

VESTIGES of *Lands End*



Hermit Len Pow in his Lands End beach cave, 1902.

Beach Hermits

For many years, the beaches and caves of Lands End have attracted both solitude-seeking hermits and those who have nowhere else to live.

Colonel Dailey, the founder of Carville, chose a secluded life at the beach over the frenzy of a life in politics. Stating in 1896 that he was “soured on society”, Edward Lynn chose to live in a cave rather than pay rent. For these men, the dramatic and lonely atmosphere at the edge of the world may have been a draw.

Others came to live here when poverty or social stigma forced them out of the city and left them homeless. Hermit Len Pow was both exiled from China and barred from San Francisco’s Chinatown, He came to live on the beach in 1901, finding no other place that would receive him.