma say,  
"It sure is a lucky thing that you have come to me,  
I know exactly how it's done, I'll climb your Family Tree.



Brian & Beryl O'Gorman  
Gave a great talk on  
"Finding your Irish Ancestors on the Net"  
Great Speakers, Let's invite them back again.

## New Acquisitions

### Books

Year book of Australia 1968  
Gentleman John- The Lush Family History  
Whittaker's Almanac of 1969  
Whittaker's Almanac of 1972  
UBD Street Directory of Melbourne-  
22nd edition  
Captain Cook-Alistair MacLean  
Statistics & Civil Establishment of the  
Colony of Victoria 1856  
Arthur William Coles  
Nothing over Half a Crown-GJ Coles

### CDs

Derbyshire 1841 Census  
Lancashire 1851 Census  
Worcestershire 1841 Census  
Worcestershire 1861 Census  
Tasmania's War Records 1914-1918

Don't forget to check out  
National Burial Index 2nd edition

Microfiche Readers for Hire  
Please enquire!

## Xmas Raffle Winner

### Mrs Dot Denham from Anglesea

Dot & her Husband Pat were delighted with their win.  
Dot said "It was a Great Hamper because every item was usable".



### Second Prize Winner:

Myrle Smithwick from Anglesea  
Congratulations to the winners

**Thanking you all for your support!**

## MEMBERS REMINDER

Don't forget to checkout our records we have on Microfiche  
We have the IGI for all counties  
In England & Wales.

Check our Library  
We have some new and exciting  
Books, Microfiche, Films

Why don't you come and use the Internet to check  
Census online  
Plus much more.....

## Surface Mail

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