



Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group Newsletter

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Dear Hill Endians and Tambaroorians,

Great News! Our website is up and running! It has been a long haul but it has certainly been worth waiting for.

A goldmine of information at

www.heatgg.org.au

See what our small band of volunteers has achieved in the past two years. Produced with assistance from a grant from Bathurst Regional Council and the web building skills of Eva Blanda from Zdesign we are proud to present it to you and hope that you will visit it regularly to see what new resources we have added. Web sites are never really “finished”. They are a living growing resource and as well as us contributing new items they also rely on input from those who visit to expand on the core material that we are delighted to provide.

Preparing the material to go on the site has been a mammoth undertaking. The hundreds (possibly thousands) of hours spent on copying, indexing,

transcribing and preparing the original material has just been a start. It then has to be put in a format that will make it easily accessible to all on the webpage and it has been a real learning curve for all those involved. No chance of our “grey matter” going stale!

Because our group does not have a permanent location which is open regular hours, the decision was made to bring the resources to the researchers via this site. We have been fortunate that we have been allowed access to material that has been collected over years of research and is held in private collections and is generally not available elsewhere.

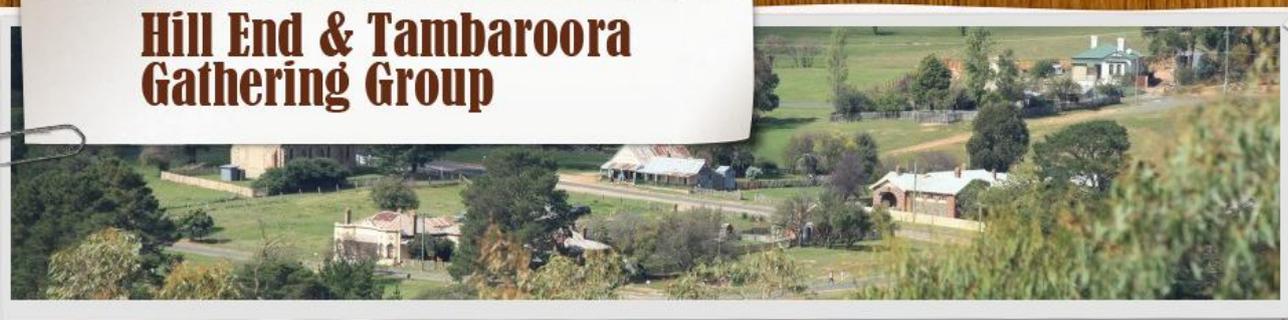
We have also collected together in one place many other resources that are scattered throughout the World Wide Web, thus hopefully making the research journey a little easier.

The site also aims to promote the Group’s activities both in Sydney and in Hill End and provides material which visitors will find useful when visiting the locality.

Another important aspect will be the facility for you to contribute items of interest and also to seek assistance through the “Can you help?” page. Here you can post your queries and hopefully the resources of others may assist you in breaking down your Hill End or Tambaroora research “brick walls”.

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Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group



Home

Welcome to the Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group website.



Hill End & Tambaroora were important gold mining towns in the Central West of New South Wales, closely associated with the Turon and Macquarie Rivers. In its heyday in the 1870s the district had a population of over 7000 people. Encompassing a fairly small area we are fortunate enough to have a veritable goldmine of family history information within the region. This site is the result of many hours of volunteer work by a small but dedicated group of volunteers.

Search the site

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Next Gathering

Next gathering will be at
Rhodes on 2 March -
[click here for details](#)

Even if you are not deeply interested in family history the website will still provide a selection of contemporary and old photographs and news from the district as well. Hopefully there will be something for everyone with an interest in the area.

The exciting part is that we can post material as it comes to light and not just have to rely on the twice yearly newsletter to share all the newfound information. We will still be producing the newsletter for those who do not have access to the website and we will be updating our mailing list so we can notify you when new material is available.

This will be of great benefit to our members who have had to rely on dial up internet access as our newsletter won't be clogging up their systems whilst they download the email.

We will also be sending out an email soon, inviting people to submit the names of their Hill End & Tambaroora families to the "Members Interest" page. Here you can register the names of your ancestors and your contact details in case others out there are researching the same families and wish to make contact. This will be an "opt in" choice and no contact details will be displayed without your permission.

If you currently receive your newsletter in the post and now have an email address and access to the internet then we would appreciate it if you could [contact us](#) so we can send you notification of the newsletter electronically. Each hard copy costs us about \$2.50 to produce and post and we currently send out about 270 twice a year. Whilst our costs are covered by donations of cash and postage stamps (always welcome and much appreciated) from the gatherings, it means you will get your newsletter a lot faster, it is in colour instead of B&W and it also has embedded links to external sites of interest. You can then print it out and read at your leisure.

Our 2013 Gathering

The 2013 Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering will be held at Concord on Saturday 2nd March.

Once again we will be gathering in Rhodes Park which offers parking nearby as well as convenient public transport for those people coming by train or bus as it is centrally located to all parts of Sydney. It is also on the Metrobus route 41 so this is an added bonus for those who do not drive.

Our Gathering place is located right next to the Kokoda Café adjacent to the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway and is about a 5 minute stroll from Rhodes railway station downhill towards Concord Road and across onto the Kokoda Walkway at Brays Bay Reserve, or from Hospital Road bus stop stroll down Fremont St to the park entrance. Further detailed instructions, directions and a map are included at the end of this newsletter.

Our numbers continue to grow and after the very successful reunion in Hill End in October last year we look forward to seeing many of these new faces join us again to rekindle their friendships made at that event. Consider making this an annual gathering of your families where you can remember the contribution made by your ancestors to this pioneering mining community (and catch up with those cousins that you have been meaning to call for the past six months!). Collect your family branches together, mention it to the younger generations and take this opportunity to start a family tradition to get together to celebrate your ancestry.

The activities commence around 10am with an official welcome around noon. Bring your picnic lunch or purchase something tasty from the nearby Kokoda Café and if coming by car then bring your fold up seats so there is plenty of seating left for those who need to use public transport.



We have booked the shelter shed for the whole day so the event will go ahead no matter what the weather. Again there will be a large selection of resources that have been added to in the past year by our hard working volunteers and this will be an opportunity to see the copies of the original documents that they have had to work with.

Don't forget to bring copies of your research along to share with others – you may find even more distant cousins! There are picnic tables where you can set out your photos and items of interest and if the weather is fine we can spill out onto the surrounding grassed area. BYO everything and the kettle will be on the boil for those requiring tea & coffee making facilities.

This year we will also have a small selection of 2nd hand books relating to Hill End and family history research available for purchase. Now is your chance to pick up a bargain before we put them on the website for sale.

Our recent Hill End Reunions

Late September and early October 2012 was a busy time in Hill End.

Gaynon Fitzgerald Reunion



Some of the family...

First of all we had the Gaynon Fitzgerald Reunion on the weekend of 22 & 23 Sept. We had around 50 members of the family turn up over the weekend. The representatives of the various branches of the families caught up with relatives they had not seen for years and also made new friends amongst the many branches who turned up.

After assembling in the Royal Hall on the Saturday morning for a beautifully prepared morning tea (thanks Beverley & Amanda!) and looking over the family tree charts, photographs and memorabilia that had been set out on display a large number of the group set out to in the afternoon to view the old Fitzgerald property, "Killarney", at Sally's Flat. Those not involved in this excursion took advantage of the time to visit other locations around the village.

Kris Dunner, who spent some time at Killarney as a child gave us a wonderful account of living there and gave us a guided tour around the old home.



At Killarney, Sallys Flat

The group returned to Hill End in time to attend a special Thanksgiving Mass at the Presbyterian Church, (very ecumenical!) conducted by Fr. Bernard Hennessy, a direct Gaynon descendant. All then adjourned to Hosie's Café where we were treated to a delicious Pasta and Pizza meal prepared by hosts, Sue and Steve. It was a great evening; the atmosphere was wonderful, just like a big family dinner at Grandma's!

Sunday morning saw us all down at the Cemeteries at Tambaroora where Ted Abbott filled us in on more history of the place.

The rest of the day was spent in strolling around, visiting the Museums and enjoying the ambience of the village before reluctantly heading for home. Many have vowed to return to spend more time enjoying the atmosphere.

The Gathering Reunion in Hill End

With the Gaynon Reunion acting as a "dry run" we repeated it all again on the weekend of 6 & 7 October for the whole Gathering Group. The aim of this reunion was to allow the attendees to walk in their ancestors' footsteps in "their town".

Dennis and Ralph shepherded the Sydney coach passengers safely to and from the village as well as providing a personal bus service over the weekend.



Sandra Thompson took the Group on a Town Tour

On Saturday tours of Craigmoor and the village were conducted by NPWS Discovery Ranger, Sandra Thompson who gave a wonderful presentation, incorporating her boundless supply of yarns and putting a personal slant on many of the stories for those attending.

The Hill End Ranch was the venue for our Gathering BBQ and Dennis and Rod must be congratulated for their calm cooking skills, (trying turning 160 sausages and 80 tender steaks on a huge BBQ plate - this almost invoked OH&S practices!). They cooked for the 80 participants, and this was supplemented by the tasty salads and desserts supplied by Kerrie and her staff. The conversations over dinner continued well into the night and many new connections were made and friendships renewed.

In conjunction with Daphne at Hill End Family History we also had a wide selection of reference & research material on display in the Royal Hall.

We persuaded Betty Jeffree to come out of retirement and ably assisted by helpers, Peter and Tony, she provided her legendary Devonshire Teas to many of the Group during the day.

On Sunday morning we visited the ancestors at the cemeteries and once again Ted was engaged to tell the tales. Some of the younger members of the Group then went gold panning with Ted in Golden Gully and were thrilled with the results. A few intrepid explorers joined me for a short bushwalk to Golden Gully where we were able to view the fast disappearing "Golden Arch". Unfortunately the ravages of climate and erosion have made this landmark very fragile and one wonders just how long it will remain.

A number of optional activities were offered for the rest of the day and people had time to visit the NPWS Museum and History Hill, as well as the Bald Hill Mine. It was pleasing to see that many of the participants who travelled long distances to attend either arrived early or stayed a few more days to enjoy the character of the place and take the opportunity to see more of the district.

It was very gratifying to speak with some of the local businesses after the event. They were impressed and very appreciative of the enthusiasm and interest taken by the Group and also the amount of financial support which remained in the village as a result of the Gathering activities. We thank all of them and NPWS for their support as well.

Over the 2 weekends we had representatives of the following families in attendance:

Ackermann	Everett,	Lawson,	Roberts
Allsopp,	Fitzgerald	Lynch,	Rudd
Bender	Gaynon	Maris,	Schons
Bennett	Greig,	McAuliffe	Slattery
Beyers,	Hayley	McCarthy	Stuart,
Brodie,	Hocking	McGillion	Thompson
Cooke	Jarman	Murray	Trevithick
Drakeford,	Jenkyns	Northey	Wallace
Ellis,	Keating,	Pymont	
Emmett	Knight	Randall,	
English	Krohmann	Risby	

The Greatest Wonder of the World...



In 1872, the newly rich Bernhardt Otto Holtermann used some of his wealth to employ Henry Beaufoy Merlin and Charles Bayliss of the American and Australasian (A&A) Photographic Company, to photograph gold producing areas and cities in NSW and Victoria for exhibition overseas.

These images provide the most comprehensive and detailed record of the nineteenth century goldfields life and, with the commissioned photographs, now form part of the State Library of NSW's Holtermann archive of 3500 wet plate negatives.

The Greatest Wonder of the World features this extraordinary collection of nineteenth century documentary images. Through enlargements, digital images and a selection of vintage prints and wet plate negatives, the exhibition tells the remarkable story of the A&A Photographic Company and the philanthropy and vision of Bernhardt Holtermann.

The Exhibition is in the **Galleries of the State Library** in Macquarie St, Sydney from 23 February until 12 May 2013.

The Studios of the A&A Photographic Company in Hill End.



Special Gathering Group Tour of the Exhibition and Website Launch

Alan Davies, the curator of the exhibition, has kindly offered to present a special private curator-led tour of this wonderful exhibition on Saturday, 16th March at 2pm. He will give insights into the photographic techniques and the fascinating story of Holtermann's vision to sell Australia to the world. This is a great opportunity to see the collection up close (see if you can find an ancestor) and ask all those questions.

We have worked closely with Alan Davies and other staff there in the preparation of material for this exhibition and in return we appreciate the support given to our Group by the State Library.

We will meet in the foyer of the State Library in Macquarie Street, just outside the bookshop at 1.45pm. Easy ramp and lift access to the Exhibition also available. The tour lasts approximately one hour.

After the tour we will be gathering in the Friends Room in the Mitchell Library where we will have afternoon tea (and perhaps a little more...) to officially launch our new website.

The Tour and Website launch is free however bookings are necessary so that we can cater for the appropriate numbers. Please [email](#) or ring Lorraine on (02) 95870352 by Wednesday 13 March to book a spot and let her know you are coming. A booking sheet will also be available at the Gathering on 2 March.

Photographs of the following people will feature in the Exhibition amongst many other images:

Lysaught's butcher shop, Hill End 1872

J Green's Pie and Coffee Rooms, Hill End 1872

Charles Mayes, architect and surveyor, Hill End 1872

Wheelwright Burgess and Moller, Hill End 1872

Great Western Store, Hill End 1872 Henry Stuart

William Pullen

Edwin Hosie 1874

William Standen 1872

Mrs Southwell and baby 1874

Miss Davis and baby 1873

Alice Grotefent on her mother's lap, 1872

James Letcher and twins

C. War

Master Coyle 1872

Miss Burgess 1874

Captain Gus Pierce 1872

Peter Myer

Samuel Buckett

Charles Shipway

White and Hewitt 1873

Miss Brady 1872

Dingle family 1873

Miss Geaney

Miss Taylor and Miss Paterson

Mrs Penhall and daughter 1873

Miss Jeffree

Reverend Thomas Tress Miss Kearnes

Mary and Sophia Myer 1872

Mr E. O'Brien

Adelaide Montgomery

Dr. and Mrs O'Connell 1874

On Gay, storeowner

August Gondolf

Seren Petersen and family

Hill End's own "Kelly Gang"

Around a bit later than the original Gang, Hill End apparently had its own "Kelly Gang" who seemed to enjoy local notoriety.

Amanda Hinchcliffe (nee Ellis) recently showed us a copy of a photograph which we believe had been supplied by Harold (Snowy) Weir. Showing ten of Hill End's finest youth in front of a typical Hill End fence, we have determined that the photograph was taken around 1912 and thankfully Snowy had written all the names on the back.



*Kneeling: Frank Warry, ? Natrass, Jack Denman, Jack Riley
Sitting: Tom Carver, Hilton Weir, ? Natrass, Fred Cook, Larry Weir, Tom Woolard.*

A little bit of research on Trove revealed the following article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of Thursday, 9 Jan 1913.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

At the Hill End Police Court Vivian Clyde Cook was charged with assaulting Constable Whitley while in the execution of his duty. Tho case for the prosecution was that the constable chased three men for throwing stones on the Roman Catholic church, and after coming up to Cook, and then making off for the other two, he was struck on the head by a stone, which knocked him to the ground. On getting up he saw Cook lying down, complaining that someone had also hit him.

Accused pleaded guilty. In appealing for light treatment Cook's solicitor stated that a body of young men, known as tho "Kelly gang," had decided to give the police all tho trouble they could. A fine of £5, with £3 4s costs, was imposed.

Over eighty cases were dealt with in the Children's Court during last year.

Dangerous Work

– Alison Briggs

Working in the mines was very dangerous, as my great-grandfather, Peter Triffone was to find out. The frequency of fatal casualties in mines in the Hill End / Tambaroora district averaged one per month during the years 1871 to 1874.¹



Peter Triffone [i.e. Triffone]
Holtermann Collection, [ON 4 Box 19 No 469](#)

In April 1874, when his wife Adelaide was 4 months pregnant with their first child, Peter was seriously injured in a fatal mining accident in Beyers and Holtermann's Gold Mining Company's claim when Francis Alderman died and "very serious injuries" were "inflicted on two other men, named Trefoni and Inch". Whilst removing a stage or platform in the shaft, located 218 feet (66.45 meters) from the surface and 100 foot (30.5 meters) from the bottom on the shaft, the slabs on which the planks were resting at one end moved, dislodged the planks "causing the deceased to fall with or after it to the bottom of the shaft, where two men, Trefoni and Inch were at work; and having received no notice whatever were wholly unprepared for the descent of the material of which it was composed, and are now suffering from injuries thereby inflicted."² The inquest found that Francis Alderman's death was "purely accidental, and that no blame whatever is attributable either to the Mining Manger or other employees of the Company".

Just three months later in July 1874 Peter is again mentioned in a newspaper report of another fatal mining accident at the Bayers and Holtermann claim. Robert Tyrrell, 31, who was married only a few months

previously, was killed when falling from a sling whilst being hauled from the bottom of the mine shaft. Tyrrell and a man named Richard Fischer, who was carrying a lighted candle in one hand, were ascending the shaft, "each standing with his right foot in a sling, having a line in the form of a clove hitch, passed around the rope on which they were ascending, the line having two loops through which each man was to pass one hand, and also to cling to the rope during the ascent". About 120 feet (36.57 metres) from the bottom, "Tyrrell suddenly slipped away from the rope and disappeared down the shaft, to the great amazement and imminent peril of Fisher". Later "Fisher obtained the assistance of Peter Trefoni and returned to the bottom of the shaft, when deceased was found quite dead."

At the inquest it was reported that Tyrrell had been noticed before coming up without either hand passed through the hand loop. By the rules, the men were "expressly prohibited from descending the shaft, except seated in the sling, with their arm through the loop". Again the Inquest Jury returned the verdict of accidental death "and find that no blame whatever can be attached either to the manager or any other person connected with the mine...". However, they did attach the following rider "We are of opinion that the practice hitherto prevailing, of permitting men to ascend shaft standing in a sling is highly dangerous, and recommended that steps should be at once taken to prohibit it."³

So much for OH&S practices!!!

Rumours!

After a particularly virulent influenza epidemic which affected many of the miners, those who had passed away queued up at the Pearly Gates to be interviewed by St Peter to determine if they should be allowed into Heaven.

One miner, way back in the line spoke quietly to those in front of him whereupon they all rushed off leaving him at the front.

St Peter looked up and asked him what he had told them. The miner replied with a smile, that he had told them he had heard that there was a new gold strike in Hell. After sharing a good laugh with St Peter the miner started to rush off. "Where are you going?" asked St Peter. "You're at the front of the queue and next in line to get into Heaven."



The miner turned and said "To Hell, of course! There might just be some truth in it!!!"

¹ Ref "the Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser" Thursday 16 July 1874

² Ref "The Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser", Thursday 23 April 1874

³ The Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser, Thursday 16 July 1874,

A journey to the goldfields - What did they bring?



EMIGRANTS ARRIVAL AT CORK.—A SCENE ON THE QUAY.

In 1848, when a small booklet entitled *The Emigrants Friend, or Authentic guide to South Australia...* was published in London as a guide to prospective emigrants, 23,904 people left the United Kingdom for the Australian colonies. In 1847, with the failure of the potato crops threatening families in Ireland and growing political unrest at home, the British Government had once again encouraged emigration by offering free passage to candidates of “good character”. Immigration, particularly by the labouring classes, was intended to relieve both the overburdened Mother Country and, incidentally, the colonies, which had acute labour shortages.

In those days, moving to a new country, half a world away involved a lot of planning and this booklet went some way to assist the prospective emigrant to plan the trip. One of the more interesting pieces was a list of clothing and essential items seen necessary for the journey and adequately provided for in the first year of their settlement.

Another interesting aspect was that the Commissioners

OUTFITS AND PASSAGE TO THE AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

The usual length of the voyage to the Australian Colonies is about four months, and to New Zealand a little longer; and as, at whatever season of the year it may be made, passengers have to encounter very hot and very cold weather: they should be prepared for both. The following is a list of the principal articles required; but it cannot be too strongly impressed, as a general rule, that the more abundant the stock of clothing each person can afford to take, the better for health and comfort during the passage:—

Single Man's Outfit to Australia.

2 beaverteen jackets, 1 to be warmly lined.	2 duck trowsers.	4 handkerchiefs.
2 ditto trowsers, 1 ditto.	1 Scotch cap, or thresher's	4 worsted hose.
1 waistcoat with sleeves, "	1 Brazil straw hat. [hat.	2 cotton hose.
1 ditto without sleeves.	6 striped cotton shirts.	1 pair braces.
2 duck frocks.	1 pair of boots.	3 towels. [glass.
	1 pair of shoes.	Razor, shaving-box, and

Single Woman's Outfit to Australia.

1 warm cloak, with a cape.	2 flannel petticoats.	4 night caps.
2 bonnets.	1 stuff ditto.	4 sleeping jackets.
1 small shawl.	1 pair of stays.	2 black worsted hose.
1 stuff dress.	4 pocket handkerchiefs.	4 cotton ditto.
2 print ditto.	2 net ditto for neck.	2 pairs of shoes.
6 shifts.	3 caps.	6 towels.

Each person would also require:—

1 knife and fork.	1 table-spoon.	1 comb and hair brush.
1 deep tin plate.	1 tea-spoon.	1 pair of sheets.
1 pint tin drinking mug.	2 lbs. of marine soap.	2 pots of blacking.
2 shoe brushes.	1 pair of blankets.	} A married couple require only one set of these articles.
1 counterpane.	1 strong chest with lock.	
Cost of above Outfit for a Single Man, about	£4 10 0	
Ditto ditto Single Woman "	5 0 0	
Ditto ditto Married Couple "	9 0 0	

had to supply “new mattresses, bolsters, blankets and counterpanes, ...knives and forks, spoons, metal plates, and drinking mugs, which articles may be kept by the Emigrants after arrival in the Colony, provided they behave well on the voyage.”

[Perhaps this is where the custom of “souveniring” such items on travel journeys was established and hence maintained by many of the descendants of these early travellers! Lorraine]

Great Grandfather was a BUSHRANGER?!

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My mother's father was Robert Wilson, as was his father, before him. All we knew of Robert Snr was that he came from Leicestershire, was born c1819/1820, and supposedly married Irish famine orphan Johanna Haley, aka Hannah Hely, in March 1851 or 1855 in Sydney, or maybe Bathurst. But that knowledge changed due to a chance remark to a participant at the 2012 NSW Family History Conference at Gymea in September.

Robert and Johanna had two children – Robert Jnr, my grandfather, born 9 January 1858 at Coolumbaloo, Bathurst, NSW and Caroline born 3 February 1860 at Tambaroora, NSW. Tambaroora is on the Turon goldfields, near Hill End. Some years ago I discovered that Johanna had a third child, at Tambaroora in 1862, registered as William Haley. Why Haley and not Wilson was a puzzle.

Chatting to Noeline Kyle at the Gymea conference, she introduced me to Lorraine Purcell, Convener of the Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group, who was sharing the display table with Noeline. I idly commented on Johanna registering William in her maiden name despite supposedly being married to Robert Wilson. Lorraine checked her database and announced, “And she had a fourth child in 1867; Emily Haley,” then added “father acknowledged as Robert Wilson”. I asked how she knew that and she said their group had transcribed many of the parish records. Lorraine ventured the opinion that possibly Robert Wilson was William's father also, though the parish records apparently did not indicate any name. Another little bit of interest in the family tree!

Next day when I stopped by to say hello to Lorraine and Noeline, Lorraine excitedly told me, “Look at this! I found it on the internet last night.” She produced five pages of computer printout⁴, saying, “Have you heard of William Derecourt?” I had, though at that stage could not recall why. Lorraine continued, “He's also known as Bill Day. He told his story in a book “Old Convict days” which was published under the name of Derrincourt⁵. It says here that a Robert Wilson talked him into holding up the Bathurst Mail on 24 June 1859. – maybe this was your great grandfather!”

⁴ <http://whatthebutlerdid.wordpress.com/tag/convictbushranger/>

⁵ Derrincourt, William and Becke, Louis, 1855-1913 Old convict days. Penguin Books Australia, Ringwood, Vic, 1975. Also available online at http://openlibrary.org/books/OL4491596M/Old_convict_days

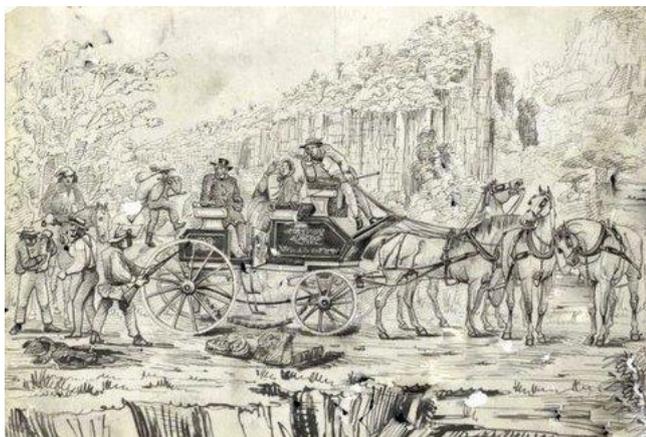
“Why do you think it was my Robert Wilson?”

“Well, he was the only Robert Wilson we’ve found on the Turon. It says here he was Bill Day’s former manager on the Turon.”

“Managing what?”

“It would have been his gold mine. He had one, among many other businesses. And I found this reference to a Robert Wilson in the online *Index to Deposition Books*, on the NSW State Records website, which may be him: Wilson, Robert 14 Sep 1851 Committed at Turon for trial at Bathurst; alleged offence Larceny.”

I could hardly believe my ears. My somewhat anonymous and shadowy great grandfather had suddenly sprung to life. A bushranger!? And maybe a petty thief?



Bushrangers robbing the mail – George Lacy
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.pic-an3103579>

When I arrived home, I set about finding more about this escapade. Using TROVE I found various articles dating from 5 July 1859, including a full transcript of the trial of William Day in September 1859. There was even a recount of the holdup and subsequent apprehension and recovery of the loot, in the *Bathurst Free Press & Mining Journal* 15 January 1892. Day had become known as The Blacksmith Bushranger (blacksmithing being one of his legitimate businesses) and this episode was told in a series entitled *Early Australian History – the Story of the Bushrangers*.

The holdup was at Hartley on the road up to Mt. Victoria. Day held up the Mail with his double-barrelled gun, though there is no mention anywhere of Robert Wilson at the actual holdup. The story of their apprehension and the recovery of almost the whole of the £4800 in cash and cheques is too long to recount here. William Day was found guilty and sentenced to “seven years’ hard labour on the roads or other public works of the Colony”. There was no trial of Robert Wilson.

It appears that Wilson must have gotten ‘cold feet’ when they were arrested within a couple of days of their exploit. He volunteered to show police the hiding place of their stash in return for indemnity from prosecution. While he was presumably given this indemnity, he managed to escape custody and a report in a story of William Day says “Wilson later disappeared entirely and was never heard of

again, much to the chagrin of the authorities, including Chief Justice Alfred Stephen.” In the court report, it says Wilson escaped! Never heard of again? His daughter Caroline was born eight months after the holdup, at Tambaroora. Maybe Johanna registered the next two children under her maiden name in an effort to shield Robert?

We don’t know much of what happened to Robert after his short bushranging career, except that he was apprehended by an alert police sergeant at Yass in 1862. I have yet to discover what happened after that. Daughter Caroline was married in 1877 with her mother Johanna giving permission. This leads me to surmise that the Robert Wilson whose death is registered as 5716/1876, age 55 years, at Cooma is probably ours. A transcript shows he died from ‘rupture of the heart’ and ‘not listed’ against parents and marriage details with only ‘born England’ for his origin. But it fits. Many years ago, the NSW BDM Registry advised that of about six Robert Wilson deaths on the index in the 1870s and 1880s, none could conclusively be ours, having either no spouse / marriage or children listed, and none born in Leicestershire, only ‘born England’.

Three other points I have to delve into:

- In one story, Robert Wilson is given an alias of Doyle.

- And in another, it says “Day introduces his former manager on the Turon, one Robert Wilson, who married a wife considerably younger than himself and could not control her. It appears she and Mary Kirwin [Day’s wife] took to drinking together. Day says ‘I found my wife had been induced to join her in her cups; indeed on one occasion I found the two dancing on the floor ‘Jack the Lad’ to their own music and no dinner cooked. Before the advent of Wilson’s wife my old woman was noted as a hard working woman, attentive to her household duties, and a kind and affectionate mother. I got maddened to such a pitch at their increasing drunken fits that I was almost tempted to bundle both of them down a hole.’”

- And although State Records NSW staff told the transcription agent that there is no detail available re the 1851 trial, I have discovered, again through that treasure TROVE, that in 1851 he was sent for trial⁶ at “the ensuing Quarter Sessions” with the notation “Robert Wilson, came free, Sofala, stealing gold” and in a report from the Bathurst Court of Quarter Sessions held Friday 24 October 1851⁷ we find “Robert Wilson, for stealing gold on the Turon, three years’ hard labour on the roads”. I have yet to discover more about that, though I did find where he was a witness in 1852 in a case involving the gold mining lease next to his on the Turon River⁸, so maybe his sentence was quashed.

⁶ *Bathurst Free Press & Mining Journal*, Saturday 18 October 1851

⁷ *The Empire*, 1 November 1851

⁸ *Sydney Morning Herald* Monday 1 March 1852, Assize Intelligence Bathurst Circuit Court Thursday, February 26. REGINA V. GREER.



Hill End in 1928 – Extract from a Panorama by Everingham - Copies of this panorama can be obtained from "Prints and Images" 127 George St Bathurst.

How depressing!...no, not really!

Australia has seen more than one gold rush period in its time and Hill End has been part of most of them.

Fortunes came and went in the 1930s too, during the Great Depression. In February 1931 the Sydney "Sunday Guardian" published an article outlining the "A.B.C. of prospecting" and mentions the following:

Hill End, where the biggest mass of gold ever found in the world was unearthed in 1872, was populated at one time by 30,000 miners. [A bit of an exaggeration...?] It would seem that the district has been worked out, but remembering Larkinville, [in WA where a £5000 nugget was found by a young boy in 1931] who can tell? The drifts along the Macquarie, Turon and Cudgegong have also been extensively worked, but it is still possible to earn wages there. The earlier miners often left patches of ground unworked, or nature has replenished the gold storehouse in flood time, so that the so-called 'worked-out' areas may still produce payable gold.



Mining in Hill End - 1929 style. – from an early newsreel held in the National Film & Sound Archives

Local Hill End identity, Bruce Goodwin, in his book "Gold and People" recounts many stories about the district during this time when even the local fossickers

had to get out or the family did not eat. "Apart from odd jobs or a stint at rabbit trapping most of the families made a living from alluvial gold. Living was inexpensive, they had good gardens, most had cows and fowls, and some had pigs and goats. They made their own jam and preserved fruit and vegetables; there was plenty of firewood and unlimited manure for the garden. All were free".

Fossicking may have been second nature to the local residents however for so many others it was a total change of lifestyle.

Imagine reading the following when you had been out of work and had no income for some time:

Gold romance is written all over Australia. Our history is printed with gold letters; and, the story of to-day's depression will yet be written the same way. While there are certain fundamental rules to be observed in gold mining, as in everything else, it is one of the industries in which the golden rule appears to be that there is no golden rule. A discarded, half-forgotten area suddenly produces a mass of glittering gold. An experienced miner misses a find by a hair's breadth, and sees of fortune go to the man who yesterday did not know gold from brummagem⁹. A sheep run is transported, by the wave of a magic wand, as it were, into a thriving mining township.

In these things lie half the charm of gold mining, 'the most fascinating pursuit in the world,' as one of its devotees describes it. To follow the gold lure sometimes means bitter disappointment, penury, and despair, but it often means achievement and amazing wealth. That is its charm. If the fossicker be lucky and finds gold the best advice that can be given him is to call in the aid of someone who knows more about the job than he does; an old prospector, for instance. An inexperienced man cannot develop a claim properly. Take this as gospel: There are men to-day who are stoney-broke who will be rich men within a year. Spurred by adversity, they will be transformed by gold."

With encouragement like this it is no wonder that so many took to the road to find their fortunes.

⁹ term for cheap and shoddy imitations, in particular when referring to mass-produced goods.



Early Hill End souvenir notepaper (from Helen Wood's collection)

The following poem also appeared in the same article in the *Sunday Guardian*:

The Prospector

For once you've panned on the speckled sand
 and seen the bonny dust,
 Its peerless brightness binds you like a spell;
 It's little else you care about; you go because you must,
 And feel that you could follow it to Hell.
 You'd follow it in hunger, and you'd follow it in cold,
 You'd follow it in solitude and pain –
 And when you're stiff and battered down,
 let someone whisper 'Gold!'
 You'll leap to life and follow it again!

— Robert W. Service.

Robert William Service (January 16, 1874–September 11, 1958) was a poet and writer who has often been called "the Bard of the Yukon". He was born in Preston, Lancashire and moved to Canada when he was 21. Whilst it appears he never visited Australia his experiences on the Yukon goldfields led him to pen the above poem which, in 1931, when it was reprinted in the *Western Argus* in Kalgoorlie, was just as appropriate to the Australian goldfields as it was to those on the Yukon.



Rocking the cradle on the Turon From "Our Antipodes" by G L Mundy

NSW Government Gazettes



The New South Wales Government Gazettes are a wonderful source of information relating to people and places. They were published by the government as a means of communication to officials and the general public and contain important details and facts on thousands of people.

They hold information covering a broad spectrum of the community including land transactions, mining claims & forfeited auriferous leases, court notices, notice of acts, tenders and contracts, police auctions of stolen property, statistics, unclaimed letters, impoundments of cattle and horses, reward notices and much more.

As well as now being available on CD Rom at many of the larger libraries and family history societies, full access to the Gazettes is allowed on subscription sites such as "[Find My Past](#)", however there is the facility just to search by name or location and locate a particular issue at no charge. Using this information in the comfort of your own home, you can then go to [Trove](#) around the same date to see if any excerpts have been reprinted in the newspapers of the time. It is certainly well worth trying.

Search Trove using the keywords "Government Gazette" and then the name of the person (surname only gets better results) and/or location. Search also the Parish names as often this was used if people were living outside the actual village or town.

The following 3 lists were located this way and they are only a sample of the many such lists that appear – too many to reproduce here!

Australian Town & Country Journal 9 November 1872.

IMPROVED LANDS.- The following permissions to purchase improved lands have been approved of:-

- John Burns, parish of Tambaroora;
- Heinrich Fisher, parish of Tambaroora;
- William Ross, parish of Tambaroora;
- James Ross, parish of Tambaroora;
- John Cullum, parish of Tambaroora;
- John W. Ireland, parish of Tambaroora;
- Robert White, parish of Tambaroora;
- James Murray, parish of Tambaroora;
- Robert Coulter Kerr, parish of Tambaroora;

James Adams, parish of Tambaroora;
 Jacob Tallentire, parish of Tambaroora;
 Marius Oxen, parish of Tambaroora;
 Hugh Marshall, parish of Tambaroora;
 James Paxton, parish of Tambaroora;
 Richard Everett, parish of Tambaroora;
 Harriett Beard, parish of Tambaroora;
 Aloys Diener, parish of Tambaroora;
 Enoch Goodwin, parish of Tambaroora;
 Carl August Wilhelm Bosenberg, parish of Tambaroora
 Augustus Ahlbury, parish of Tambaroora;
 Peter Gondolph, parish of Tambaroora;
 Thomas Ellis, parish of Carroll;
 John Heing, parish of Tambaroora;
 A. W. Kellie, parish of Tambaroora;
 Thomas Thompson, parish of Tambaroora;
 William Cock, village of Hill End;
 John Wilson, parish of Waterbeach;
 Robert Morris, parish of Wyagdon;
 John Palmer, parish of Carroll;
 John Krohmann, parish of Tambaroora;
 J. P. Morgan, town of Tambaroora;
 John Attwood, village of Hill End;
 James Brotherton, parish of Tambaroora;
 Henry Holston, village of Hill End;
 Elizabeth Standen, parish of Carroll;
 William English, parish of Tambaroora;
 James Hugh Moore, parish of Tambaroora;
 Charles Leffley, parish of Windeyer;
 John Smith, parish of Windeyer;
 Joseph Haywood, parish of Avisford;
 Robert Wilson, parish of Waterbeach;

Australian Town and Country Journal Saturday 12
 April 1873

PERMISSION TO PURCHASE.

The undermentioned parties have been permitted to purchase the improved lands they applied for, viz.:-

John Cummins, village of Hill End;
 Constantino Lahechos,
 Matilda Macreanus, (Macryannis?) parish of Carroll;
 George Western, parish of Arding;
 Thomas Mulcahy, parish of Dungowan;
 Charles. Inch, Joseph Wythes, James Fox, Henry Oxenham, Henry Schmidt, George Hodgson, village of Hill End;
 Richard Henley, parish of Carroll;
 William Sawyers, James Barlow, Edward Woods,
 George T. Noble, parish of Tambaroora;
 David Williams, John Deerfield, William Armstrong,
 Andrew Lian(?), Joshua M. Burgess, Richard O. Kerr,
 Alfred Newman, village of Hill End;
 Alfred Le Messurier, John Palmer, parish of Carroll;
 James Christie, John Crighton, W. H. Kennedy,
 William Hutchinson, parish of Tambaroora;
 Catherine Palmer, parish of Carroll;
 Oswald. Kerr, Thomas Dally, Henry Henley, Samuel T. Holmes, Robert J. Whatley, Benjamin Moore, parish of Tambaroora;

B. O. Holtermann, village of Hill End,
 James I. Kerr, near village of Hill End;
 David Dale; John Wallace, village of Hill End;
 J. P. Hambly, Phillip Jeffree, Nelson M'Appion,
 William G. Cochrane, William Bickerstoff, parish of Tambaroora.

A site to behold – websites worth watching

But wait, there's more! And it's free too...

On the "Unlock your Past" website, you can have access to a wide range of free digital sample files and indexes.

Currently most listings are samples from the **Archive Digital Books Australasia** range of historic data CDs.

The sampler can be opened, navigated and searched as with the full CD file/s.

Sample files usually contain the title page, contents, some introductory pages and sample pages from the body of the book. Often the complete index from the original book is included. Here is where you can find out if there is a reference to your ancestor etc. and then you can check out the full reference at your local library or family history group.

A smart way of searching TROVE!



Many of us have been searching on Trove for some time now, and finding out the most

amazing things about our ancestors...sometimes things that even "Grandma never told us!"

Recently, when delving into the site I came across the "Help" site (– yes, when all else fails, read the instructions!) A couple of the "Search Tips" will certainly make searching just that little bit easier now.

Whilst I was always aware of the "Phrase search" ie enclosing search terms in quotes, eg: "Hill End" I have now discovered "Near Searches" where you can use the ~ symbol to specify how near the words in your search need to be to each other., eg: "Washing gold"~5 will find all references where the word "washing" and "gold" appear within 5 words of each other.

Wildcard and truncation searches can be used. To specify wild cards matches use an * in place of a letter or use an * to truncate word endings.

If it is the 'last' characters that are changed around you can cut the word off at the last common character and add an * to truncate the word, eg: "gold*" will find all references to goldminer, goldfield, golden, etc. Check the Trove [website](#) for more search tips to make you a smarter researcher!

Hill End Family History

The Hill End Family History research room is located in the Morgue in the old Hospital, (now the NPWS Visitors Centre) and is open every Saturday **10am to 4pm.**

For enquiries contact Daphne
Email – hillendfh@y7mail.com
Phone - 02-63378218 after 6:30pm
or try your luck on 0429335627 from 11am to 3pm.

For further information check out Daphne's website at
<http://www.hillendfamilyhistory.com>



Spring has sprung! Daphne's Family History Room at the NPWS Visitors Centre is a picture with all the wisteria covering the building.

Daphne Shead recently received an email about a man who was supposed have served in the Police force at Hill End from about 1917-1920. His surname is THORPE.....not much to go on. There is nothing at all in the Hill End Family History files, but maybe someone out there in Gathering Group land might know something to help us along the correct path. If you know anything at all about this man please contact Daphne at hillendfh@y7mail.com.



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Hill End Happenings



Wedding Congratulations

The Presbyterian Church was the venue for the Hill End wedding of the year when Steve Rattray and Sue Thomson (of Hosie's Store and Hill End Bed & Breakfast) exchanged vows in October.



Congratulations, Steve and Sue.



The Royal Hotel, a good start –



The Royal Hotel, in quieter times -1952 (Frank Storey)

New lease owners Wendy & Steve were thrown in at the deep end when they took over running the Royal Hotel on 28 Sept. Long Weekends are traditionally the busiest time in town for local businesses so it was a fast learning curve but they came out smiling. We wish them well for a long stay in the community.

Medal of the Order of Australia

We caught up with the news a while ago that one of our Gathering had been awarded the medal of the Order of Australia in the 2012 Australia Day Honours list.



June Woolard (from the Penrith Press, 27 Jan 2012)

Terry & June Woolard are regular visitors to the village and Terry grew up there. June has been involved with the Penrith Community Kitchen since 1993 and was recognized for her many years of service in helping people who have fallen on tough times. One of the founding members, June was involved in setting up the Community Kitchen which continues to serve meals with a friendly smile to the homeless, struggling, or simply lonely.

June retired from the kitchen in 2008 but is still a member of the Committee and her colleague, Cathy Craig, who also received an OAM still works there three times per week.

When asked about her work there June replied “I get a lot out of it, there are such nice people there and a lovely bunch of ladies who volunteer their time to keep the kitchen running.”

“Though it is difficult for me to work in the kitchen these days I love being involved on the committee and am so proud of all the volunteers that make the kitchen possible.”

Volunteers really do make a difference – Well done June!

Good things do happen when you least expect it!

I would like to publically acknowledge the kind donations from the Gathering Group members. A number have recently supported us with cash and stamps to assist in the production and distribution of our newsletter and other expenses involved in running the Group. You know who you are and your contributions are much appreciated.

Those of you who receive hard copy of the newsletter may notice an interesting array of stamps on your envelopes. These have come to us in the form of a considerable donation from part of a deceased estate.



The collection dated from the 1970s to the early 21st century and consisted of unused everyday stamps and whilst there were no rare or exceptionally valuable stamps included, the donor felt that someone may as well get some benefit from them. The

Post Office still accepts them as long as the total sum is 60 cents so thanks to my Mum (Eileen Purcell) and other volunteers who patiently sorted the stamps to make up the correct value for the envelopes.

Hill End Historic Buildings Open Days

This year Open Days will be held on Sunday 21 April and Sunday 13 October.

This is a rare chance to view the historic buildings of the town, from humble miners' cottages and the old churches to artist's cottages and La Paloma pottery studio. Local guides will be available to answer your questions about each location.



Ian Marr, 2005: Main living room of Murray's cottage, Hill End, New South Wales, reproduced with permission

Bookings for Open Days are advisable and can be made by ringing Ross on (02) 63378306.

Our Markets in the Royal Hall



Something for everyone at the Royal Hall Market - October 2012.

The weather was beautiful and the crowds flocked to Hill End to enjoy the October Long Weekend. Once again many of them ended up in the Royal Hall at our Market.

Goods went flying out the door as folk discovered a wondrous supply of items that they would never have expected to find in Westfield, let alone Hill End!

Our next Market will be on the Easter Weekend, 30 -31 March and our Sausage Sizzle will contribute to the culinary delights of the village on Easter Saturday. Jenny, our “Lemon Lady” (who makes the “best” Lemon Butter in town) will once again be in attendance.

Some of our stallholders are now becoming regulars and we have just as much fun as the customers. Inevitably we all come home with something from everyone else’s table!

We’re always on the lookout for new stallholders so if you are looking for a fun weekend with the incentive of making “a bit on the side” then phone 95870352 or [email us](#) for more details.

Funds raised at the 2012 Markets will be used to pay for a shared subscription to “Ancestry.com” for Hill End Family History and the Gathering Group. Daphne has always paid for this subscription from her own funds and we have been most grateful for access to it as we often refer to it in helping you out with your enquiries. We are therefore really pleased that we can help out in this way.

Our Volunteer Projects

Where do we start?

Having acquitted ourselves well in obtaining and successfully completing other grant projects we were

asked to submit a proposal to the National Parks and Wildlife Service Volunteer Grant Program last year.

There are 8 filing cabinet drawers of files and a cupboard of photograph albums relating to Hill End family & local history in the NPWS Museum in Hill End. The material within these files has been donated to NPWS by families associated with the area over a long period of time. As new material has been received it has been added to the existing files. Material in the folders can date from the 1870s or so thru to current day and basically consists of typewritten pages, correspondence, photographs, memorabilia, legal documents, newspaper clippings, etc. It is believed that there is no full and comprehensive up-to-date listing of these files or what they contain.



Just one of 8 drawers, chock-a-block

We received notification that we were successful in our grant application which covers cataloguing and tagging, rehousing and scanning of the files with the eventual aim of making that material available in a digital format. The valuable original material will then be preserved and stored in appropriate storage boxes etc.

This work will be undertaken by volunteers and if you are interested in joining us on this project please [contact Lorraine](#) (95870352) for more details. We are happy to welcome new workers to our ranks. We will be having a meeting at Kogarah Library on Saturday 9th February at 10am to discuss it all.

In the meantime our volunteers continue to index and transcribe original records. Maureen Clark has listed all the claims on Hawkins Hill ([available on the website](#)). Karen Bates has finalized a listing of names in a register of “Shares in a Claim”, Verna Little has now completed over 20 petitions and Sharon Hoyer has finished transcribing the 1901 Census for the district. Annette Sheen continues to index Harry Hodge’s “Hill End Story” Vol. 2, and Grahame Thomas is working on some of the mining records.

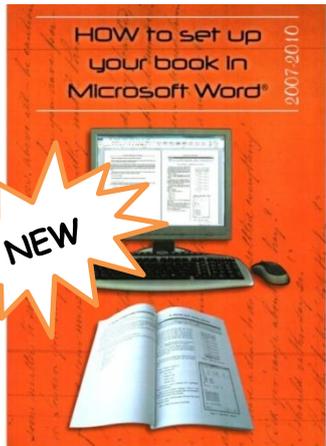
Eventually these will all appear on our [website](#) and will give us an insight into the matters of importance and even better, who was there during the early years. Much of the material has come from the Colonial Secretary’s Correspondence at State Archives.

Gathering Group Publications

(see order form for full purchasing details)

How to set up your book in Microsoft Word

2007/2010 – 2000/2003 by Dan Kelly & Karen Graham



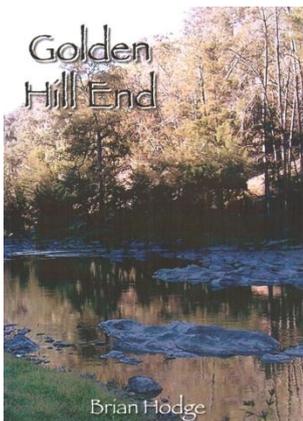
84 Black & White pages
Published by Boolarong Press

You've written your family history on the computer and used Word to capture all the research that you have accumulated over the years. Now it is time to produce "the book". This easy to follow publication will assist you in producing a professional looking document that you will be proud to share amongst your family.

This "How to" book is in two halves. The first half of the book is set out for those that have 2007/2010 on their computers. If you turn the book over the back half of the book is set out for those that have 2000/2003. Microsoft® Word is not the best software to set up a book in, but it is the most cost effective way as most people have Word on their computer.

This book was written to answer the questions that have been asked of the authors over thirty years. Throughout the chapters of this book, they have given some guidelines that will hopefully show people how they can design a book of their own.

Golden Hill End by Brian Hodge



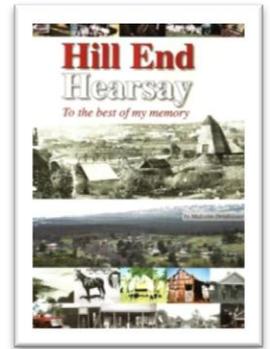
This book, published in 2009, comes from the pen of Hill End historian Brian Hodge. Author of *Valleys of Gold*, *Frontiers of Gold* and *Sunset of Gold* and *Major controversies of the Australian Goldrush: contenders, pretenders and prevarication*, as well as his useful publication, *Touring Hill End*, he is well qualified as a historian and educator to present a collection of historically relevant documents to the interested reader.

He has brought together a variety of primary sources and has allowed the voices held within to speak for themselves. Covering the period 1851 to 2009 it provides a succinct history of the mining boom and bust period which continues well into the 21st Century.

Brian has a close affinity with the goldfields, with his great grandfather arriving there in 1852 as an immigrant from Devon and whose descendants have lived there ever since.

Hill End Hearsay – to the best of my memory. by Malcolm Drinkwater

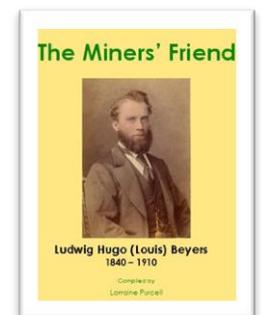
Released in October 2010, Malcolm Drinkwater's book, *Hill End Hearsay* is an eclectic mixture of anecdotes and history from the goldmining town of Hill End. As the title declares, many of these stories are based on "hearsay". Malcolm has introduced new yarns and poems and revisited the tales of the past, scattering them with his home-grown experiences. He has spoken to many of the town's identities, past and present, and as he states on the title page "They thought their lives were ordinary, nothing special, their stories unimportant - They Were Wrong".



The Miners' Friend, Ludwig Hugo (Louis) Beyers 1840 – 1910 compiled by Lorraine Purcell

This 44 page book was produced to mark the centenary of the death in 1910, of one of Hill End's most respected sons, Louis Beyers.

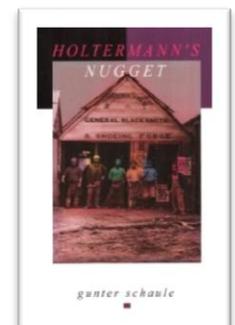
Whilst much has been written about his partner, Holtermann, Beyers seems to have slipped through the net and hopefully this publication will go some way to redress this situation. It has been compiled from a number of sources and included some new material which has recently come to light, including Louis' own words in an interview, on how he became bankrupt.



Holtermanns Nugget by Gunter Schaule

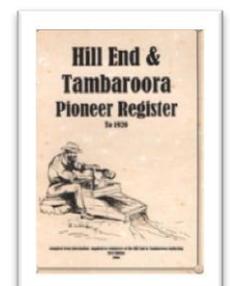
This historical novel is based on the life of the successful 19th century miner, businessman, parliamentarian and photographer, Bernhardt Holtermann, who arrived in Sydney as a young man from Hamburg.

If you are looking for a good yarn and yet still interested in a slice of Australian history then this book is ideal for you. It has been well researched and the background information paints a vivid picture of what conditions existed and what life was like in Hill End in the 1870s.



The Hill End & Tambaroora Pioneer Register on CD

The bound edition, printed in a run of 500 copies, sold out within 12 months of publication so, to satisfy demand, the Register has now been produced on CD in acrobat format. Containing all the original material (plus a few corrections) it has the added advantage of being able to be searched by name or location and enables the researcher to quickly access related entries.





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The 2012 Gathering in Rhodes Park (Map overleaf)

Some people arrive with morning tea, others bring lunch and a few arrive with afternoon tea...the keen ones will be there for breakfast! It is a very free form gathering and is an excellent opportunity for those with ancestors from the region to meet with others who have a similar interest. Initially started as a reunion for those who lived in the Hill End & Tambaroora area to get together, the Gathering is gradually evolving into a meeting place for those with links to the district to join in as well and share their experiences and family history research.

This will be our fifth year at Rhodes Park, which has now become our new "home" and caters well to our requirements. Our venue provides public transport access, plenty of parking, toilets and a Kiosk and a large Shelter Shed which we have booked solely for our use all day.

There will also be a selection of reference materials on display & available for perusal on the day. The Gathering Group publications will be on sale as well as a selection of second hand books relating to Hill End and Australian and family history.

Boiling water, and coffee & tea making facilities will also be available.

We will be having the official welcome and "Roll Up" at 12 noon.

What do people bring? As in the past years the following suggestions are a few ideas that have come to mind....

- Well, there are some tables and seating available in the Shelter Shed but if you are coming by car, it might be a good idea to bring along your lightweight picnic chairs/table or picnic rug, so we can spread out and be comfy.
- Bring your morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, and whatever "refreshments" that will be needed to sustain you for the day. There is also a kiosk adjacent to the Shelter Shed, with coffee, soft drinks and a considerable range of refreshments available for those travelling a long distance and who don't want to bring refreshments with them.
- Bring a couple of copies of the "potted" version of your family history, including photos (but remember that old ones are easily damaged by handling, so perhaps now is a good time to have copies made and **these** can be made available for others to have a look at - **leave the originals at home!**) This may be an opportunity to swap stories and information.
- Wear a name label with your name on it, (in **LARGE PRINT** so others can read it without glasses!) and also the main family names that you are associated with. Maybe a large sign, with the family name, that can be put on your "campsite" so that others can make themselves known to you as well.
- Notepad and pens etc to jot down the contacts if necessary and camera to get that memorable shot.
- If you have the opportunity to prepare a small "handout" that gives your **name and contact details and the families that you are interested in** (no more than a page), it may be worthwhile. Make a few copies of this that can then be swapped if you find others have a similar interest. - saves a lot of writing down in the excitement of the moment of finding others "doing" the same family.

So, there you have it! This may be an opportunity to meet the faces that match many of the names we have been corresponding with in the past 12 months. It is also an opportunity to renew the friendships made at previous reunions. As it is a very informal get together there is no need to "book" to come to the gathering. We're sure to all fit in! Our venue should also provide sufficient shelter if the weather is inclement.

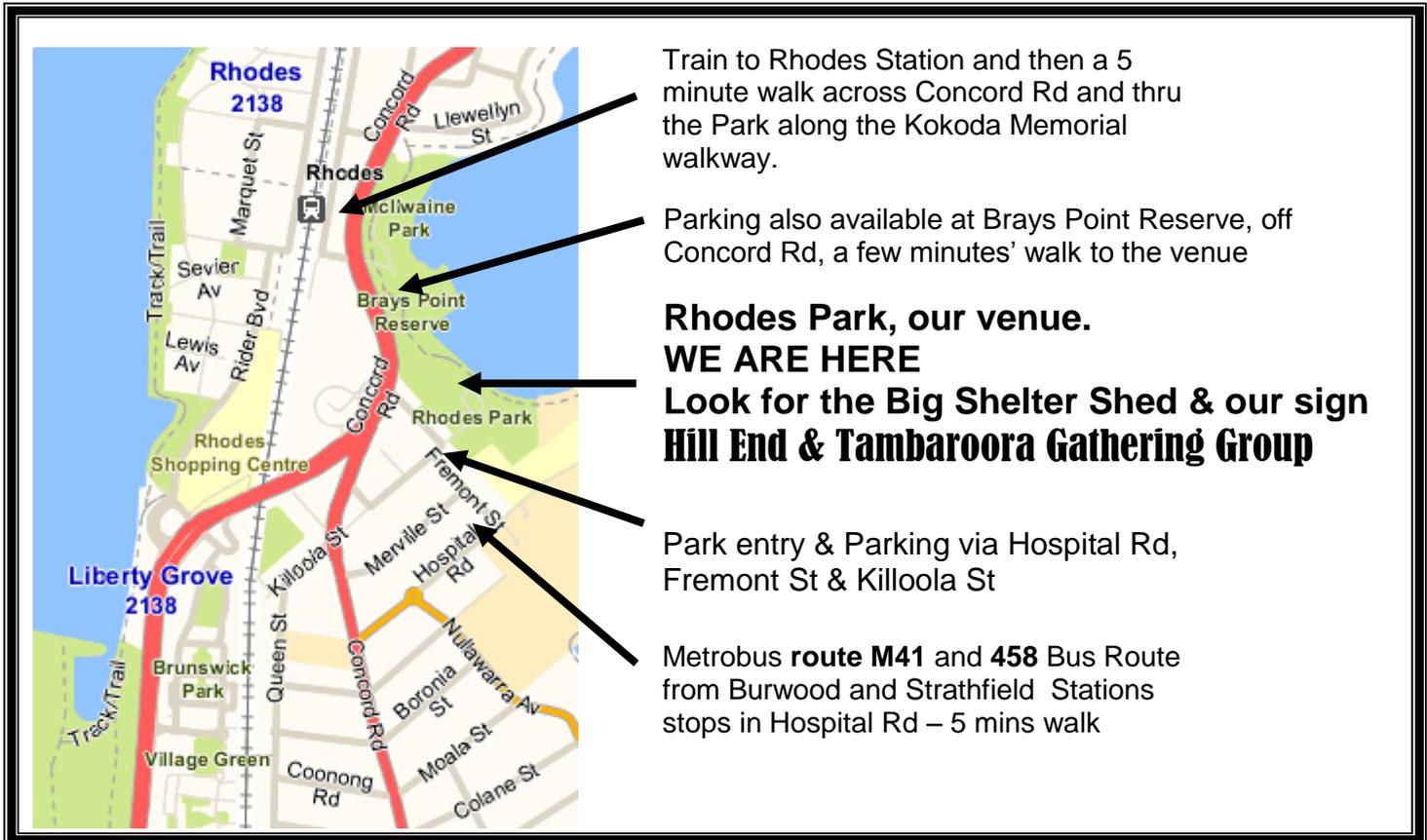
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Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group 2013 Gathering Info

Rhodes Rotary Park Killoola St, Concord Saturday 2nd March 2013 10am – 4pm

(Adjacent to the Kokoda Memorial Walkway and Brays Bay)



Access by car:

Free parking is available at Rhodes Park, via Hospital Rd, Fremont & Killoola Streets or at Brays Bay Reserve off Concord Rd. Stroll along the Kokoda Memorial Walkway to the Shelter Shed. Parking is also available at Concord Hospital car park on Hospital Rd. \$5.00 parking fee applies. Please note time limits on parking in surrounding streets and remember to move your vehicles if necessary.

Public transport:

Train to Rhodes Railway Station then short walk downhill to cross Concord Rd and on to the Kokoda Memorial Walkway at Brays Reserve.

Bus Routes: Use the Metrobus system to access **route M41** from your local interchange or from Burwood Railway Station (runs every 20 mins) **OR** Route No **458** from Burwood to Ryde. Departs Burwood Station in Railway Pde South
Departs Strathfield Station, Everton Rd, Stand D North Side
Ask driver for closest stop to the Kokoda Walkway in Hospital Rd. (outside Concord Hospital) . From here it is a 5 minute walk along Fremont Street to the park.