

Port Welshpool & District Maritime Museum.

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Edited contribution from Shirley Westaway via Peter Lakeman.

The two marble plaques (see photo) were presented by the community of Port Welshpool to the parents of two local soldiers killed on active service in the 1914-18 War. They were originally displayed in the local hall until it was burnt down on 11 October 1967.

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| RACKSTRAW Alexander Russell |
| SMITH William Bruce ** |

Left side: (The original was destroyed by fire. Now replaced)

***ERECTED BY HIS FRIENDS PORT WELSHPOOL
TO THE MEMORY OF ALEXANDER RUSSELL RACKSTRAW
WHO DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED AT GALLIPOLI 30th APRIL 1915 AGED 23 YEARS
ONE OF OUR AUSTRALIAN HEROES WHO FOUGHT AND DIED FOR KING AND COUNTRY***

Right side: (This is the original)

William Bruce Smith was the son of WMB Smith, member of the fishing family who gave the family home and property to establish the museum and also the fishing boat, Janet Isles' which is now housed there.

***ERECTED BY HIS FRIENDS PORT WELSHPOOL
TO THE MEMORY OF WILLIAM BRUCE SMITH
WHO DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED ON THE
WESTERN FRONT 10th OCTOBER 1917 AGED 28 years
ONE OF OUR AUSTRALIAN HEROES WHO FOUGHT AND DIED FOR KING & COUNTRY***

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RACKSTRAW Alexander Russell
SMITH William Bruce **