



Capt. Harold John Penny



Played with Adelaide University



Cricket Club: A Grade (1908/08 - 1912/13)

MB BS (1913)

Background

Coinciding with the Centenary of Anzacs our incentive behind the series of biographical publications is the Adelaide University Football and Cricket Club's desire to honour our players who served in the Great War (1914 - 1918). These brave men put on hold their academic, professional and sporting careers for King and Country in the name of peace and freedom. The AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Committee is endeavouring to identify every one of our players who served and prepare life stories on all. This is to ensure their sacrifices and further contributions to society will be recognised by future generations.

On Anzac Day 2015, the Centenary of the Gallipoli landing, a memorial plaque was unveiled on the Adelaide University Oval Pavilion and this was followed by the erection of a picket fence between the pavilion and the scoreboard with each picket bearing a plaque with the name of an AUFC/AUCC player who served.

The following documentation relates to the life of Harold John Penny. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

AUFC/AUCC WWI MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Published Biography

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PENNY Harold John

MB BS

1888 - 1968



Harold John Penny, always known as 'Hockett', was the youngest son of Charles James and Emma Stephens Penny of Semaphore in SA, and was educated at St Peter's College and the University of Adelaide where he graduated MB BS in 1913. He was a talented sportsman and played interstate tennis and cricket. He rowed (No 4) in the Adelaide eight: Adelaide University came third in the 1911 and 1912 intervarsity eights boat races. He was a resident medical officer at the Adelaide Hospital in 1915 and Adelaide Children's Hospital in 1915. He treated at least three gunshot injuries during this time: one where the master of the four masted barque *Hougemont* shot at an inebriated sailor, one of self inflicted gunshot wounds resulting in death and a woman with three gunshot injuries.

Penny travelled, on the *Mongolia*, to the UK in March 1915 to join the RAMC as one of 'Kitchener's 100'. He was given the rank of temporary lieutenant on 26th March 1915 and registered on 3rd May 1915. He married Winifred Annie Lake of Bristol shortly after arriving in England. His mother described her son as having met with an accident after undergoing his training which prevented him from being fit for active service for a long time. He was appointed surgeon at the De Walden Court Hospital, Eastbourne, where he remained until early 1916. Promoted to captain in April 1916 and now fit for active service he went to France on 6 November 1916.

Penny returned to Australia and is recorded as being in practice in Hackney, South Australia. He returned to England with his wife whom he subsequently divorced (1925) for her adultery with a dentist. Later that year he married a vicar's daughter, Mary Violet Risdale, from Harrow-on-the-Hill; it is believed that they travelled to South Australia and Harold joined a practice in Nailsworth. They indicated their intention to move to Western Australia in 1928; whatever became of these plans they had returned to

England in 1938, initially to Stoke-on Trent and finally to Tunstall in Staffordshire. Penny was a world class croquet player, amongst the best in Britain, winning at least two gold medals in the sport. He seemed to be the bete noir of a number of members of the Mills family against whom he played many tournaments. During his 1948 visit to Adelaide, his first for 18 years, it was noted that he had three sons, one on the land and two still at school, and a daughter studying medicine. Harold John Penny died in Bournemouth in 1968.

Sources:

Emma Penny, 7th December 1916, Letter to the Registrar, University of Adelaide, University of Adelaide Archives
The Advertiser, Friday 16 January 1948
The Mail, Saturday 17 January 1948
"Who is George Mills?" Posted by Sam (also known as Harry) 5th JULY 2011
Photo: Adelaide University Archives; Medical Graduates 1913.
Medical Directory 1919

The End of the War

The capitulation of Bulgaria, Turkey, Austria-Hungary and of Germany to the allied Powers after four and a quarter years of the most destructive war the world has ever seen, marks an epoch for every class of the population and for every interest of mankind. This medical profession has perhaps more reason for rejoicing than any other section of the community...The Pride of belonging to an Empire that always wins its way through to victory...is tempered by the knowledge that British medicine has triumphed on account of its human character, its high ideals and its scientific practicability...Today we dare to forget everything else than the fact of victory, and the fact that no further sacrifices are needed to safeguard the whole world.

MJA, 23 November 1918, p. 411

Published Biography

Note – the two items on the “whoisgeorgemills.com” website have been edited to remove photographs not directly related to Harold and some paragraphs containing assumptions that have been corrected in the AUFC/AUCC biography below .

www.whoisgeorgemills.com

<http://www.whoisgeorgemills.com/2011/07/dr-harold-j-penny-of-adelaide-and-stoke.html>

post by Sam (also known as Harry) – this appears to be harry.williams@marion.k12.fl.us

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

Dr. Harold J. Penny of Adelaide and Stoke-on-Trent

Today we'll meet a person who numbered among the most common opponents of the Mills family: Dr. H. J. Penny. Penny presents a figure with an interesting history, especially when one includes him among the diverse mix of post-WWII croquet characters and personalities with which we've become acquainted here at *Who Is George Mills?*

Harold John Penny was born on 24 June 1888 to Charles James Penny and Emma Stephens Penny in Semaphore, Adelaide, South Australia [upper left]. Of his family or youth, we know little to nothing, but in the *Adelaide Advertiser* of Tuesday, 22 December 1903, we find that Penny (out of St. Peter's Collegiate School) —then 15 years of age—had passed Junior Examinations at "The University." Penny had passed exams in English Literature, Greek, Latin, French, geometry, and chemistry, earning him a place on the "List of students who have passed five or more subjects, and who, therefore, receive the junior certificate."

In the same newspaper two years later, on Monday, 18 December 1905, Penny passed three Senior Examinations at the University of Adelaide: Greek, Latin, and geometry. Five passed examinations were required for earning a senior certificate, so Penny's name appeared on a list below that one: "List of candidates who have passed in less than five subjects."

In 1906, Penny also passed five examinations, according to the Tuesday, 25 December, edition of *The Advertiser*: Greek, Latin, French, arithmetic and algebra, and geometry. He received a 1906 senior certificate.

In the same chronicle, on Thursday, 19 December 1907, Penny appears on a "Pass List" of the University of Adelaide, once more having passed examinations in Greek, Latin, and French.

He crops up again in 1911. According to data recorded at <http://www.rowinghistory-aus.info/>, Penny rowed in the Adelaide University Men's Eight, which competed at the 1911 Australian University Championships in Port River, Adelaide. His team finished 3rd behind Melbourne and Sydney Universities.

According to that site: "This was the first of four straight wins pre-WWI for Melbourne, but the margin was small - 1 1/2 lengths from Sydney. The race was conducted over a 3-mile course on 10th June 1911."

Penny rowed for Adelaide again in the 1912 Championship held in the Parramatta River, Sydney, and once again his team finished 3rd behind Melbourne and Sydney. The site this time adds: "The race was conducted on 1st June 1912."

Mr. C. H. Dewhurst, who has been chief clerk in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works for many years, has been promoted to the first-class in the ordinary division of the Public Service.

At a meeting of the South Australian Medical Board on Monday afternoon Walter John Westcott Close, Sydney Ernest Holder, Frederick Neil LeMessurier, Reginald Blockley Lucas, John Christian Mayo, Harry Carew Nott, Harold John Penny, Harold Powell, Joseph Stanley Verco, and Laurance Lewellin Davey, all M.B., B.S., Adelaide, 1913; and James McBain Ross, M.R.C.S., Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., 1901, were registered as legally qualified medical practitioners.

Dr. A. M. Morgan left Adelaide by the Melbourne express on Thursday for a holiday at Hobart. The state of his health has rendered it necessary that he should have a rest.

The Advertiser dated Thursday, 18 December 1913, carried this information about the 25-year-old Australian: "The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine presented for the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery:-Walter John Westcott Close, Laurance Llewellyn Davey, Sydney Ernest Holder, Frederick Neill Le Messurier, Reginald Blockley Lucas, John Christian Mayo, Harry Carew Nott, Harold John Penny, Harold Powell, and Joseph Stanley Verco (Everard Scholar)."

The next day, Friday, 19 December 1913, the same newspaper ran this item [seen, left]: "At a meeting of the South Australian Medical Board on Monday , afternoon Walter John Westcott Close, Sydncy Ernest Holder, Frederick Neil LeMessurier, Reginald Blockley Lucas, John Christian Mayo, Harry Carew Nott, Harold John Penny, Harold Powell, .Joseph Stanley Verco, and Laurance Lewellin Davey, all M.B., B.S., Adelaide, 1913; and James McBain Ross, M.R.C.S., Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., 1901, were registered as legally qualified medical practitioners."

By 10 January 1914, we find this note in a column entitled "Personal" within the Adelaide Advertiser: "Dr. Harold John Penny, M.B., B.S., (Adel. 1913), was appointed by the Executive Council to be a resident medical officer of the Adelaide Hospital for the ensuing 12 months."

By 12 March 1914, Penny made the papers in a case in which the master of a four-masted barque, *Hougemont*, John McDonald, was accused of "having on 18 February unlawfully and maliciously shot at [inebriated able seaman] John Murray with a revolver, with intent to do grievous bodily harm."

The article continued: "Harold John Penny, resident medical officer at the Adelaide Hospital, said he treated Murray in the institution on February 19."

The case was held over for trial, while Penny must have had some interesting dinner table conversation that day.

According to *The Advertiser*, dated Tuesday, 21 April 1914, Penny took part in an inquest into the death of a 38-year-old laborer, Joseph Eade, who had died at the hospital on 16 April: "Dr. Harold John Penny, of the Adelaide Hospital attributed the cause of death to shock and haemorrhage, consequent upon bullet wounds. These were just below the ribs on the left side of the body. The internal organs in this vicinity were injured. The deceased had told the witness that he used a firearm with his right hand... The Coroner's verdict was that deceased died from bullet wounds self-inflicted whilst of unsound mind."

Yet another case, this one described in the same paper on Saturday 27 February 1915, actually involving the will, estate, and beneficiaries of Catherine Ratliffe of Australia Plain, cited: "Harold John Penny, medical practitioner at the Children's Hospital, said that on January 21 he was a resident medical officer at the Adelaide Hospital. He recollected the informant being brought in. She was suffering from shock and haemorrhage, caused by three recent bullet wounds in the right shoulder, two cuts on the lip, and a bruise near the collarbone. He attended to the patient for 10 days until she left the hospital. The wounds could be caused by bullets from a revolver of the kind produced."

Perhaps it was the violence of such cases that caused Penny to look into a shift to the local Children's Hospital. And treating those victims of gunshot wounds would foreshadow the next phase of Penny's medical career.

We now fast-forward to the London *Gazette* of 1 June 1915 for the item regarding Penny. In a section entitled "ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE. *Royal Army Medical Corps*." it says: "The undermentioned to be temporary Lieutenants:— Dated 26th March 1915. Harold John Penny, M.B."

That notice confirmed what had appeared in the *Adelaide Advertiser* on Saturday 20 March 1915, several months after Great Britain had entered hostilities in the First World War: "Dr. Harold J. Penny, late of the Adelaide and Children's Hospitals, and youngest son of Mr. C. J. Penny, Hackney, has been notified of his appointment to the staff of the R.A.M.C., and leaves by the R.M.S. Mongolia ... on Thursday next for London."

The *Gazette* followed with this in their 10 April 1916 edition, in a similar section: "ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE. *Royal Army Medical Corps*." It reads: "The undermentioned temporary Lieutenants to be temporary Captains:— Dated 26th March 1916. Harold J. Penny, M.B."

In exactly one year, Penny had entered the service and been promoted to Captain. Under unprecedented and nightmarish conditions, Penny was obviously excelling.

Following the war, the *Medical Directory of 1919* listed Penny's practice as having been in his hometown at "23, Osborne Street, Hackney, Adelaide, S.A." Penny have returned to Australia and hung out a shingle after witnessing the carnage of the war. Considering the chemical warfare, as well as the technological advances made in the efficient mechanized destruction of soldiers, during the worldwide conflict, one shudders to think of some of the horrors he witnessed ones that would have made those gunshot simple gunshot wounds treated in Adelaide seem extremely mild by comparison.

But records at Britain's National Archives at Kew contain the following record: "Divorce Court File: 8145. Appellant: Harold John Penny. Respondent: Winifred Annie Penny. Co-respondent: Frederick Haddon Rowat. Type: Husband's petition for divorce. Covering dates: 1925."

F. H. Rowat was a dentist. His description in the 1960 edition of *The Author's & Writer's Who's Who* reads: "ROWAT, Frederick Haddon, FDS, HDD, LDS b: India 1894. e: Merchant Venturers Sch. Bristol, m: Munro-Chick. d: 2. Dentist, publ.: This Won't Hurt a Bit (J. Wright); The Palmy Days of British Oratory (Ceylon Times), a: Braeside, North Petherton, Somerset."

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CHRISTIAN	Age	Given	SURNAME	Address	File	Notes	Location	Ref.
1	25		Rowat		57		London, W.C.	
2	26		Penny, Harold		58		Adelaide, S.A.	England
3	27		Adelaide		59		Adelaide, S.A.	
4	28		Wright, Elizabeth		60		Adelaide, S.A.	
5	29		Rowat		61		Adelaide, S.A.	
6	30		Rowat		62		Adelaide, S.A.	
7	31		Wright, David		63		Adelaide, S.A.	
8	32		Rowat		64		Adelaide, S.A.	
9	33		Penny, Harold		65		Adelaide, S.A.	

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In 1938, at the age of 50, Dr. Penny sailed into Southampton aboard the steam ship *Balmoral Castle* of the Union-Castle Line on 19 September from Madeira. His address is handwritten as "28 Windmill St., Tunstall, Stoke/Trent."

This address is corroborated by a 1950 Stoke-on-Trent telephone directory, which lists his practice—clearly a partnership—in this way:

Penny, H. J. & Fee, S. R, Physns, Srgns,

28 Windmill St, Tunstall Stoke-on-Trent 87642

His residence is listed as:

Penny, Dr. H. J,

Claremont Porthill Stoke-on-Trent 88180

The *Medical Directory of 1961*, however, lists the practice as being called "Penny, Fee, Wojtulewski, & Neill."

THE MEDICAL REGISTER FOR 1959, COMMONWEALTH LIST			
Name.	Address.	Date of Registration.	Qualifications.
Penington, John Stewart	3, Windsor avenue, Kew, Melbourne, Australia	1950, Aug. 21	M.B., B.S. 1951, M.D. 1955, U. Melb.; M.R.A.C.P. 1955; M.R.C.P. Lond., 1958
Penn, Henry Peter	35, Balmore road, Balwyn, E.8, Victoria, Australia	1953, Nov. 23	M.B., B.S. 1948, U. Melb.
Penn, Israel	90, Siemert road, Doornfontein, Johannesburg, S. Africa	1955, May 6	M.B., B.Ch. 1952, U. Witwatersrand; F.R.C.S. Eng., 1956
Penn, Jack, M.B.E.	81, St. Patrick road, Houghton, Johannesburg, S. Africa	1935, Sept. 4	M.B., B.Ch. 1932, U. Witwatersrand
Pennal, George Fred ..	Medical Arts Bldg., Toronto, 5, Canada	1939, Sept. 1	L.M.S. Nfld. M. Bd., 1939; M.Ch.Orth. U. Lpool., 1939; F.R.C.S. Edin., 1940
Penny, Harold John ..	28, Holland street, Tunstall, Staffs.	1915, May 3	M.B., B.S. 1913, U. Adelaide
Peggs, Jack	36, Ferncroft avenue, Hampstead, London, N.W.3	1948, Oct. 20	M.B., B.Ch. 1935, U. Witwatersrand; M.R.C.P. Lond., 1949; M.R.C.P. Edin., 1949
Perclval, Ralph	384, Main street, Lachute, Co. of Arg., Quebec, Canada	1932, April 11	L.M.S. N. Scotia P.M. Bd., 1931; M.D., C.M. 1931, Dalhousie U.

In the *Medical Directory for 1959, Commonwealth List*, Penny is listed as practicing at "28, Holland Street, Tunstall, Staffs," and it indicates his "Date of Registration" as having been 3 May 1915—coincidental with his arrival for service in the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Penny began playing tournament croquet, just before his trip to Spain, having competed in the North of England from 27 June to 2 July 1938. He also played that tournament in 1939, as well as in the Derbyshire Championship and for Hurlingham's Younger Cup, in which he beat Aimee Reckitt.

After the war, Penny—58 years of age in the summer of 1946—returned to the lawns. His career post-war record can be found in the database of the [Croquet Association](#) by clicking [HERE](#).

Although the CA records Penny as an opponent of the Mills siblings—George, Agnes, and Violet—just 3 times (1-2 versus Agnes Mills), results from the London *Times* provide some evidence that—aside from doubles games which included George Mills—Penny played Violet Mills at least 3 times. He lost to her in 1960 (Parkstone) and twice (Budleigh Salterton). In fact, there is no evidence Penny ever beat Vi Mills.

Six career games against the Mills siblings may not seem like a great deal, but it does make him one of their arch enemies here—especially figuring in his appearances as a doubles partner and opponent of one or the other of the sibs.

The Times also records the Mills siblings as having encountered a C. H. R. Penny during their time playing croquet, although I also cannot locate him in the database. The Pennys played doubles together at least once, on 15 September 1960 at Parkstone, where they lost to the tandem of George Mills and Bryan Lloyd-Pratt (-13).

A 1960 telephone directory for Southampton lists a C. H. R. Penny as residing at Chaffyn Grove Cottage, 75 Bourne Avenue, with telephone number "Salisbury 2905."

[Update: This was received today, 6 July 2011, from Mr. Williams of the CA:

CHR (Christopher) Penny is in the 1946-1984 database. Search for Christopher Penny. I have 14 games for him between 1957 and 1963. ... For career information on Christopher H. R. Penny, click [HERE](#). ...

The database records no games against them, but C. H. R. Penny played singularly against the Mills at least once: He defeated Violet Mills in the Level Singles Final at Parkstone in 1960, according to *The Times*.]

Were the two Pennys related, they would have played even more matches as a family against the Mills family—hence, their inclusion here.

A member of what we recently saw referred to as "Croquet's Old Brigade," Dr. H. J. Penny died in Bournemouth, Dorset, England in March 1968. As far as we know, he never remarried. Penny played croquet from 1938 through 1967, winning 232 of 513 post-war games.

<http://www.whoisgeorgemills.com/2011/10/new-information-lady-frances-ryder-jack.html>

PENNY, Harold John, Captain (1888-1968). MB BS Adel 1913. Penny was born in Semaphore SA, the youngest son of Charles James Penny, a teller in the Bank of Adelaide, and his wife Emma Stephens. He was educated at St Peter's College and Adelaide University. He rowed for the University in 1911 and again in 1912. After graduation he completed his residency at Adelaide Hospital and the Children's Hospital. During the former term, he made the papers three times for treating patients with gunshot wounds. He was commissioned in the RAMC in March 1915 and sailed for England on the RMS Mongolia. The first thing that he did on arrival in England was to get married, to Winifred Annie Lake from Bristol. Penny was promoted Captain in March 1916. He returned to Australia after the war, and set up practice in Nailsworth SA, but evidently Winifred did not care for Australia, and the couple returned to England. They were divorced in 1925 on the grounds of Winifred's adultery with a dentist, Frederick Rowat. The same year Penny married a vicar's daughter from Harrow-on-the Hill, Mary Violet Ridsdale (1901-1974). They returned to Nailsworth, but in 1928 announced their intention of moving to Western Australia. It is uncertain how long they remained there, but before 1938 they had returned to England to settle at Tunstall, Staffs. Penny was a world class player of croquet. He died in Bournemouth in 1968.

Dr Robert Likeman (Gallipoli Doctors, The Australian Doctors at War Series, Volume 1)

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Additional Biography

Early Life

Harold John Penny was born at Semaphore, South Australia on the 24th of June 1888, the youngest son of Charles James Penny and Emma Stephens. He was baptised at St. Bede's, Semaphore on the 26th of August 1888.

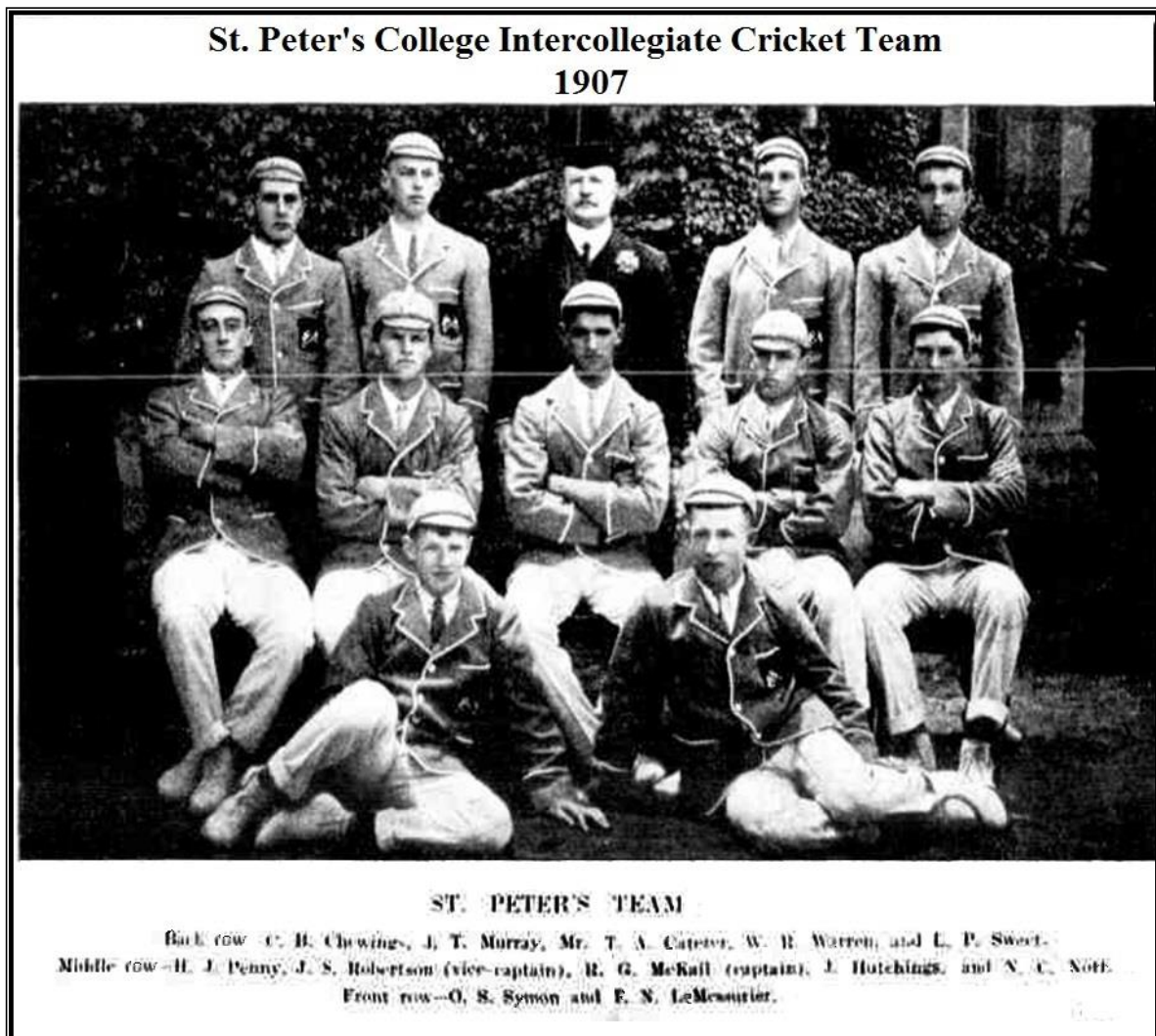
Harold's seven siblings were Evelyn Emma (b 8 Dec 1870, Hackney), Clifton Raymond (b 14 Mar 1872, Hackney), Blanche Maud (b 16 April 1874, Hackney), Gertrude Mabel (b 15 Oct 1876, Hackney), Edward Arnold (b 31 Oct 1879, Hackney), Violet Mary (b 4 Oct 1881, Hackney) and Bertram Stephens (b 6 May 1885, Semaphore).

Harold's father, Charles Penny, was a well-known and highly esteemed South Australian citizen. He became private secretary to the Hon. G. M. Waterhouse. When the Bank of Adelaide was opened in 1865, Mr. Penny was appointed its first clerk by the late Sir Henry Ayers. He remained on the staff of the bank until he was about 25 years of age. However due to failing eyesight he lived the last 50 years of his life in retirement, passing away in 1919, aged 76.

Schooling

Harold probably commenced his schooling at a local school, but from Form III (1899) he attended St Peter's College, Hackney. He was awarded the Form Prize for June 1899. In 1903, he passed 6 subjects in the Junior Examinations and in 1905, he passed three Senior Examination subjects and in 1906 he passed a further five Senior Examinations and in 1907, he completed three subjects in the Higher Public Examinations. He also passed the Senior Examination in English Literature in March 1908.

While at St Peter's College, Harold played cricket for the college from 1905-1907 and he was a member of their Inter-collegiate team in each of those years and in December 1907 he represented St Peter's College in the Australian Public Schools Championship held in Melbourne.



HJ Penny Middle Row – Far Right

"INTERSTATE SCHOOLS' MATCH: PLAYED ON THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL GROUND.
" *The Australasian (Melbourne, Vic. : 1864 - 1946)* 28 December 1907



HJ Penny and FN Le Messurier (St Peter's College, Adelaide)

Adelaide University

Harold commenced studying medicine at the University of Adelaide in 1908 and gained his MB BS in 1913. In 1910, he was a member of the Committee of the University Medical Association and he attended the University Ball in 1912 and 1913. His elder brothers Clifton and Bertram both completed their Final Certificates in Law at Adelaide University in 1893 and 1908 respectively.

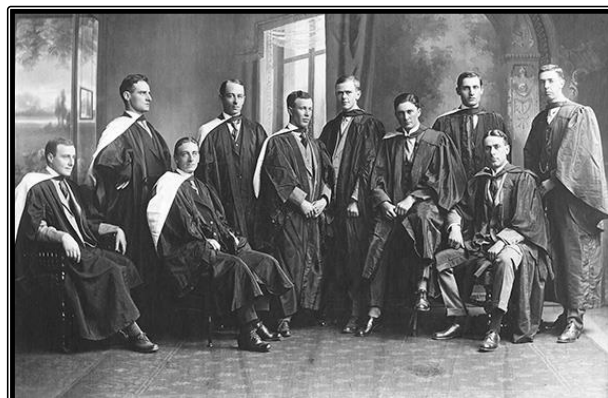
Second Year Medical Students – labelled "The 'ruffians' of 1909"



HJ Penny – The prominent figure under the brick arch

Included are Prof. Watson, A.E. Williams, S. Holder, L.G. Tassie, H.C. Nott, J. Gardner, K. Godfrey, F.N. Le Messurier, G.H. Burnell, H.J. Penny, R.A. Baker, F.E. Osborn, H.C.C. Rennie.

Adelaide University Medical Graduates 1913



HJ Penny – Seated Second from Left

*Standing : Walter John Westcott Close, Laurance Llewellyn Davey, Frederick Neill Le Messurier, John Christian Mayo, Harry Carew Nott, Sydney Ernest Holder and Joseph Stanley Verco
Seated : Reginald Blockley Lucas, Harold John Penny and Harold Powell*

University Sport

Cricket

Howard commenced playing cricket for the Adelaide University Cricket Club in the 1908/09 season. He was a member of the first side to play in the SACA A Grade competition. In the match against Glenelg also a new team he took 1 wicket for 27 runs.

Adelaide University Cricket Club's 1st Match in the SACA A Grade Competition

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931),

Monday 5 October 1908, page 11

GLENELG VERSUS UNIVERSITY.

The match between the Glenelg and University teams, begun on Saturday afternoon on the Glenelg Oval, was of especial interest, as both teams made their initial appearance in A grade cricket. The turf wicket was somewhat dead, but will improve under the influence of warmer weather. The University captain (O. E. Dolling) won the toss and elected to bat. H. Rankin and G. C. Campbell were the first batsmen, the bowlers being J. Laycock and F. T. Hack (captain of Glenelg). The duty of wicket-keeping was entrusted to C. Keaneally, and he carried it out well. The first wicket to fall was Campbell's, his stumps being scattered by Laycock after he had compiled 27 runs out of a total of 45. Dolling made things merry by opening his account with a boundary hit. With the score at 53 Rankin was run out. Drew followed, and helped Dolling to increase the total to 105. W. A. V. Drew soon fell a victim to Laycock's bowling. With the score at 177 Wilton became associated with Dolling, who had collared the bowling, and was giving a masterly exhibition of batting. At this stage Dolling passed the century, and received an ovation. On bringing his total to 112, and with the total at 201 he gave the wicketkeeper a chance, which was accepted. Included in his score were 15 boundary hits, and the seven bowlers who were tried received the same impartial treatment from him. Wilton and Davies remained not out with 21 and 27 to their credit respectively. Scores:—

UNIVERSITY.	
H. Rankin, run out	10
G. C. Campbell, b. J. Laycock	27
C. E. Dolling, st. Keaneally, b. Candy ..	112
C. F. Drew, st. Keaneally, b. Laycock ..	27
W. A. V. Drew, b. J. Laycock	6
A. C. Wilton, not out	19
C. R. Davies, not out	27
Sunries	2

Total (for five wickets) 220

Bowling.				
	R.	M.	W.	R.
J. Laycock	126	3	3	87
Hack	78	1	0	29
Candy	72	2	1	45
Measley	54	0	0	26
Heddie	38	0	0	24
Jacobs	24	0	0	20
Yull	6	0	0	6

Heddie bowled one no-ball.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931),

Monday 12 October 1908, page 9 (10)

GLENELG AND UNIVERSITY DRAW.

The University eleven, who had lost five wickets for 230 runs on the Glenelg Oval on the previous Saturday, declared their innings closed. F. T. Hack and H. Candy opened the innings for the meanders, but after a few runs had been made Candy was cleverly caught by Jay off the bowling of Davis. D. McRae stepped into the vacant crease, and after compiling 11 he fell a victim to Cowan. M. Jacobs (a Geelong College batsman) and Hack then became associated, and runs came freely from the bat of the former. On reaching 60 Jacobs was smartly caught by Wilton. When stumps were drawn Glenelg had lost five wickets for 210 runs, and the game ended in a draw in favor of Glenelg. The chief feature of the game was the good fielding of the University men. Scores:—

First innings.

GLENELG.

J. T. Hack, b. Dolling	47
H. Candy, c. Jay, b. Davis	2
M. Jacobs, c. Wilton, b. Rankin	69
D. McRae, st. Campbell, b. Cowan	11
P. Laycock, c. Jay, b. Penny	21
H. Measley, not out	27
T. M. Waddy, not out	16
Byes, 6; leg-byes, 6; wide, 1; no-balls, 2	15

Total (for five wickets) 210

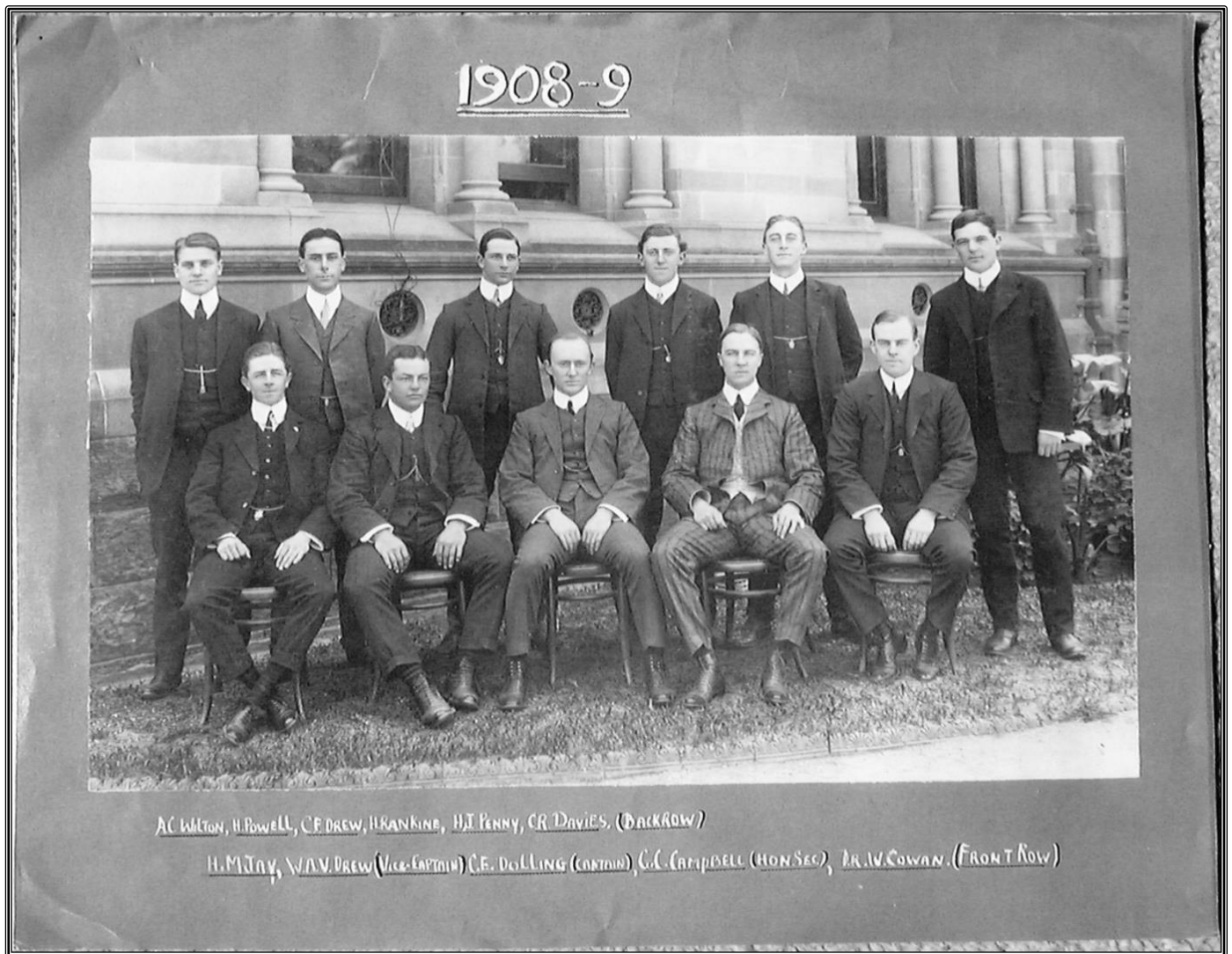
Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
C. R. Davies	10.4	3	27	1
D. R. Cowan	16	1	50	1
H. Powell	6	1	21	—
C. E. Dolling	13	1	33	1
H. M. Jay	3	—	15	—
H. Penny	8	—	27	1
H. Rankin	8	—	10	1

C. E. Dolling bowled one wide and H. M. Jay two no-balls.

In a later match against Port Adelaide, he batted well for 69 runs and was the principal partner of his captain, C.E. Dolling, who scored a magnificent 189. Primarily a bowler, that big score was his best of the season and he finished with batting statistics of 10 innings, 1 not out, 189 runs and an average of 15.44. His bowling figures were 87.1 overs, 10 maidens, 333 runs, 14 wickets with an average of 23.78.

The University Cricket Club's First Team in 1908/09 Season



H.J. Penny – Back Row – Second from Right

Back Row: A. C. Wilton, H. Powell, C. F. Drew, H. O. A. Rankin, H. J. Penny, C. R. Davies.

Front Row: H. M. Jay, W. A. V. Drew (vice-captain), C. E. Dolling (captain), G. C. Campbell (Hon. Sec.), D. R. W. Cowan.

Howard played for a St Peter's Old Collegiates team in a match against Lord Dudley's team at the St Peter's College ground in February 1909. In November 1909, Harold again batted well against Port Adelaide batted scoring 41 not out and assisting CF Drew (117 not out) in staving off defeat in the match.

"CRICKET." *The Express and Telegraph* (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922) 2 December 1910

It is pleasing to note that most of the members of the University eleven were successful at the recent examinations. It is evident that their sport does not affect their studies. E. B. Jones, by passing his fifth year in medicine, has qualified for his degree as a doctor. It is probable that he will be chosen as the next Rhodes scholar from South Australia. G. C. Campbell passed his final LL.B. examination, and will shortly be admitted to the bar. C. F. Drew, A. C. Wilton, and C. E. Dolling passed in the fourth year in medicine; H. J. Penny and F. N. LeMessurier got through in the second year of medicine, and K. N. Steele in the first. H. O. Rankin gained a pass in his legal course.

AUCC First Inter-Varsity Team 1910



HJ Penny – Back Row – Fourth from Left

Harold represented the University at the Intervarsity in Sydney in December 1910 scoring 17 in the first innings. Unfortunately, he did not take any wickets for the match and he scored a duck in the second innings of the game, which was won by Sydney.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Wednesday 28 December 1910, page 8

INTER-VARSITY MATCH. SYDNEY DEFEATS ADELAIDE.

SYDNEY, December 27.
 Teams representative of the Adelaide and Sydney Universities respectively commenced a match on Saturday. The home team was not strong in its composition, but it defeated the visitors by 6 wickets. Scores:—

ADELAIDE.		SYDNEY.	
First Innings.		First Innings.	
Drew, c. Toser, b. McIntosh	92	Toser, c. Davies, b. Wilton	110
Wilton, b. Maesie	50	Fisher, c. Campbell, b. Seppelt ..	19
Campbell, c. Toser, b. Stack	18	Lamrock, b. Osborne	5
Le Messurier, l.b.w., b. Stack	13	McIntosh, c. Jones, b. Osborne ..	8
Dolling, c. Lamrock, b. Maesie	56	Broughton, b. Wilton	26
Davies, b. Maesie	1	Stack, b. Jones	73
Rankin, c. and b. French	9	James, b. Wilton	4
Osborne, l.b.w., b. French	0	Inglis, b. Wilton	2
Penny, b. Stack	17	Maesie, b. Wilton	1
Seppelt, c. Maesie, b. Stack	0	Utz, not out	31
Jones, not out	31	French, c. Drew, b. Jones	0
Sundries	30	Sundries	14
Total	317	Total	295
Bowling.—Stack, 4 for 72; Maesie, 3 for 32; French, 2 for 37; McIntosh, 1 for 26.		Bowling.—Wilton, 5 for 51; Jones, 2 for 97; Seppelt, 1 for 54; Osborne, 2 for 58; Penny, 0 for 21.	
Second Innings.		Second Innings.	
Davies, c. Stack, b. Maesie	0	Toser, c. Campbell, b. Osborne	42
Campbell, c. Utz, b. Lamrock	9	Fisher, c. and b. Seppelt	32
Osborne, b. Maesie	4	Lamrock, c. Campbell, b. Osborne ..	3
Dolling, c. French, b. Maesie	30	Macintosh, c. Le Messurier, b. Jones	23
Drew, c. and b. Maesie	23	Broughton, not out	23
Wilton, c. Maesie, b. French	7	Stack, not out	20
Le Messurier, b. Maesie	0	Sundries	13
Jones, b. Lamrock	36		
Rankin, b. McIntosh	12	Total for four wickets	156
Penny, c. James, b. Macintosh	0	Bowling.—Osborne, 2 for 24; Seppelt, 1 for 30; Jones, 1 for 50; Le Messurier, 0 for 2; Wilton, 0 for 42; Davies, 0 for 5.	
Seppelt, not out	0	Sydney won by 6 wickets.	
Sundries	8		
Total	129		
Bowling.—Maesie, 5 for 46; Stack, 0 for 25; Lamrock, 2 for 22; French, 1 for 18; Broughton, 0 for 9; Macintosh, 2 for 1.			

The 1910/11 season was a less successful season for Harold with both the bat and ball. He continued to play for the club in both the 1911/12 and 1912/13 season but with limited success at A Grade level.

"THE AVERAGES."

The Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922) 31 March 1911

UNIVERSITY.					
Batting.					
	Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Ttl.	Avg.
C. F. Drew	14	3	225*	572	52.
C. E. Dolling... ..	9	1	185*	402	50.25
F. Le Messurier ..	10	4	60*	184	30.60
G. C. Campbell ..	12	1	82	249	22.08
A. C. Wilton	11	1	57*	223	22.3
H. B. Willamore ..	12	1	93	227	20.68
H. O. Rankin	12	2	56	179	17.9
F. E. Osborn	4	1	29*	49	16.33
L. W. Davies	7	1	21	82	13.66
K. N. Steele	7	2	14	43	9.6
E. B. Jones	6	1	20	45	9.
Also batted—H. J. Penny, 4, 1, 3; G. Fisher, 8*, 7; H. W. D. Stoddart, 9; J. Londrigan, 0, 26, 0; H. C. Nott, 14, 0; C. Davies, 0; N. E. Seppelt, 3, 0*.					
Bowling.					
	O.	M.	W.	R.	Avg.
A. C. Wilton	47.5	6	13	146	11.15
J. Londrigan	30	2	8	111	14.62
E. B. Jones	154.3	10	27	561	20.7
K. N. Steele	104	24	12	272	22.68
H. B. Willamore ..	189.4	16	32	732	22.87
H. J. Penny	34	6	3	103	34.33
F. E. Osborn	49	6	4	146	36.5
Also bowled—C. E. Dolling, 16 o., 4 m., 51 r.; H. O. Rankin, 6 o., 17 r.; C. F. Drew, 4 o., 1 m., 17 r.; C. Davies, 12 o., 3 m., 53 r.; L. W. Davies, 1 o., 1 w., 5 r.; H. Stoddart, 1 o., 5 r.; G. C. Campbell, 6 o., 3 w., 28 r.; F. Le Messurier, 3 o., 1 m., 1 w., 5 r.; N. E. Seppelt, 14 o., 2 m., 2 w., 35 r.					

Boat

Harold joined the Adelaide University Boat Club. He rowed for the Medical School in the Adelaide University Schools Regatta in 1910. By February 1911, he was in Seat 2 for the University Eight and he rowed in Seat 2 again in the 1911 Autumn Regatta and at the Henley-on-Torrens in December 1912 he was in Seat 4.

Harold rowed in two Intervarsity boat races. He was in Seat 4 for Adelaide University in the Intervarsity in June 1911 and weighed 11 stone 6 lbs and in Seat 4 again in the Intervarsity in June 1912. He was praised in 'The Sun', Sydney for his graft from the sound of the gun to the end of the race in the 1912 race.

"VARSITY BOAT RACE." *The Sun (Sydney, NSW : 1910 - 1954) 2 June 1912*

The Adelaide boat was sat by probably the pluckiest crew that ever donned the colors of their University. It will not be too hard on the other members of the crew to mention that No. 4 (Penny) would have won the race by himself had the matter been in his own hands. He "grafted" from the sound of the gun, and never left off till the race was all over.

"INTER-'VARSITY BOAT RACE." *The Sun* (Sydney, NSW : 1910 - 1954) 31 May 1912
1912 - Adelaide University Intervarsity Crew

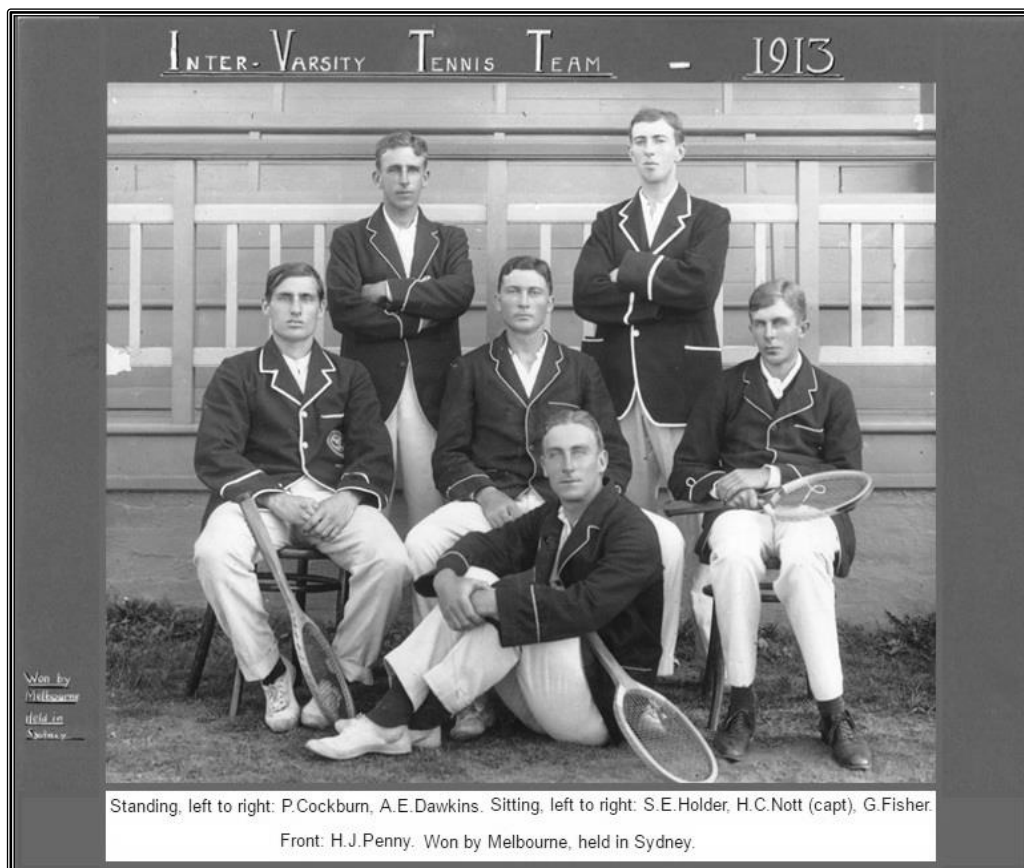


HJ Penny – Back Row – Second from Right

Tennis

Harold was an excellent tennis player and from 1909 to 1915, he competed in the annual tennis tournament conducted by the South Australian Lawn Tennis Association. He was often partnered by his sister Violet in mixed doubles matches. He represented Adelaide University at Intervarsity Tennis in Sydney in 1913.

1913 - Inter Varsity Tennis Team



Other Sports

In addition to his sporting activities at Adelaide University and his involvement in tennis mentioned above, Harold also swam in the 1909 OBI Swimming Carnival and competed in the Beginners handicap at the 1909 Amateur Athletics competition.

Pre-War Career

After gaining his MB BS in December 1913, Harold was registered as a fully qualified medical practitioner later that month and in January 1914, he was appointed a resident medical officer and the Adelaide Hospital for 12 months. He undertook roles at both the Adelaide Hospital and the Adelaide Children's Hospital.

In December 1914, Harold competed in the tennis championship tournament on the Victorian Association Grounds. And was pictured in the 'Weekly Times' competing in the Handicap Doubles (see below).

"TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT ON THE VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION'S GROUND"

Weekly Times (Melbourne, Vic. : 1869 - 1954) 5 December 1914



HJ Penny and DW Aitken

World War I

After the outbreak of WWI, Harold enlisted with the Royal Army Medical Corps. He left for the UK onboard the 'Mongolia' on Thursday the 25th of March 1915.

"CONCERNING PEOPLE." *The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929) 20 March 1915*

Dr. Harold J. Penny, late of the Adelaide and Children's Hospitals, and youngest son of Mr. C. J. Penny (Hackney), has been notified of his appointment to the staff of the R.A.M.C., and will leave by the Mongolia on Thursday for London.

"CONCERNING PEOPLE." *The Register* (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929) 21 May 1915

Lieut. H. J. Penny has sent a cable message to his parents in Adelaide, stating that he has been ordered into camp at Torquay, England. He expects that his regiment will shortly proceed to the front.

Harold married Winifred Annie Lake in the second quarter of 1915 in the Registration District of Bristol. Further brief details of Harold's War Service are in the 'Blood, Sweat and Fears' biography above. He was initially appointed a temporary Lieutenant but was promoted to Captain in April 1916. He proceeded to France on active service on the 6th of November 1916.

Sadly, for the Penny family, Harold's mother passed away on the 9th of June 1918 on the 71st anniversary of her birth.

"Obituary." *Chronicle* (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954) 20 July 1918

Mrs. Emma Penny, wife of Mr. Charles James Penny, of "Alta Mira," Hackney, died on July 9, on the 71st anniversary of her birthday. Her husband, four sons, Messrs. Clifton R. Penny, barrister, of Sydney, and E. Arnold Penny, headmaster of the Underwood Business Training College, Western Australia; Lieutenant B. S. Penny (late A.I.F.), barrister, of Adelaide, and Captain H. J. Penny, R.A.M.C., of England; and four daughters, Misses E. E. Penny (State Children's Department), G. M. Penny (Pensions' Office), Mrs. W. L. Hunter, of Western Australia, and Sister V. M. Penny (Queen Alexandra's Army Nursing Reserve, England; and 10 grandchildren, survive her.

Harold returned to Australia at some time after his mother's death. He was back in Adelaide before the 9th of October 1918 as on that date 'The Register' included his name for registering a 4hp Triumph motor cycle and in November 1918, he registered a 13.9 Rover motor car.

Harold commenced the duties of acting deputy superintendent at the Parkside Mental Hospital on Monday 28th of October 1918.

"DOCTOR FOE PARKSIDE HOSPITAL."

***The Mail* (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954) 26 October 1918**

DOCTOR FOR PARKSIDE HOSPITAL.
On Monday the duties of acting deputy superintendent at the Parkside Mental Hospital will be undertaken by Surgeon-Capt. Penny. For the past fortnight the work pertaining to that office has been performed by Surgeon-Mjr. Steele.

Harold's brother Bertram Stephen enlisted on the 14th of June 1915 and rose to the rank of Lieutenant in the Infantry. Tragically he died on the 3rd of November 1919, aged 34, of melancholia depression attributed to war service.

For more details on Bertram's life see the Virtual War Memorial Australia website at:

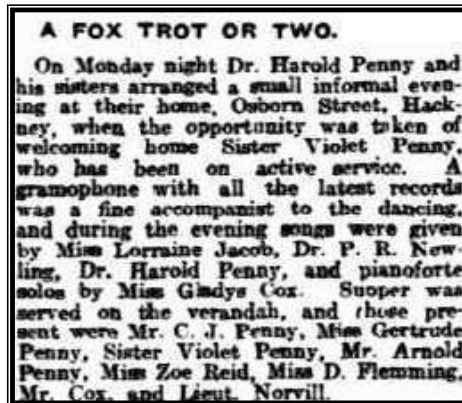
<https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/289063>.

Harold's sister Violet was a staff nurse who volunteered for war service; she left Australia on the 9th of October 1915. More details of her war service are at the Grave Secrets website at <http://ww1nurses.gravesecrets.net/pe.html>.

Post War Career & Family Life

We have been unable to locate any evidence that Harold's wife Winifred travelled to Australia. Dr. H.J. Penny's name appeared frequently in the social columns of South Australian newspapers attending dances and race meetings, but there is no mention of Mrs Penny during the November 1918 to July 1925 period. Harold initially lived with his sisters at their home at Osborne Street, Hackney and it was there in late February 1919 that they arranged a small party to welcome home Sister Violet Penny, who had recently returned from War service in England.

The Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954) 1 March 1919



In March 1919, Harold was again acting deputy superintendent of the Parkside Mental Hospital due to the absence through illness of Dr Lind.

Harold's father, Charles Penny died at his home at Hackney, aged 76, on the 24th of December 1919, just over two months after the death of his son, Bertram.

By September 1920, Harold had commenced a practice at 151 Main North Road, Nailsworth, SA. In March 1922, he was appointed deputy superintendent of the Enfield Receiving House (a Government run facility which opened in 1922 for the observation and temporary treatment of patients who were not certified).

Harold's main sport after his return to South Australia was tennis. He competed in the Interstate tennis matches in November 1922, winning both his matches but was beaten in the singles championship by T.K. Fitchett.

"The Interstate Tennis Matches Reveal Some Promising Talent" *Sporting Globe (Melbourne, Vic. : 1922 - 1954) 22 November 1922*



Harold played A Grade tennis for the Hyde Park Tennis Club and was pictured below during a match in December 1923. Hyde Park won the 1923/24 A Grade Premiership.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954) 14 December 1923



"HYDE PARK PREMIERS FOR 1923-4."

The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929) 29 February 1924



HJ Penny – Front Row - Left

Harold purchased a new car (18.2 Essex) in November 1923, but in March 1925 he replaced the Essex, purchasing a Baby Citroen fitted with a three-seater deluxe body from the Maughan-Thiem Motor Company.

After his success with Hyde Park in the 1923/24 season, Harold then decided to play competitive Croquet for the Fitzroy Club in the summer of 1924/25. A later newspaper report states that he commenced playing croquet when he was recovering for an appendix operation. In May 1925, at the South Australian Croquet Championships, Harold won the Gold Medal.

On the 29th of January 1924, Miss Mary Violet Ridsdale arrived at Albany, WA onboard the *Runic* having departed from London. She was the elder daughter of A.H.W. Ridsdale, the vicar at Christ Church, Roxeth, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex (now part of Greater London). It is not clear when Mary arrived in Adelaide, but in December 1924, Harold and Mary were partners in the mixed doubles at the Metropolitan Tennis Championships and by July 1925, the couple were engaged.

In July 1925, Harold left Adelaide for Sydney where he was to join the *Osterley*, en-route for England. While in Britain, it was reported that he would 'pursue the study of nervous diseases, and afterwards proceed to the Continent and America in continuation of his investigations'. Harold and Mary were given a farewell by members of the Fitzroy Croquet Club.

Once back in Britain, Harold obtained a divorce from his former wife, Winifred and on the 7th of November 1925, he married Mary Ridsdale at her father's church. Photographs of the wedding appeared in the South Australian papers in December 1925 and January 1926.

MARRIED IN ENGLAND."

Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931) 26 December 1925



The couple departed from Liverpool, England on the 'Metagama' bound for St John, Canada on the 28th of November 1925 arriving back in Adelaide via the Melbourne Express on the 14th of January 1926.

Back in Adelaide Harold returned to his practice at Nailsworth and to playing both croquet and tennis. In June 1928, he competed in the doctors' annual golf competition. He also regularly attended race meetings.

"Latest Gossip from the Playing Fields"

Saturday Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1929) 22 October 1927

Dr. H. J. Penny is one of the most attractive tennis players in this State. I can remember the crowds who used to congregate at the back of the Adelaide Oval stands when tournaments were played there to watch the versatility of this earnest worker. For two seasons he has been playing B grade for Hyde Park. What a strong team that club has when it can spare such a man from their A team.

Penny is "seeing them" this year, and he confounded the critics by defeating W. R. James in a long match. Rowe disposed of the energetic doctor eventually.

"Mac" McPharlin gave Penny a shock in the B grade competition by taking the first set from him and leading 4-1 in the next before he tired.

Harold and Mary's first two children were born in Adelaide, John Ridsdale Penny (born 19th of October 1926) and Frances Barbara (known as Barbara born 3rd of December 1927).

In July 1928, Harold resigned from his role as deputy superintendant of the Enfield Receiving Home and in August 1928, the family moved from Adelaide to the suburb of Claremont in Perth, Western Australia.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954) 10 August 1928

Dr. Harold J. Penny, formerly of Main North road, Nailsworth, this morning left by the East-West express for Perth to take up a medical practice in that city. Dr. Penny, for many years was a well-known A Grade and interstate tennis player in Adelaide. He was tendered a farewell social by members of Hyde Park Tennis Club, where Sir David Gordon (president), Messrs. George Hoyle, H. M. Smith, and S. G. Cocks eulogised the sportsmanship and popularity of Dr. Penny. An inkstand suitably inscribed was handed to the guest.

The Electoral Rolls for 1929, gave the couples address as 172 Perth-Fremantle Road, Claremont. Some time before October 1931, the pregnant Mrs Mary Penny along with John and Barbara returned to the UK as Harold and Mary's second son (Christopher Henry Ridsdale Penny was born on the 17th of October 1930 at Harrow, England).

In April 1931, Harold won the Western Australian Veterans' Singles Championship (tennis). Harold continued to practice in WA until October 1931. He then travelled to Adelaide and then to Melbourne (to attend the Melbourne Cup) and to Sydney. He left Sydney on the 24th of November 1931 to join his family in England.

Dr. H. J. Penny, formerly a State tennis player for South Australia, is in Adelaide on his way from Western Australia to Victoria.
He will leave for Melbourne tomorrow



FORMER STATE TENNIS PLAYER

—Dr. H. J. Penny, who has been in Adelaide for the past week. He has given up his practice in Western Australia, and tomorrow will leave for Melbourne on his way to England.

to see the Cup, and will leave Sydney for England on November 24. He will join his wife and three children in England, and will probably remain there.

Dr. Penny was noted in Adelaide for his wonderful variety of services and his spectacular tactics. He did not play much in Western Australia, but during his stay there he won a veterans' event.

In England, Harold moved to Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. His address in the UK was said to be 18 Windmill St, Tunstall (Note - later documents give their address as 28 Windmill St).

Harold's name did occasionally appear in Australia newspapers after his return to England. For example, in January 1934 'The Advertiser' reported that Harold had received a gift of South Australia fruit, sent to him by his old school friend Dr. H.C. Nott and in December 1937, the 'News' reported that Harold was now playing some cricket and hoped to arrange a trip back to Australia to follow a Test series around the country (see below).

Harold and Mary's third son, Stephen Ridsdale Penny was born on the 30th of June 1938.

Harold returned to playing croquet by 1938 with great success. In August 1938, it was reported in 'The Advertiser' that in the North of England championships, Harold had been runner-up in both the singles and doubles competitions (see below).

"GIFT FOR OLD SCHOOL FRIEND"

GIFT FOR OLD SCHOOL FRIEND Order From Dr. Nott To Dr. H. J. Penny

Dr. H. J. Penny, a former South Australian now practising in Staffordshire (Eng.), is to receive a gift of fruit from an old school friend, Dr. H. C. Nott.

He will be remembered by many as a tennis player who won his place in the State team in the face of extraordinary obstacles. Serving through the war without a wound, he was knocked down by a bus while on leave, sustaining an injury to his elbow which prevented him from ever making full use of it in his ambition to become a

first-class tennis player. Despite this, he worked himself up to interstate standard and was selected. He continued to play A grade tennis for some years after ceasing to play for the State.

Dr. Penny left South Australia about five or six years ago to settle in Western Australia, but has now been in England for more than a year. He and Dr. Nott were at St. Peter's College together, and have kept in touch with each other ever since they left school.

"I have no doubt he will appreciate a bit of home-grown fruit," said Dr. Nott "but everybody who tastes it appears to do that. Our correspondence latterly has been limited chiefly to such things as Christmas greetings, and I am glad to be able to do this."

Dr. Nott will leave for England himself in March.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954) 27 December 1937

Dr. Penny in England

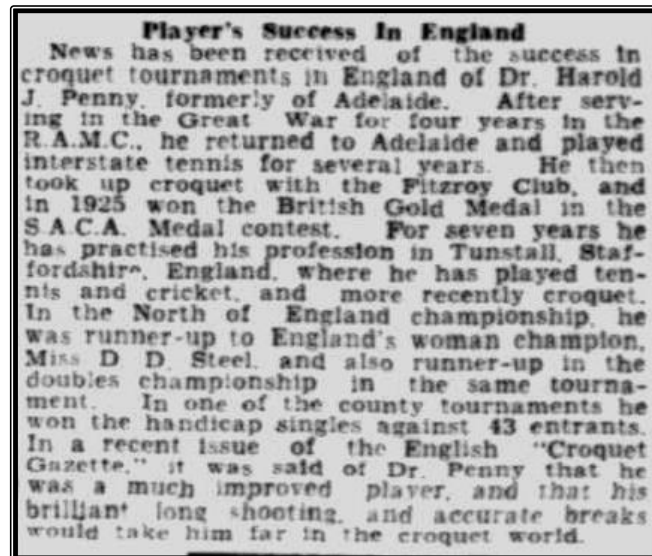
MANY followers of tennis will remember Dr. H. J. Penny. When he was one of the ranked South Australian tennis players he retired from the game for a season and became the South Australian croquet champion—a performance unprecedented in sport in this State.

Writing to a friend from 18 Windmill street, Tunstall, Staffs, Stoke-on-Trent, England, Dr. Penny said he was now playing cricket, but had an occasional game of tennis. It was his ambition, he went on, to arrange a trip to Australia at the same time as the Englishmen were here to play in Tests, and follow them from State to State.

Dr. Penny was probably in more marathon tennis singles here than any other local player. He played Peter Hooper in an electric light tournament on the Hyde Park courts. The committee watched the game after the spectators left, and when they left for home at midnight the match was still on.

"Croquet Pennant Matches"

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954) 25 August 1938



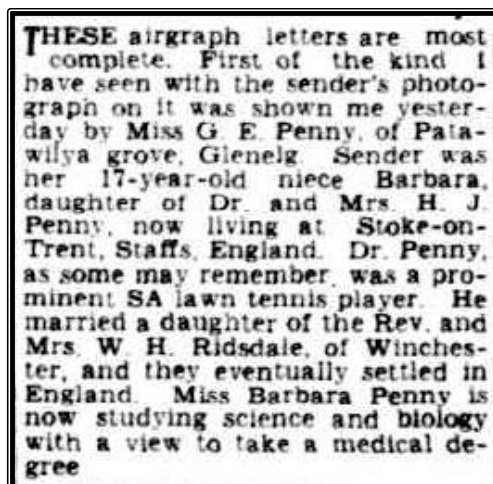
The 1939 'England and Wales Register' records that Harold, Mary and Stephen were living at 28 Windmill St along with two female domestic servants. John (aged 13) was at Cranleigh Junior School Honeshoe Lane, Cranleigh (near Guilford, Surrey) and Christopher (aged 9) at Ringwood and Fordingbridge, Hampshire, England and at school. It is likely that Barbara (aged 12) was also at boarding school.

396	1	Penny Harold G.	-	M	24 June 98	M	Medical Practitioner
	2	Penny Mary V.	-	F	9 Dec 00	M	Unpaid domestic duties
	3	Penny Stephen G.	-	M	30 June 38	G	Under school age
	4	Penny Sarah	-	F	23 Jan 11	G	Domestic servant
BADDELEY	5	Penny Kathleen J.	-	F	2 Nov. 16	G	Domestic servant

World War II

Harold and Mary's eldest son (John) attended Sherborne School, Abbey Road, Sherborne, Dorset. He left the school in 1944 and was a Coder with the Royal Navy during WWII. In January 1944, Barbara sent an airgraph letter to her aunt, Miss G.E. Penny of Glenelg. Barbara was, at this stage, studying science and biology with a view to taking a medical degree.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954) 11 January 1944



Post-WWII

After WWII, Harold resumed playing competitive croquet and in July 1946 he was runner-up in the British Croquet Championship.

"Australian Runner-Up for Croquet Title"

Barrier Miner (Broken Hill, NSW : 1888 - 1954) 19 July 1946

**Australian Runner-Up
For Croquet Title**

LONDON, July 18.—An Australian, Dr. H. J. Penny, was runner-up in the British croquet championship.

It took preparatory school head D. J. V. Hamilton Miller from 10.30 a.m. till 7 p.m. to defeat Dr. Penny by two games to one in the final.

A sports writer criticises the Croquet Association for keeping the game behind closed doors, and says it may die out altogether.

Harold flew to Adelaide in January 1948 to visit his sisters and attended the fourth cricket Test. He stayed in Adelaide until June 1948, then travelled to Sydney to see his brother, before returning to England. This was his first visit to Australia since his departure in late 1931.

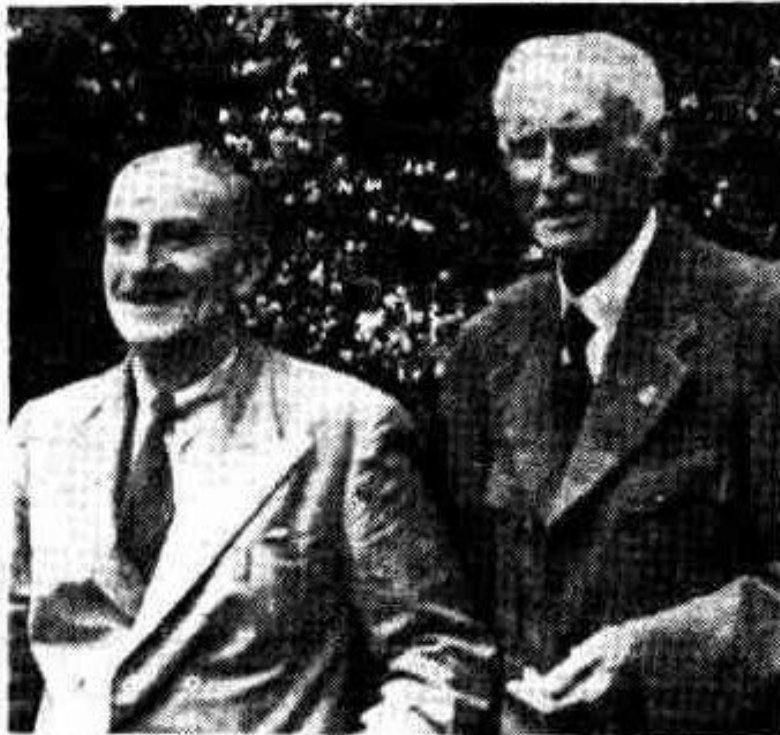
The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954) 16 January 1948

MANY of his friends will be interested to know that Dr. Harold J. Penny (University of Adelaide medical graduate in 1913) will arrive here shortly. He left England by air on January 2, and the passengers were landed at Cyprus until another plane was available.

Popularly known among his intimates here as "Hockett," Dr. Penny has been away from Adelaide for 18 years, and has been practising at Tunstall, Staffordshire. How the time flies. He has now three sons—one on the land and two at school, and a daughter doing Medicine. He was well known here as an interstate tennis player, and for something less strenuous took up croquet for a couple of years. He won a gold medal twice at that gentle game, and subsequently ranked among the British champions. Dr. Penny will stay with his sisters at Austral terrace, Malvern.

I must let you into an amusing secret revealed to me years ago by Dr. Walter Webb, now of West Croydon. They had a house at Upper Sturt, and Dr. Penny was his guest one weekend. Dutiful like, they attended a morning service at the Church of the Epiphany, Crafers, and the Rev. L. T. Maund, I think he was, selected as his text for a sermon—without motive, of course—part of the verse of St. Mark 12 15—"Bring me a penny."

Croquet Star



ADELAIDE-BORN DR. H. J. PENNY (left), one of England's best men croquet players, is in Adelaide with his brother, Mr. Clifton Penny, a Sydney lawyer. They are staying with their sisters at Malvern.

SPORTING DOCTOR "SOLD" ON CROQUET

Former State tennis player, Dr. Harold J. Penny, who has also rowed, played football, cricket, bowls, and golf, is convinced croquet is best of all.

Home from England to visit his family, he is fighting hard to keep croquet on the map.

In 1946 Dr. Penny was runner-up in the English singles championship. The match lasted seven hours.

"Croquet is a very difficult game," said Dr. Penny. "Like billiards, one can make a break of 10 and with practice go on to make one of 100."

"But for spectators it takes too long, average time being 2½ hours."

He put more work and study into practising croquet than any other sport.

"It is a pity more people are not playing it," he said. "I have often been told it's an old woman's game, but that's wrong."

Dr. Penny's first introduction to croquet was in Adelaide in 1925 when recovering from an appendix operation.

It caught his imagination. Four months later he won the S.A. gold medal.

The doctor has not lost his keenness for cricket. He will be at the fourth Test on Friday.

"Doctor V. Croquet Champion"

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954) 29 January 1948

Doctor V. Croquet Champion



Dr. H. J. Penny, former State tennis player and runner-up last year in the English croquet singles championship, defeating the State croquet champion, Mrs. F. A. Bartle, by five points yesterday in a match at the Fitzroy Croquet Club.

" News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954) 25 February 1948

I DID not realise that in croquet there are almost as many shots as in billiards until Dr. H. J. Penny, formerly of Adelaide and now one of England's leading croquet players, demonstrated a series of fancy shots for my benefit on Unley Park croquet lawns yesterday.

He told me there are many men players in England and showed me shots which women would not have the power to execute.

Although the heat caused S.A. Croquet Association to call off all pennant matches, it did not keep Dr. Penny from the game or stop him from going across to the grass tennis courts and having a bit up with Mr. Cliff Cocks, former Port and State footballer.

The two veterans recalled how at S.A.L.T.A. headquarters 30 years ago they met in a handicap event and battled for more than three hours before there was a decision.

When he played at the Drive—he was in the State team in 1924—Dr. Penny had one of the most varied services seen here—everything from a top-spun bumper to an undersliced sizzler.



Dr. Penny

During the 1948 visit, Harold stated that he had three sons, one on the land and two at school and a daughter doing medicine. The son on the land would have been the eldest boy, John who had attended Harper Adams Agricultural College after his time as a Coder in the Royal navy during WWII.

Christopher Henry Ridsdale Penny also attended Sherborne School. He left the school in 1948 and attended Trinity College, Cambridge.

In June 1951, Harold was listed with many other South Australians who were in the Royal Enclosure at Royal Ascot.

Christopher married Gillian D.E. Bull in the third quarter of 1958 in the county of Surrey, England. The couple had two children. According to the 'The Sherborne Register', *Sixth Edition*, 1925 – 2000, Christopher spent some time in France.

Harold visited Australia again in 1958/59. He arrived by air at Fremantle, WA on the 8th of December 1958 and stayed with his sister at Parkside, Adelaide, SA. While in South Australia, aged 70, he played in a croquet tournament at the Victor Harbour Croquet Club in March 1959. He returned to England in mid-March 1959.

"CROQUET TOURNAMENT"

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CROQUET TOURNAMENT

The 1959 tournament conducted by the Victor Harbour Croquet Club was opened on March 2 by the president, Mrs L. V. Sambell, who welcomed the president of the S.A. Croquet Association (Mrs. N. C. McClelland), members of the Council, competitors, club and social members and friends. The greenkeeper (Mr. R. Marchbank) was thanked for his work in preparing the greens so well under adverse conditions.

Manager of the tournament, Mrs. E. L. Kumbelow, outlined order of the play and conditions of the tournament which produced some excellent croquet and keenly contested games.

Amongst the competitors was Dr. H. J. Penny, of England, who played some very fine croquet. He left this week to return to England.

On Saturday evening competitors were entertained at a complimentary bridge and euchre evening at the Masonic Hall. Prize winners were: Bridge, Mrs. A. Steele, Mr. A. T. Ramsey, Mrs. N. Hall; euchre, Mrs. H. Daniels, Mr. A. Mitchell, Dr. H. J. Penny, and Mrs. L. J. Chenoweth.

The tournament will conclude to-morrow afternoon and will be followed by the presentation of trophies. Winners of the various events will appear in "The Times" next week.

The Rennison Family Tree and the Cheese-Probert Family Tree (both on Ancestry.com.au) state that Harold's daughter Barbara married Dr. John Ayrton Cheese. The Annual report of the Medical Officer of health and Principal School Medical Officer for the City of Canterbury, 1962 lists Dr F.B. Cheese, MB Ch B. (Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, Child Welfare).

Death

Dr. H. J. Penny passed away in Bournemouth, Dorset, England in March 1968.

Mary Violet Penny (née Ridsdale) passed away in the first quarter of 1974 in the Canterbury Registration District, Kent, England.

Frances Barbara Cheese (nee Penny) died in July 1987 at Canterbury Kent England.

Christopher Henry Ridsdale Penny died in 1995.

Stephen Ridsdale Penny died in July 2003 at Sheffield, Yorkshire, England.

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