

# The Surf Coast Family History Group

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(Sub group of the Anglesea and District Historical Society Inc.)

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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

### enquiries:

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### Forthcoming Meetings

**March Meeting:**  
Dianne Hughes "Cemetery records"

**April Meeting:**  
Tom & Libby Luke  
"Going the extra mile with  
your family history"

**May Meeting:**  
Joan Hunt-President of the  
Ballarat Genealogy Society  
"Central Victorian goldfields"  
*With emphasis on Ballarat*

**This year**  
We hope to have talks on

"Women in the Gold Fields"  
"Oral History"  
"Western District Squatters"  
"Scottish research"

### Committee Members 2006-2007

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## Member's Story

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### Albert Stanley McConachy

Winchelsea Shire named many of their streets after soldiers who fought in the First World War. This street is named after the youngest son of Robert & Sarah McConachy,



Gunner Albert Stanley McConachy fought in the First World War and was killed in the third battle of Ypres, Belgium in 1917.

Before going to war he grew onions on the Bellarine Peninsular in Scotsman Road, Portarlington, in partnership with his brother-in-law, George Brown.

Albert, known as Bert, was brought up at *Mirnee*, just out of Winchelsea and attended the Mirnee State School. He enlisted on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1916, and after just seven weeks basic training, left on the *Orsova* on 6<sup>th</sup> December. Arriving in France with the 9<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements to the 4<sup>th</sup> Machine gun section, he was soon in the front line. He was killed on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 1917.

About halfway down McConachy Street, Albert's nephew, George McConachy, lived and farmed. George also fought in the First World War, He enlisted in 1915 and was a gunner with the 29<sup>th</sup> Battery Field Artillery. He also took part in the battle of Ypres.

**Mailing Lists**  
**A great research tool**  
**Mailing List Index [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com)**

Example of what you can achieve:

From the New Zealand Mailing List

On the 16 Dec 1924 a **\*Mary Ann McKenzie\*** and a **\*Andrew Sydney Sands\*** both of Hedgehope in Southland died, she was 13 years and 10 months and he was 23 years old. I have been told by my deceased mother it was a lovers pact "wow". My family history says that they roped themselves together and jumped into the river and drowned but what I'm looking for is the newspaper article on this which will tell me which river etc ,or I guess is proof of this so called pact. I suppose there was an inquiry??

One of the replies to the above message:

Re the death of Andrew Sydney SANDS & Mary Ann McKENZIE: There was an inquest on the couple; they drowned in the Dunsdale Stream near Hedgehope. The verdict was suicide by drowning in the Dunsdale Stream between 16th & 28th December 1924. Their bodies were tied together; he put his arms around her from behind, then she tied his arms together with cloth probably from her skirt. The inquest was on Monday 29 December in the dwelling house of Mrs McKay, after the bodies were found. Evidence from Mary's brother William, and her mother Mary Sturgeon McKenzie, who said she was a good girl but had given her cheek when she checked her for going about so much with Andrew. She last saw her daughter on the 13th, and reported her missing on the 15th. Andrew's father Ambrose said she stayed at the Sands' place on the 13th, when she slept with his girls. I think she was sent there with a message?

The Inquests (2 files) were received in Wellington in January; J 46, 1925 Nos 37 (Sands) & 38 (McKenzie). PS: the coroner was told that there was only one inquest, so he would only be paid for one, please resubmit your voucher (claim). The register lists them by date received, so inquests are

**Simple to find if a date of death is known. .**

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**Mailing list Subscribers pass on Tips & Tricks**

This one from the Tipperary mailing list:

I've had good luck searching PRO using this link:

[http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/searchthearchives/?source=ddmenu\\_search0](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/searchthearchives/?source=ddmenu_search0)

Where it says "type your keyword here" I just type in the surname & it brings up references from all the dbases, including the military ones. And thanks for this reminder about PRO Janet - new additions of Irish records since I was last there and I found some of interest re my ongoing Reddin search:-  
cheers

**The Anglesea & District Historical Society**

**Hold their meetings at 2.00 pm on the 1st Sunday of each month**

**On the 1st of April they have a Trip to the Old Mill at (Apollo Bay) \***

Car pool leaving 12.45 1st April from the Historical Society

Anyone interested please meet there

\* PORTARLINGTON

**Mailing Lists continued  
a variety of topics**

Just received in the snail mail, information on the above mentioned Soldier.. includes a photograph of him.. Now to get in touch with the family who have also contacted me.. I will also be passing on my information to Army Museum Waioru. So pleased that I was able to find out about this soldier, who died in 1892 in Masterton.

It was a fluke, I don't know what I was doing but, came across his details on findagrave.. see what the find led too! Sgt. Diamond, after 19 years in the Army, and three wounds later, he was medically discharged in 1866, because of a head wound, he lost the sight of an eye. In 1875 he immigrated to New Zealand with his family and lived out his retirement in Masterton until his death in 1892. He was born in County Antrim in 1827. In 1847 he enlisted with British Army. posted to India where he joined the Bengal Horse Artillery. In 1854 he married a widow, Mary Collins and raised a family of three children. Thought I share with you all about Sgt. Bernard Diamond. VC.

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South Australia Graves link  
<http://www.saghs.org.au/graves.htm>

**Scottish research**

We are delighted to announce the following new features now available online at [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk). \*\*OPR Images Now Online Images of Old Parish Register (OPR) records are now publicly available online for the very first time. These comprise the records of births & baptisms and banns & marriages kept by individual parishes of the Established Church of Scotland, before the introduction of civil registration in 1855. The earliest records available date from 1553. In addition, a major OPR index update has been deployed with over nine million entries updated and linked to the associated images.

\*\*OPR County Search: Customers can now search the Old Parish Register records by county as well as parish, offering greater search flexibility.

**Xmas Raffle Winner**

We are pleased to announce the winner  
of our Xmas raffle 2006

Mr. & Mrs. Colin Wood  
Fairhaven

**Thank you all for your support**



**THE SURF COAST FAMILY HISTORY GROUP  
NEW ACQUISITIONS AS AT 14/12/2006**

**BOOKS;**

- Basic facts about...Family History research in Yorkshire 942.81 LIT  
By Pauline M Litton.
- Basic facts about...using death and burial records for family historians.  
(2nd.ed) 929.3 GID By Lilian Gibbens.
- Crimean War 1854-56. (The) 947.073 TOM By Phil Tomaselli.  
Guide to Sussex Burial Index 1813-1837 Vol. 1 Eastern Sussex. 942.25  
TEV Compiled by Lord & Lady Teviot. (2x Copies)
- Family History on the Web; an Internet directory for England and Wales,  
(New 4th ed. 2006/7) 942 RAY By Stuart A. Raymond.
- Introduction to... Affection defying the power of death; Wills, Probate  
Death duty records. (An) 346.054 COX By Jane Cox.
- List of Londoners. 942.1 GIB By Jeremy Gibson & Heather Creaton.
- Tracing your First World War Ancestors. 940.3 FOW By Simon Fowler.
- Tudor and Stuart Muster rolls. 942 GIB By Jeremy Gibson & Alan Deli.
- Words from Wills and other Probate records. 929.3 RAY  
By Stuart A Raymond.

**Records on CD**

**Ballarat Cemeteries & Crematorium Indexes**

Old & new Cemeteries and Burial & Cremation registers

**Cemeteries of the Southern Golden Plains Shire**

**Brighton Burial Index**

**The Surf Coast Family History Group**

**For Sale:**

Schools of the Surf Coast Shire  
Anglesea to Wurdi Bolue

Surf Coast Cemetery Records on CD

Contact: Norma Morrison

Phone: 52 616239

**Research!**

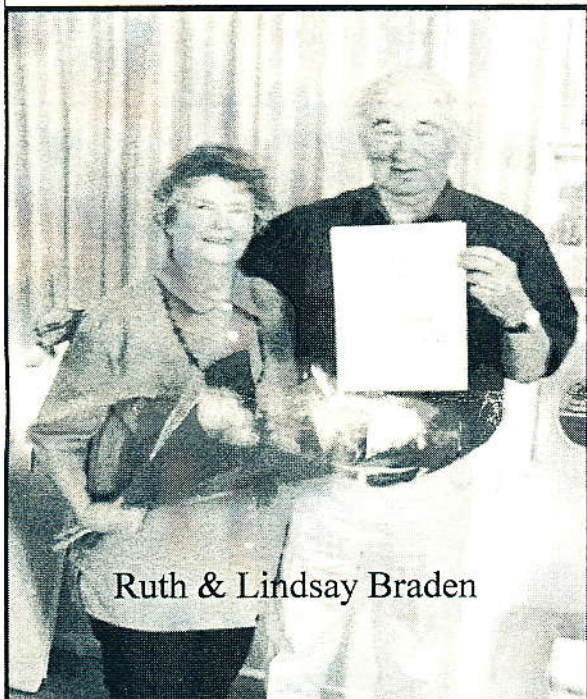
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own home

We have Microfiche Readers for Hire  
\$5 per week

with the Victorian Pioneer index

Please enquire: Pat 52 896686

## Life Long Membership award goes to Mr. Lindsay Braden



Ruth & Lindsay Braden

Mr. Lindsay Braden a valued Member  
of  
The Anglesea & District Historical  
Society  
was awarded a Life Long Membership  
in appreciation for his contribution  
to the group.

Lindsay is the Editor for the Newsletter,  
Photographs, Publication of local  
family stories and Histories of  
Anglesea & surrounding areas.  
What he doesn't know about the place  
and it's people is not worth knowing.

“A Huge Thank You Lindsay”

### Members Interests

Dulcie Quinlan 03 52633017

**John Nelson** Born about 1836 Wigton Wigtownshire Father **James Nelson**  
Died 3rd Nov 1906 Cressy Victoria.

He Married 23rd December 1857 Holy Trinity Church, South Shields in  
County Durham a **Margaret McMillan** Born abt 1838 New Cumnock  
Ayrshire Scotland her Father was **John McMillan & Mother Jane Wilson**

**John McGrath** Married Hanorah McNamara Co Claire

**Patrick Mcgrath (Magrath)** Married **Mary Ann Oakman** 1908  
Clarke hill Victoria

**Any connection please contact Dulcie**

#### 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.....