

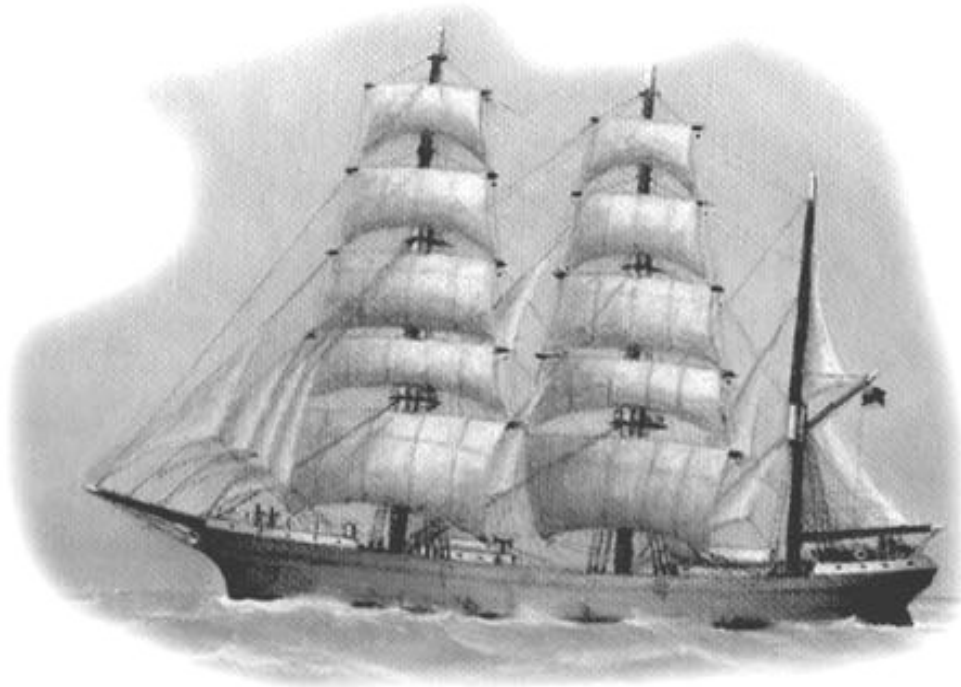
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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The Society is housed in the Anglesea Historical Society Museum

McMillan Street Anglesea 3230

Library and Research Facilities

Tuesday 10.30am - 1.00pm
Wednesday by appointment
Saturday 10.30am - 1.00pm

Meetings held on

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:

December Meeting
"10 year search for Grandfather"

John Morrison

&

"Christmas Breakup"

Bring a plate

February Meeting

To be announced

March 2012 Meeting

"Breaking Down Those Walls"

Jenny Carter

We are aiming to have guest speakers
to talk on Australian

Irish, Scottish, Welsh and Cornish,

&

European research

next year

Please submit topics of interest

The New Committee Members 2011-2012

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DAVID BREWSTER 1847-1890

On 4th September 2011, his descendants unveiled a brass plaque, in memory of David Brewster. It is attached to the Seafarers Wall overlooking Portland Harbor, on the cliff above where he lost his life.

It was a hot January Day in 1890. David Brewster was a watchmaker and jeweller in Portland Victoria.

However business was slow.

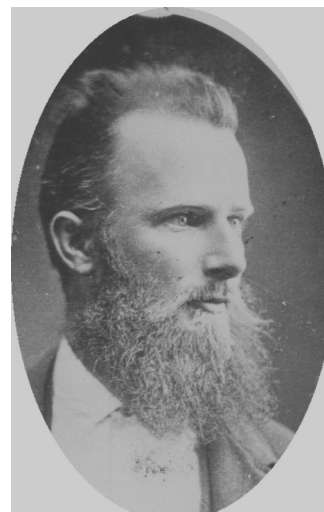
Portland was the main port of Victoria's western district.

The wharf was busy shipping out wool and other things

from the rapidly developing western district of the state.

However things were not as prosperous as hoped.

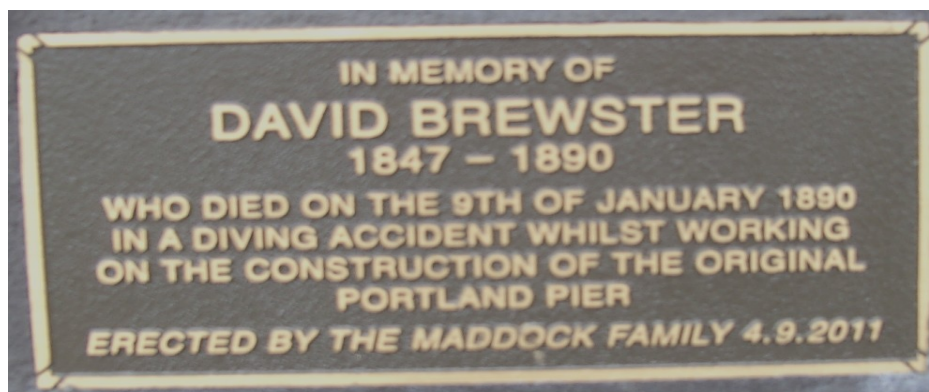
A drought had reduced farm produce and 1890's depression was beginning.



David took any opportunity he could to earn extra money, so when construction on the new pier began David declared himself a labourer and was given basic training as a diver.

Divers of the day had very complicated diving suits in which they were bolted into and a helmet attached to the suit. Air was pumped down to them. A series of signals on a rope was the only communication the diver had with the person operating the pump.

David was part of a small team that worked together. Charlie Plumber, his long-term friend and David Wilson, his cousin, made up the team. They took it in turns to dive, to pump and to guide the pylons they were putting in place for the new pier. One of the pylons had rolled off the pier into the water. The trio decided they would retrieve it. With David bolted into the diving suit and Charlie on the air pump, the diver descended.



What happened next is unclear from the inquest, but David died from lack of oxygen. There appears that Charlie received no signal from the diver. Charlie committed suicide ten days later, seemingly unable to live with the blame cast on him by himself and others.

David left a wife Annie and seven children, Maggie (20), Sissie (19), Bessie (16), David (14), Annie (12), Sadie (5), and Clara (3). With no widow's pension in those days and the country in the beginning of a depression, Annie was left in a difficult situation. The town organized a 'Brewster Fund' to raise money to assist Annie, who turned her Henty Street home into a boarding house. Her daughters assisted her in running the boarding house, which had mainly young single men as boarders. It is not surprising that some of Annie's six daughters married boarders.

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Although the Brewster family were members of the Presbyterian faith, the Rev. J. Cooper, the Baptist minister, conducted David's funeral. David was interned at the Portland South cemetery. He was 43 years old.

Andrew Keiller, a ten-year-old boy at the time, was fishing from the partly completed pier. He observed every move and when interviewed 90 years later in 1980, aged 100; he said he remembered the day clearly.

He was also on the pier when they pulled Charlie Plumber's body from the sea ten days later. Andrew Keilor lived to the age of 105. He said the day was hot and the men had been drinking before David entered the water. There is no mention of this in the inquest, which exonerates everyone concerned.



The pier at Portland where David Brewster drowned.



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from your generous donations
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we are able to fund
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and equipment**



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Helpful Information, when doing research

<p>Certificates can only be bought after June 1837, that is when Civil Registration was introduced. Before that you will have to find the Church Registrars.</p> <p>Census in the UK are every 10 years, starting from 1841 Sunday 6 June 1851 Sunday 30 March 1861 Sunday 7th April 1871 Sunday 2nd April 1881 Sunday 3rd April 1891 Sunday 5th April 1901 Sunday 31 March 1911 Friday 2 April 1911 They are only released to the public and online after every 100 years, for privacy reasons.</p> <p>Perpetual Calendar for checking those old Dates. http://perpetualcalendar.com/</p> <p>If you can't find an Ancestor on a certain Census, then the Ancestor could well have been born after the census was taken.</p> <p>Ancestral Pedigree Chart, Start with yourself and work Backwards. (Download) http://genealogy.about.com/library/free_charts/bl_pedigree.htm</p>	<p>Scotland. www.nas.gov.uk http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/ http://www.nls.uk/family-history/directories/post-office/</p> <p>Commonwealth War Graves Commission. (Deaths and Debt of Honour Register) http://www.cwgc.org/</p> <p>CyndisList. http://www.cyndislist.com/decade.htm</p> <p>Place Names. http://www.englishplacenames.co.uk/</p> <p>Online Newspapers. http://www.onlinenewspapers.com:80/</p> <p>Surname Searcher. http://www.kuijsten.de/navigator/uk/</p>
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