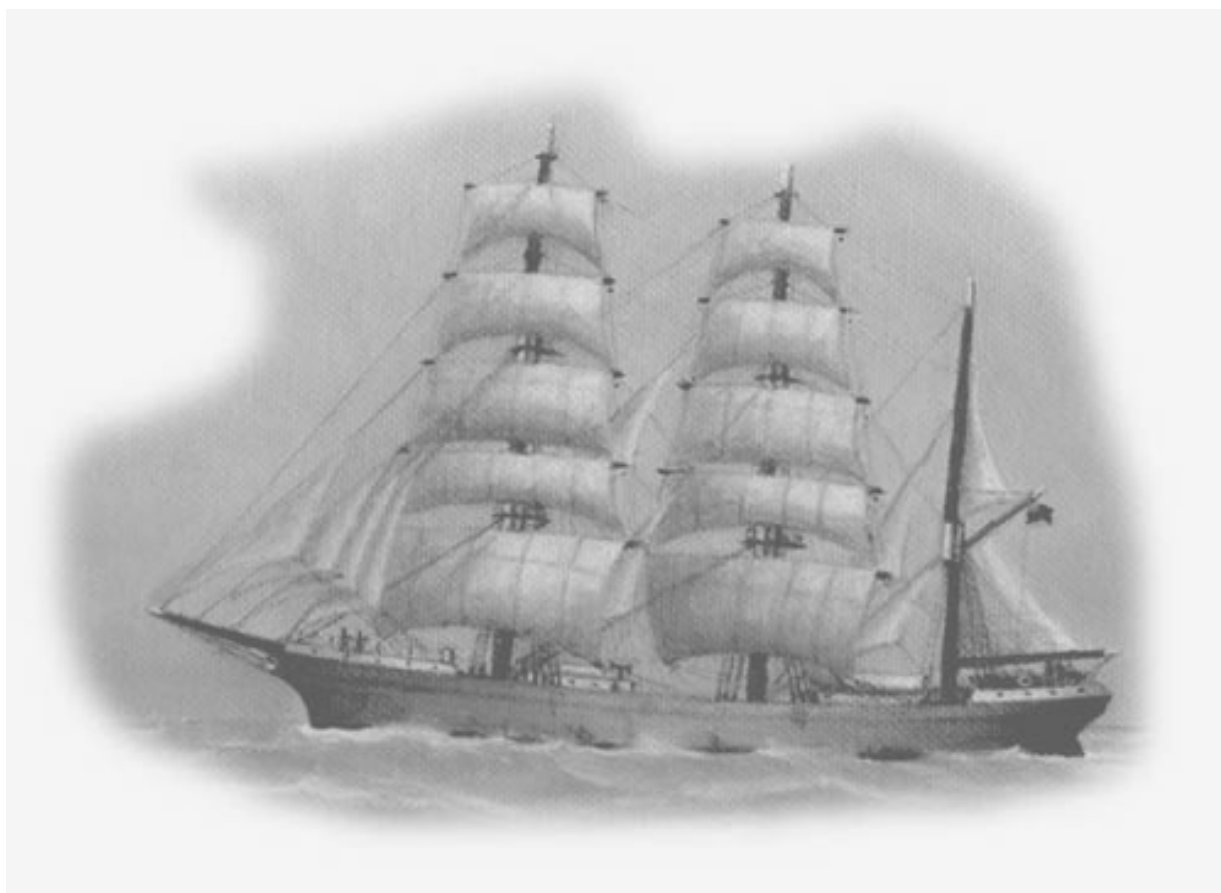


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McMillan Street Anglesea 3230

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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

Sept 13th Meeting:

Anglesea Trip-Historic Homes of Anglesea
Lindsay Braden

Oct 11th Meeting:
A.G.M

Guest speaker: Susan Mclean
Researching Scottish Ancestors:
“Making the most of Internet
& Local Resources “

November Meeting:
To be announced

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

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The Class of '41

Anglesea State School No. 4332

The names of the students in *The Class of 1941* are those best remembered by two cousins sitting side by side in the front row of the photo; John Evans of Anglesea and Marj Baldry (née Berryman) now of Lorne.



Back Row (L to R): Kath Symons, June Littlejohn, Gwen Berryman, Betty Evans, Frank Wood (Headmaster), Olive Evans, Dorothy MacDougall, Violet Allen, Marion Hedley

Middle Row (L to R): Don Morton, Dorothy Allen, June Symons, Pat Sydall, Audrey Allen, Phil Littlejohn, Jack Symons

Front Row (L to R): Shirley Evans, John Evans, Marjorie Berryman, Sheena MacDougall, Graham Morton, Keith Mousley, Geoff Sydall, Beryl Drayton

Allen: Dorothy, Audrey and Violet, known as The Allen Girls, were the daughters of Mr and Mrs Jimmy Allen. At the time this photo was taken, the father was a member of the AIF serving in the Middle East. Upon his discharge from active service, Jimmy returned to his job with the Country Roads Board as a timekeeper. He was also secretary of the Anglesea sub-branch of the RSL for a number of years. The family moved to Geelong near the end of the 1940s.

Berryman: Gwen and Marjorie were the daughters of Jim and Mary Berryman (née Evans). At the time of the photo Jim was working for the Forestry Commission and the family lived in Donald Avenue in a house built by Jim. The family moved to Lorne in 1943. Gwen married Sandy Alsop whose parents owned the Lorne butchers shop, and Marj married Rex Baldry whose parents owned the grocery in Marine Parade. Rex's father also built the Angahook Café in Anglesea in 1928 and moved to Lorne in 1937.

Drayton: Beryl was the only daughter of Charlie and Beryl Drayton who in 1940 bought the General Store and Post Office from Rueben and May Mousley. The store was sold at the end of 1946 to Price & Edwards, and the family move to Barwon Downs.

Evans: John Evans was the eldest son of Reg and Hazel Evans of *The Wattles*, the 98 acre farm owned by Reg's mother, Mary Kate (Polly) Evans. At the time of the photo Reg was off helping to build airstrips at Laverton and Point Cook as part of the war effort. John's younger brother, Don, was to enrol a few years later. Around the beginning of 1945, the family moved to a new home at 89 Ocean Road, just near the General Store. Quite soon after the move, Jack and Ruby Ringham built their service station next door. From about 1948 until his death in 1970, Reg was the CRB's Senior Patrolman for the Ocean Road from Torquay to the Erskine River Bridge at Lorne.

Evans: Betty, Olive and Shirley were the three youngest of four daughters of Hugh and Yvonne Evans, The elder daughter was Dorothy (Dot) who had already left school. Hugh worked for the Forestry Commission and the family lived in Donald Avenue in a home built by Hugh. Dot married Pat Denham, Betty married Arthur Bubb of Bellbrae, Olive married Fred Bubb, Arthur's brother, and Shirley married Jim Speirs. All the girls lived in Anglesea except Shirley and Jim Speirs who moved to Forest.

Hedley: Marion was the daughter of Mr & Mrs Charles Hedley, a local electrician at the time, and little is known about the family.

Littlejohn: June and Phil were the children of Mr and Mrs Harry Littlejohn. Harry worked for the Forestry Commission. June married Frank Williams, eldest son of the Mr and Mrs Frank Williams who in the mid 1950s owned the milk bar, news-agency and fruit shop next to the General Store.

MacDougal: Dorothy and Sheena were the daughters of Mr and Mrs Jock MacDougal who lived in the Forestry Commission housing area about half a mile towards Geelong and then left through a gated private road. There were three or four Forestry Commission houses in the group. In addition to the MacDougals, the Littlejohns had a house there as well as Frank Wood, the schoolteacher. Jock was the head of the local Forestry Commission group. Mrs MacDougal helped at the school by sometimes looking after the very young students by giving what was known as *Handwork* lessons.

Morton: Don and Graham Morton were the two youngest of three sons of Mr and Mrs Jacky Morton of Minifie Avenue, just behind the Angahook Cafe. Jacky was the local representative of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, and summer and winter rode his bicycle to work, every day, to Lorne.

Mousley: Keith was the youngest son of Rueben and May Mousley (née Evans). Keith's older siblings, Phyllis, Thelma, Alf, Alma, and Phillip had been prior attendees at the school, and Keith's younger sister Lorna was to follow several years later. Rueben and May operated the General Store and Post office since it opened in 1917 up until it was sold to Charlie and Beryl Drayton in 1940

Sydall; Pat and Geoff Sydall (and their younger brother, Maurice) lived in a house on the main road just opposite the Camping Ground Road turn-off. Mr Sydall worked for the Shire of Barrabool on town maintenance, his only vehicle being his bicycle.

Symons: Kath, Jack and June were the children of William (deceased 1934) and Rose Symons who had a quite small home in the bush up behind the school. Their home was burnt to the ground in the fire of January 1947, and having lost everything the family moved to Melbourne;

Cont.... however Jack came back to Anglesea to live with relatives before enlisting in the AIF and serving in the Korean War.

Of all those in the photo, John Evans is the only one still who lives in Anglesea. He married Barbara Grenfell in 1958 and lives in Walker Street. A few items of interest are that of the twenty-three students in the photo, ten are related cousins, and four of the parents, May Mousley (née Evans), Mary Berryman (née Evans), Hugh Evans, and Reg Evans were born in Anglesea in the farmhouse at *The Wattles*, being four of the eleven children of John and Mary Kate Evans.

Of the parents of the Class of '41, one was a shopkeeper, one was a retired shopkeeper, one was an electrician, one was a widow, and the eight other families (although one was in the AIF at the time) worked for the state or local government – The Country Roads Board, The Forestry Commission, the State Electricity Commission, and the Shire of Barrabool.

Written by Bob Armstrong, with a lot of help from John Evans and Marj Baldry, both from the Class of '41

What's New in Genealogy

UK – A very interesting collection of legal records are The Proceedings of the Old Bailey 1674 to 1913 website.

The Old Bailey was the central criminal court for England and Wales. It was located in central London.

This court heard the most serious criminal cases for London and much of the rest of the country.

The Proceedings of the Old Bailey website contains a great collection of detailed records from some 200,000 criminal cases spanning roughly 240 years. This collection has been slowly increasing over time. It is a great website to check if you want to know if you had any really interesting characters in your family tree. Only the most hardened criminals ended up at the Old Bailey. Access is free. <http://www.oldbaileyonline.org>

Ireland – The genealogy website From Ireland has posted an amazing collection of about 14,500 photographs of Irish gravestones, making it one of the largest Irish gravestone photograph collections. The collection is arranged in albums by county. The main counties covered are Kilkenny (4,600 images) and Laois (6,800 images), with additional images from Clare, Cork, Kerry, Kildare, Limerick and Offaly. The images have been transcribed and are searchable. Access is free. Thanks to Dr. Jane Lyon for putting this collection online. <http://www.from-ireland.net/>

Scotland – Deceased Online has added an additional 120,000 memorial images to its website from 11 different regions of Scotland. Access is by pay-per-view. <https://www.deceasedonline.com/servlet/GSDOSearch>

UK - FindMyPast UK has added some 70,000 new parish records from Sheffield. These consist of baptisms (1858 to 1940 with 13,000 records), marriages (1848 to 1986 with 25,000 records) and burials (1767 to 1802 with 31,000 records).

Access is by subscription. [Sheffield Parish Records] <http://www.findmypast.co.uk>

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Thank You

Our June meeting with Mr Neil Thomas

We are so lucky to be Member's of the Surf Coast Family History Group because we have access to some very interesting guest speakers. In June we had the pleasure to hear a talk from Neil Thomas. Neil like other Guest speakers, gave up his time to travel from Geelong and spend the morning with us. His talk was on the WW1 and then he took us on a journey with pictures of his back ground in Cornwall.

Neil has been the President of the Geelong Branch of the Cornish Association since 1999.

He was President of the Cornish Association of Victoria for the last two years.

There are over 500 members in Victoria.

Neil said, I have had an interest in my Cornish family history since I was quite young. The good news about that is that I asked my elderly relatives about the family history stories while they were still alive. Hence I have a very good handle on all the stories that otherwise would have been lost with their passing.

I was invited to become a Bard of the Gorsedh last year. My citation read: for services to Cornwall in Victoria.



Neil with Mr. David Holman,
Chairman of the
National Federation of Family History Societies in the UK



Neil in Cornwall held in Helston, Cornwall
there were also Bards from Wales and Brittany

To quote another fellow initiate, David Holman, who is the chairman of the National Federation of Family History Societies in the UK. " This is the greatest honour that Cornwall can bestow and it is a very proud moment for me."

There are about 480 living Cornish Bards. About 55 of them live outside the UK. There are about 30 in Australia.

At the Ceremony held in Helston there were Bards from Wales and Brittany.

When becoming a bard you adopt a Cornish language name. It has to be approved by the Bardic Council.

I chose Meliner Dowr Kenwyn. This name is in honour of my immigrant great grandfather who was a miller on the Kenwyn River in Cornwall. He arrived in Victoria in 1852 and settled at Port Fairy before moving out to Yambuk where he took on farming.

We have interesting guest speakers every second Thursday of the month at 10.00am

Why don't you join us, we have morning tea and a chat and talk about family history.