



Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group Newsletter

Issue 2, Oct 2007

Dear Hill Endites, Tambaroorians and other interested parties....

As mentioned in the last newsletter I was hoping to produce at least 2 newsletters a year, just to keep people informed as to what was happening in Hill End and environs as well as other items of interest to people who were researching their family ties in the district. So, we are now into issue no 2.

At the Gathering in the Gardens in March this year there was mention of undertaking a photo project and we hoped to collect and copy family photos that related to Hill End & Tambaroora. Circumstances seem to have temporarily overtaken this project as a much more exciting undertaking has arisen.

I am referring to the **Hill End & Tambaroora Family History Expo**

Ever mindful of the requests expressed by the group members we put an idea forward to those in attendance at the Gardens. It was obvious that many there would like to visit (or revisit) the town to see where their ancestor lived and those that had more recent memories of the place were seeking an excuse to head back to the area. A few years ago Bill & Betty Maris arranged a bus trip for the Gathering members and it was a great success. We have therefore decided to do this again and have started to make the appropriate arrangements. This time we are planning to squeeze even more into the weekend but we need input from the group members indicating their support before the final arrangements can be made.

We have chosen the weekend of 5th & 6th of April 2008, which is after Easter and before the NSW school holidays. Hopefully a time that will suit as many people as possible. It is also a beautiful time to visit the village, in the middle of autumn when the days are pleasant and the nights are not too cold.

A number of activities have been planned for the weekend and we are hoping for a good turnout. In conjunction with Daphne Shead, resident Hill End family historian, and volunteers from the Progress Association, we will be presenting a program of displays, tours of Craigmoor historic home, the town and cemeteries, talks and social events to interest all. There will also be time to just wander through the village and enjoy the ambience and peace of the place. Bathurst and Mudgee Libraries have indicated their interest in setting up displays as have local family history groups and some commercial suppliers of material of interest to family historians.

Limited coach transport will be available for members of the Gathering Group, leaving Sydney on Friday evening and arriving at Hill End approximately 11pm. The coach will return to Sydney early on Sunday evening. Preference for coach seats will initially be made available to those longstanding members of the Gathering Group but we hope to have enough places available for all those keen to attend so please let us know if you are interested as we need at least 45 participants to make the coach trip viable. **Please contact me ASAP by phone, mail or email to reserve your place.** Contact details are on page 7 and on the **Special Booking Form** included in this newsletter.

A deposit of \$100 by 1st December 2007 will ensure a place and we are happy to put you on the waiting list if bookings exceed the number of seats and beds available. Final payments must be made by Monday 4th Feb 2008.

Accommodation for those traveling by coach is available at the new motel, Hill End Lodge, which offers modern facilities with a rustic flair. Depending on sleeping arrangements the price **per head** for the entire weekend will be \$285 (triple share), \$299 (double) and \$375 (single). Family rooms, with 6 beds, are available for \$270 per head. This cost will include transport, accommodation, meals and tours and Museum entry as well as entry to the Expo & talks in the Royal Hall on both days. For more detailed information please refer to the draft program on page 8 of this newsletter and the booking form.

We are only just covering expenditures with the above prices, as all costs involved will go back to the local businesses & organizations providing the services to the Group.

This advance notice is to guarantee that we have enough people interested to go ahead with booking the coach etc. If you are one of those people who "has everything" then think about asking the family to contribute towards the trip as a Christmas or birthday present.

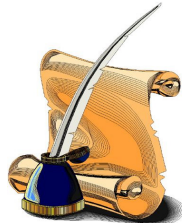
For those making their own way to Hill End and arranging their own accommodation, there will be a limited number of Saturday Packages available at \$25 & \$18 each, which include tours and entry to the Museum and Expo.

The Hill End Ranch, the Royal Hotel and a selection of Bed & Breakfasts in the area offer a unique opportunity to experience life in an historical gold mining village for those willing to make their own arrangements. For those inclined, there is also the

National Parks Camping ground in the centre of the village. Bathurst Visitor Centre can assist with accommodation bookings. Please allow yourself 4 hours driving time from Sydney.

If you can only make it to Hill End for either Saturday or Sunday then you are welcome to join us at the Expo display in the Hall on either day, for which we ask for a small donation towards the Hill End Bush Fire Brigade. The rest of the time you can spend as you please. Self guided tours of the town & cemetery will be available.

The inaugural Hill End & Tambaroora Family Story Award



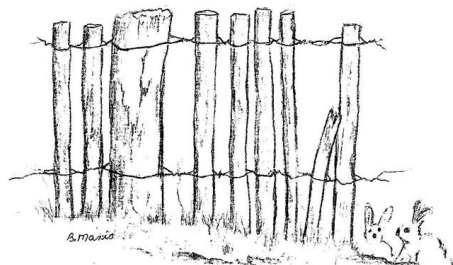
In conjunction with the family History Expo we are also holding a short story competition. Now is the time to put that family research to good use.

The intention of this award is to honour our ancestors by recording their lives in a prose format, mixing recordable facts with maybe a little bit of fiction/faction, in a way that brings them to life.

The Group plans to publish the entries as a permanent record and to supplement to the Pioneer Register published in 2006. Funds raised from the sale of the book will go towards furthering family history research in Hill End & Tambaroora.

For further details see the entry form in this issue. An anonymous benefactor has already donated \$100 towards the prizes so it will be worth your while to put pen (or computer) to paper! The closing date is 31st January 2008 so start thinking about what you will write.

*PS: need some ideas on how to go about it? Check out **Writing a Non-Boring Family History** by Hazel Edwards at your local library. It is full of good tips and ideas for making the story come alive.*



Hill End Fences by Betty Maris (2007)

Did you know????

Charlotte Hoy (wife of William Toft Pullen). Her mother's father, James Freeman, arrived on the First Fleet in 1788 on "Alexander". He received the first pardon in the colony issued by Gov. Phillip on 1st March 1788. He was also the colony's first hangman!

A picture is worth.....



"Grandma's visitor"

Earlier this year Teresa Sabolta (Delatorre researcher) sent me a copy of the above photo, It had been found in a book as a bookmark. It was just labelled "Hill End" and she wondered if we could identify it. It showed 2 women standing outside the front of a bark and slab cottage. It was obviously one of the Holtrmann photos and a search of the State Library Picman Database revealed a copy of the photograph with the caption "Two women and a slab hut house with bark roof, Germantown Lane, Hill End"

In the notes section is recorded "On left: Figure with umbrella is Mrs. Edith Grabbe who worked as a journalist on Times newspaper"

We thought we had found the answer....but searches of the available records could find no mention of a Mrs Grabbe in Hill End. Hmmm....

A few months later one of our contributors Elaine Barnes, sent in copies of some family photos and amongst them was this same photo. Elaine has the original Holtermann photo and it has the caption "Grandma's visitor" and the 2 ladies were identified as Mrs Edith CRABBE and Mrs Edith Bates....

See, good things come to them that wait! It appears it might have been a typo on the Picman database and so I passed on the information to the State Library who have corrected their records and thus made another correct name available for researchers to access. It also helped them to identify another negative that they had in the collection and this will eventually be digitised and placed on the Picman database.

Lorraine



Our new website

Thanks to a young volunteer in Hill End we now have a website under construction. Kass Thompson is undertaking the groundwork for a site for the Gathering Group as well as one for our Expo. We hope to be up and running in late October so keep an eye out for

<http://www.heatgg.org>

Easy to remember....

Hill End and Tambaroora Gathering Group

The Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering

Sydney Botanic Gardens
Saturday 3 March 2007

This year we had an excellent turnout of over 70 participants who gathered in the Rose Gardens on a typical Sydney autumn day. The sun shone on our get together, which was just as well because for only the 2nd time in living memory we had to vacate the Pavilion a little early to allow a wedding party access to their "booked and paid for" venue. We adjourned to the lawn and shade of one of the magnificent fig trees and continued the conversations without missing a beat!

As well as the regular attendees, we were able to welcome quite a few new members to the group. These were people who had become aware of our Gatherings through their association with the Pioneer Register. We hope that they will continue to join us in our activities, thus ensuring the continued interest in all matters relating to Hill End & Tambaroora family history.



The happy group!

Many thanks to those who made generous donations to assist with the postage costs for the newsletter, both at the gathering and by mail. Many people also responded to our request to update our mailing list. If it has slipped your mind we would appreciate a response from those who receive the newsletter by regular mail so that we can anticipate our postage costs etc. If there is a copy of the form in this newsletter then it means that we have not received a response from you as yet. Please take a few minutes to fill it in and return it to us.

With the purchase of an economical b&w laser printer/scanner with funds from the Pioneer Register we are working towards bringing down the production costs of our newsletter as well. We are fortunate to have a sponsor for this issue of the newsletter. **The Teapot Genies**, producers of a variety of family history CD indexes, many of them very relevant to Hill End research, have kindly paid for the production & postage of this issue. They have written an article and have a special offer to members of the Gathering Group who purchase their CDs. See the article and details on page 6 in this newsletter. Many thanks, Genies!



Mark your diaries!!

The 2008 Gathering will be held on **Saturday 1st March**. More details will be in the January newsletter.



Condolences

Sadly we were also informed of the passing of the following gathering group members.

Mrs Marjory Applegate- East Fremantle

Mrs D Slattery - Huskisson

Mrs G Smith - North Ryde

Gwen Eyre - Earlwood

Ken Miller - Hill End

Jean Turner, of Faraday Cottage, the Original Police Station, passed away in March

Vale Ken Miller

(as reported in *The Stamper Battery*)

Those members of the group with strong and recent connections to Hill End will be saddened to hear of his passing. Ken had been up north in Queensland on the banks of the Burdekin River developing an alluvial gold lease when he suffered a fatal heart attack. The sad part is that he was so close to the realisation of his dream. The extraction plant was complete and he had just begun to sample.

Ken was also closely associated with the restoration of a number of old buildings in Hill End and was so successful that it is impossible to distinguish the old from the new. His legacy will be much appreciated by those who are familiar with his work.

Our sympathies are extended to his wife, Lorraine and family.



Snippets from the Stamper Battery

(The Newsletter of the Hill End & Tambaroora Progress Association) with thanks to the editors.

Hill End Gold Limited

The new miners have been working two 12-hr shifts... Deep underground, they are extending the mine originally dug in 1913. No news yet of their success, but we await it.

Maggie Todd and Gavin Wilson

Having sold their Sydney home, they are now permanent residents of Hill End. Gavin and Maggie have been coming here for all of 18 years and have painstakingly restored Warry's Cottage. They were the driving force behind the establishment of the Artist-in-Residence Program and the book *"The Artists of Hill End"*.

Back Issues

Would you like to catch up on the previous issues of this informative newsletter? Check out the website of the Hill End & Tambaroora Progress Association at <http://www.hillend.org/body.html> and click on "The Stamper Battery" to access the archives.

We're doing alright!!

By Edith Arnold (our correspondent in WA)

We may not be as smart as we were
But we are doing alright.....
Even though we cough and splutter
And stay awake at night.....
We brush up quite reasonable
For girls who are eighty plus
We take the things just as they come
And never make a fuss.....
We do have trouble finding things
That we know we haven't lost.
We know they must be somewhere
And we'll find them soon, at any old cost.
The spectacles seem to take on legs
When there is something to be read.
You search around quite madly
Then find them on your head.....
You go to fetch a certain item
And the memory takes a lapse,
So back you go to base again
To put the brain to tax.....
They talk about incontinence
That comes with our old age...
When in time the bladder weakens
Until it reaches non stop stage.
But we are doing really fine,
Men no longer make us passers,
Now I've got the morning paper.....
But, where did I put my flamin' glasses.



Hmmmm...I can relate to that! - Lorraine



Family Differences

I have received a few enquiries from contributors about conflicting details that have been published in the Pioneer Register. It is not the aim of the Pioneer Register to cause difficulties between family researchers but rather however to foster a sense of teamwork between them in order to make life a little easier for future generations who come to research their families.

Naturally there will be differences arising as people have access to varying records and family stories. Stories that have been handed down for generations may indeed be modified or expanded and whilst thought of as “gospel”, when the official records are consulted it is discovered that they bear very little resemblance. In some circumstances we are told the full truth, but generally the stories “get better” in the retelling through generations.

In many instances we are asking family members to think back in time 60 – 70 years. This period we are talking about is the time when children were seen and not heard. In those days children did not query what they were told by their parents or what they may have overheard. As my mother said “You just didn’t think to ask those questions: and if you did you wouldn’t have been told even if you had the nerve to ask!”

Again, impressions differ between families. If I may indulge again by quoting my family I have spoken to my aunt and my mother about the same family stories and they have 2 totally different versions of the same incident from their childhood, however both were there at the same time. What can you say! This is when I resort to the newspapers or official records of the time and hope to get an “independent” report, (hoping that they forget that I asked for their version). To stifle further dissent I always then quote my official source.

Today there is much more openness about family circumstances and as family history becomes one of the most popular pastimes so many more records are now becoming available, and readily accessible.

The Pioneer Register is a start in bringing these researchers together. It is hope that by combining resources that the true story will eventuate. As family historians, we have to be guided by what is available in official records, however even those can be wrong. The clerk may have jotted down a wrong name or date. He may have assumed a spelling of a name, he may have misheard the information being provided to him, especially if the parties being recorded did not have the advantage of literacy or an education, or had a heavy accent. All this must be taken into consideration.

How to go about “correcting” the inaccuracies?...What a challenge. My best advice, from experience, is to go with the official record version.

- If dates, names and places can be verified by official documentation, such as birth, death or marriage records, Census information, electoral rolls etc, overall, these are the primary documents on which we rely as being accurate. In a legal sense these are the documents that would be accepted in court if necessary.
- However, if the information provided is only hearsay or family story, in the absence of official documentation to the contrary, it can be recorded with a disclaimer, until someone else disproves it by a more official record.
- Family stories can often be couched in general terms and quoted as “Grandma often used to tell us the story of.... But on investigation this could not have happened”, and quote your research.
- Don’t make things up. Put in a few “perhaps” or “supposes”. Leave the matter open for further research or for the reader to assume what happened.
- Naturally there might be minor discrepancies which appear, eg the place of death might be registered at the suburb or town in which the hospital was located, but the family story was that the person in question lived in another place all their life! Think laterally.

Following on from this, in the absence of official documentation then why not just accept that there will be varying information. It is better than nothing and may give a future researcher some clues as to where

to continue their study. However, never “invent” things, just to make the story sound good.

By following up family stories you learn a lot along the way, and the resources you discover may be useful for further research on another family. For the last time I will quote my family but it does illustrate the story so well. ...Family story: “Great grandmother was a barmaid in a small town (Wentworth) on the Murray River, near where it flows into SA from NSW/Vic....but only because her father owned & ran the pub and she was needed to help in the bar”. This sent me off to all the publican records in NSW, Victoria and eventually in SA looking for gggrandfather's career as a pub owner. No luck. After months of searching the usual records, as I still couldn't even find a registered death for Gggrandfather anywhere in 3 states that would give me a hint as to where he may have had this pub. Eventually, on a trip to Adelaide I discovered a handwritten card file in the State Library, indexing newspaper articles. Bingo! Found him. He certainly had a connection with the amber liquid however it was not in the expected sense. It appears he was sole parent, looking after 4 young children after his wife had been committed to the Asylum in Adelaide on the death of 2 of their younger children within 2 days and the birth of a third the next day! He was a shearer and had been out working on a Saturday on a nearby farm. At the end of his shift he “hitched” a ride on the brewery wagon, which was heading into town. When they came to cross a flooded creek the brewery wagon forged thru however the horses, the wagon and its 3 passengers were swept away in the torrent. The newspaper gave a full account of the tragedy including the abandonment of 4 small children on the death of their father. Death certificates were issued for two of the deceased however, there was no family to register the death of Gggrandfather so it appears the records were never filed.

So, nicely inform the person out there who has “published” inaccurate information....in most circumstances they will be happy that the true story is now available to other researchers. However, tread carefully.

- Send them copies of the official documentation that proves your research. They can't argue with that!
- Don't be confrontational. Be prepared to have to “prove” your case. If you can't prove it then, in their eyes, their information is just as good as yours!
- If it is just a matter of family stories then perhaps it is best to have both versions available...you never know, some other family researcher might come up with a third! And then as more resources become available they might all be blown out of the water! It certainly makes the ancestors an interesting bunch.
- It is better that it is recorded in some way, than not at all. As time goes on those following in our research footsteps will have access to the records and long after we have passed on those records will be correctly presented.
- A good researcher should never completely “trust” what others have written without seeing the proof.

A good source of information for writing the family history is “How to trace your family tree and not get stuck on a branch” by Janet Reakes. This should be available at your local library. I have taken a few of the above ideas from this publication.

Lorraine



Times are a-changing....

On a recent trip to Hill End, Daphne Shead and I were visiting Bill & Genevieve Moseley (recently appointed president of the Progress Association) who are currently restoring the English group of buildings. We were talking with them about the Holtermann photos and wondering if there were photos of the English clan available. Without hesitation Bill fired up his computer and we were able to access the Internet and the State Library database (<http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/picman/>). Sure enough we were rewarded with a photograph of Master Tom English, aged about 10.

Here we were, in a primitive cottage built in the 1870s, surrounded by the artefacts & furniture of the period and yet still able to access the latest electronic media of the 21st century.... mindblowing.



The English Home by Sidney Neighbour (1977)

What would the English family have thought of that! A slight step up from a slate or quill, or even Mr Merlin's photographic contraction. What will the next 130 years bring?

Lorraine & Daphne



Shall we dance?

Benjamin Carver, attended the same dancing school as Fred Ward (who later became famous as the bushranger "Thunderbolt"). Years later Benjamin was on a trip up the northern tablelands when an outlaw rode out of the scrub and bailed him up. They instantly recognised and knew each other. They talked of old times and then with a parting word to Benjamin to keep his counsel, "Thunderbolt" rode off. Within a week from this meeting "Thunderbolt" had been shot and killed by Constable Walker near Uralla.

A Herculean task....



Research and indexing undertaken by Kaye Vernon and Billie Jacobsen

During the NSW gold rush a tide of people from all over the world swept across the land. Prospectors, vagabonds, down-and-outs, itinerants and tramps, all with one thing in common, the burning desire to strike it rich.

Soon after gold was discovered at Ophir near Bathurst in August 1851, prospectors began sending gold out of the Abercrombie area to Goulburn. A gold rush was 'on' and by the time Edward Hargraves, Commissioner for Crown Lands arrived, 100 prospectors were already working in the area.

By 1852 gold rush was in full force, with thousands of miners travelling around the country following the latest strikes. Waves of prospectors continued to rush to and fro at the mere hint of a gold strike. Remote places such as Gulgong, Araluen, Rocky River, Tumut, Captains Flat, Nundle, Hill End, Sofala, Ironbark, Nelligan, Nerrigundah, Trunkey, Sunny Corner, Carcoar and Louisa Creek suddenly became hot spots overflowing with prospectors and then, just as quickly died out, becoming part of our history.

Having marked his claim on a goldfield, the prospector applied for a lease to mine that claim which was surveyed and a lease purchased. An official record was kept. Who were these people? Their names were meretriciously captured in musky old books, little remembered and even less read. These are now housed in the dark reaches of the NSW State Records Office.

Kaye Vernon and Billie Jacobsen set out on a journey of discovery to index these names on CD and in doing so made a lasting contribution to family history research in Australia

"Following our discussions with the NSW State Records, we embarked upon the arduous task of indexing all the names appearing on applications to register gold leases in NSW between 1874 and 1953" says Kaye Vernon.

"Going through every register, we recorded the names of each applicant as well as every name on the lease including the surveyor as well as the names of others whose names appeared including those objecting to the lease for a variety of reasons," said Billie Jacobsen.

"The number of leases was about 20,000 with names indexed exceeding 60,000. The names fell into two categories, - Names of Applicants and Names of Others. These indexes provide the date of lease, name of applicants, place and sometimes location of lease, names of legal firms acting for the leaseholder; in some cases the names of agents and the names of others who may have purchased the lease later or perhaps been involved in some sort of dispute".

"A researcher looking at the CD is referred back to the original Application for Lease on which there is often a

wealth of material" said Kaye Vernon. *"For example, we found women who were the leaseholders. Quite a few names showed a military rank and serial number and names of men who were overseas at war. One man named was shown to be a prisoner of war".*

These indexes were produced in a series of CDs called **Registers of Leases of Auriferous Lands** contained in 14 CDs covering the 14 gold mining districts of NSW. These CDs are available separately (**\$22 each**) and have also been consolidated into one CD for those who have miners in many districts. This is called **Registers of Leases of Auriferous Lands NSW Mining Districts 1874-1953. (\$150.00 each)**

This project completed, we then decided to continue our collaboration and index all other references to gold records held by NSW State Records. These include journals, registers and actual letters. The letters are often from miners or the gold commissioners about a variety of subjects including waterholes, applications to build and operate a public house or inn on a particular gold field, the gold escorts, police and troopers, fights among the prospectors, racial disputes etc. Among the letters are several, which relate to the apparent theft of gold packed in metal matchboxes and sent by the miner to Sydney. The matchboxes were collected by the district Gold Escort but did not arrive at the bank in Sydney. Many references cover the investigation, which took place into the missing gold.

This project is called **Index to Miscellaneous Records Relating to Gold Fields of NSW 1800 onwards**. Volumes 1, 2 and 3 have now been completed and are available. (**\$25 each**)



We have also completed Volume One of the indexing of the **Registers of Seamen Discharged for NSW**. This new release CD covers 1859-1869 **and** is also available for purchase. (**\$30 each**)

"Although our eyesight and backs are suffering it has been a rewarding experience for us. Prior to our indexes the only way to access this information was for the researcher to do as we have done - go through every book or every letter or every reel. Now all this is at your finger tips".

**Kaye Vernon and Billie Jacobsen
September 2007.**

<http://www.bananatv.com/family/aboutus.htm>

From now until 30th November only, the Genies are offering 30% discount on all of their products for the Gathering Group.

For further details email kjvernon@bigpond.net.au or phone 02 9452 1912

Please send Cheque or money order to

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Notes from Hill End Family History

The following "Odds and Ends" have come to light in the past few months and have been supplied to us by Daphne Shead of Hill End Family History. Located in "The Morgue" at the Hill End Visitors Centre, Daphne is happy to assist descendants of Hill End & Tambaroora residents to research their family history in the area.

Johann Krohmann left his sister (Anna Maria) the old Ackermann house, which he originally built and which is still standing today.

John and William Gard with their families and their nephew William moved to Queensland in search of new goldfields. They are recorded being in Charters Towers, Townsville, Cairns, Port Douglas, Oakey, Kingsborough, Croyden, Normanton, Thornborough and Georgetown.

James Dagger took over the Hargraves Hotel, Mudgee Rd, Tambaroora in 1873. He ran his blacksmith business at the rear of the hotel. When "Tambaroora Jim" (the subject of one of Henry Lawson's poems) finally died, the Dagger family moved to Stannum, NSW. (Stannum means 'tin').

Maria/Mariah Anderson lived all her life in Hill End. Family stories say that she could have married a wealthy man and moved to England, however, she chose to remain in Hill End to look after her ailing mother, Frances. Perhaps this is why she was the main beneficiary in her mother's will.

George Henry Bryant had a butcher shop at Hargraves before moving to Hill End. A photo of the establishment is included in the Holtermann photos.



Bryant's Butcher Shop
From the Holtermann collection held by the Mitchell Library

The Hill End Family History research room is located at the **rear of the Visitors Centre** and is open every Saturday
10am to 4pm.

For enquiries contact Daphne
Email - hefh@bluemaxx.com.au
Phone - 02-63378218 after 6:30pm
or try your luck with 0429335627 from 11am to 3pm.

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

Got a story to tell? Found some research you'd like to share?

Share your tale with other Hill Endites and Tambaroorians. They'd love to know what you've found. Keep the article to approximately 500 words and email or post it to the address below.....We'd love to hear it!

Facts and figures ...

Please remember that if you get your newsletter by email, and change your address or ISP you need to let us know so we can update our address list, Otherwise you'll miss out, as we have over 300 members receiving the newsletter by email and we are unable to chase up returned and undelivered emails.

Currently we are also posting out around 250 hardcopies as well.

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Hill End & Tambaroora Family History Expo Draft Program

Saturday 5th April 2008

10am - 4pm

Venue: Royal Hall

Resources and displays will be available throughout the day

Displays by:

Hill End Family History, Database & Photographic Display

Hill End Tambaroora Gathering Group
Family History & Electronic resources, Mining CDs,
by the Teapot Genies
Other commercial products relating to family history research

Bathurst Family History Group
Mudgee Historical Society

Bathurst Regional Library - Family & Local History
Mudgee Shire Library - Family & Local History



Woolards Home – Betty Maris

During the day the following activities have been planned for the Group participants

- Coach tour of the town
- Visit to National Parks & Wildlife Museum
- Free time to wander around the town
- Opportunity to visit the art galleries etc
- Special tour of **Craigmoor**, built 1875.

Once the home of a successful mining family, this two-storied wooden house dwarfs the surrounding humble miners cottages. A museum in itself, all the interiors and furnishings have not been altered since its heyday. Recognized by Historic Houses Trust as one of the most significant historic houses in NSW. To aid the house's preservation, it is rarely open to the public, and then only in small guided groups, truly a unique opportunity.

Saturday evening

6.30pm - 11pm

Venue: Hill End Lodge

The resident chef will present a sumptuous Australian bush style 3-course camp oven dinner. This includes damper, entrée, main course and desserts. This will be a chance to talk to other participants and perhaps find new cousins. Visitors are welcome to join us for the dinner. The winners of the Family Story Award will be announced and prizes presented.

Bookings and prepayment is essential

Sunday 6th April 2008

9am - 10am

Coach trip & guided tour of the cemeteries at Tambaroora provided by local volunteers. Individuals are welcome to make their own way there and join the tour for the cost of a small donation.



Venue: Royal Hall

10.30am – 1pm

We will have a variety of speakers presenting talks on various aspects of Hill End life

Venue: Royal Hotel

1pm onwards

Lunch at the Pub



Royal Hotel – Betty Maris

Venue: Royal Hall

1pm- 4pm

Royal Hall will remain open for further enquiries and Expo photographic display

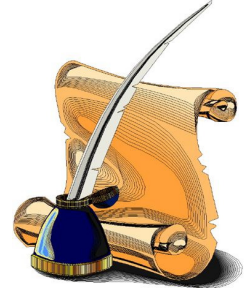
Displays and speakers are still being confirmed but we have had confirmation & interest from participants and groups listed above. As all participants are volunteering their services we reserve the right to change activities and speakers if circumstances alter however we will endeavour to make similar substitutions if necessary.

Further details will appear as a link on our website in due course.

<http://www.heatgg.org>



The Inaugural Hill End & Tambaroora Family Story Award



The intention of this award is to honour our ancestors by recording their lives in prose format, mixing recordable facts with maybe a little bit of fiction/faction, in a way that brings them to life.

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COMPETITION CONDITIONS

- 1** The competition will be judged to select, in the opinion of the judges, the best prose article incorporating verifiable biographical data about a Hill End or Tambaroora personality or family.
- 2** Entries should be based on fact as much as possible, to a maximum of 2000 words plus bibliography. All sources relied upon in the text should be listed in the bibliography and noted if copies of original certificates or sources are held by the author.
- 3** A maximum of 2 photographs relevant to the story may accompany each entry. Written permission of the copyright holders of the photographs must be included. (Including Holtermann photographs from the State Library of NSW).
- 4** Entries must be original, not have been previously published for cash payment, nor have been awarded first prize in any other written competition at the closing date of this competition.
- 5** An entry fee of \$5.00 must accompany each entry, along with an official entry form (in a sealed envelope) for each piece of work. Write a "pen name" on the outside of the envelope.
- 6** Entries should be typed on one side only of white A4 paper. No names on the entry, only on the entry form. Entrants should maintain a copy, as no entries will be returned.
- 7** All entries, including the entry fee and entry form, are to be posted to:
**The Convener,
Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group
12 Grantham St
Carlton NSW 2218**
- 8** Further information may be obtained from the Convener at the above address or Telephone: (02) 95870352 (Sydney) Email: heatgg@yahoo.com.au
Enquiries can also be made to Daphne at Hill End Family History Room in the Hill End Museum or phone (02) 63378218 after 6:30pm (Hill End)
- 9** **Entries close 31st January 2008**
No late entries will be considered.
- 10** The winners will be notified by telephone. The announcement and presentation of the Awards will be at the Hill End & Tambaroora Family History Expo Dinner on Saturday 5th April 2008.

11 Entrants also give permission for the entries to be displayed at the Expo, published in a book by the Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group and used in media promotions. Copyright remains with the author.

12 Prizes will be:

- First prize –\$100.00 & Certificate.
- Second prize – \$75.00 & Certificate.
- Third prize – \$50.00 & Certificate.
- Certificates – Highly Commended and Commended Certificates will be awarded at the judge’s discretion.

13 The judges’ decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

14 Before being given to the judges, each entry will be given a running number so that those doing the judging do not know whose manuscript they are assessing. **Do not include your name on the manuscript.** Once a decision is made we will identify the winners by the matching the number on the manuscript and the number on the envelopes.

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Entry Form

I have read, understand and agree to the entry conditions outlined above.

Signed.....Date.....

Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
Entry Title	
\$5 entry fee included	
Cash, cheque or money order (<i>payable to Hill End & Tambaroora Pioneer Register Account</i>)	

Copyright information for photographs

The copyright for the photos included is held by:

	Title	Held by & permission for use granted
Photo 1		
Photo 2		

Hill End & Tambaroora



Family History Expo

5th – 6th April 2008
Royal Hall, Hill End NSW

Special Gathering group Booking Form.

Weekend Package

We have a limited by the number of seats available on the coach (50) & motel rooms (24) so bookings are **ESSENTIAL**. A deposit of \$100 for the weekend package bookings **must be received by 1st Dec 2007** and places will be allocated on a *first come first served* basis. **Please contact me ASAP by phone, mail or email to initially reserve your place.** A waiting list will also be available.

Weekend package* (Friday - Sunday) package includes:

- Luxury coach travel from Sydney (Central Station) on Friday evening to Hill End and returning on Sunday (Pickups & drop off en route may be possible)
- Accommodation at the newly opened Hill End Lodge
- Full cooked breakfast and light lunch on Saturday & Sunday
- Full 3 Course camp oven roast dinner on Saturday night
- Guided coach tour of the town on Saturday morning
- Guided tour of Craigmoor on Saturday afternoon
- Unlimited weekend entry to the National Parks and Wildlife Museum
- Guided coach tour to both Tambaroora Cemeteries on Sunday morning
- Entry to Expo Display and seminars in Royal Hall over the entire weekend

All rooms at Hill End Lodge are motel style with the following amenities:

- 2 Disabled suites
- Refrigerators
- Bathrooms, complete with toilet, vanity and shower
- Reverse cycle air conditioning
- Radio/Clock
- Toaster
- Tea and Coffee making facilities

*Package costs include all activities and there will be no discount if you do not join in a particular activity. This is your choice.

To ensure a place in the Coach and Accommodation package this booking form **MUST** be completed and returned with the deposit to the organizers by **1st December 2007.**

Refunds can only be made after this date if we are able to fill your vacancy from our waiting list.

Booking Form

I wish to make a booking for the Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group Family History Expo

Accommodation package

Name:.....

Please PRINT CLEARLY

Street Address.....

City.....State.....Postcode.....

Phone No: Home (.....).....Work(.....).....Mobile.....

Email.....

Please PRINT CLEARLY

I have enclosed a deposit of \$100 per head and will pay the remainder by 4th Feb 2008

Signed:.....Date.....

Please fill in accommodation requirements below.

Full weekend all inclusive package per head		
Options	Total cost	No of packages
Single room	\$375	
Double room or twin share	\$299	
Triple room -(1 double and one single)	\$285	
Triple room -(3 singles)	\$285	
Family rate per head based on 6 singles in a room	\$270	
I am travelling on my own but am willing to share a triple room <i>(This option is only available if there are sufficient people interested to make it viable)</i>	\$285	

This booking form MUST be completed and returned with the deposit to the organizers by 1st December 2007

All enquiries:

Lorraine Purcell (02) 95870352 (leave a clear message if no answer)

Or email heatgg@yahoo.com.au

Cheque or money order should be made out to
Hill End & Tambaroora Reunion

Post to:

**Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group
12 Grantham St
Carlton NSW 2218**

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Saturday Tour Packages and Gathering Dinner

To assist with planning, catering and staffing we would appreciate bookings and payment for the Saturday tours and the Dinner to be completed by Monday 3rd March 2008, as places are definitely limited. We will also be accepting payment and issuing tickets for these tours at the 2008 Gathering in the Sydney Botanic Gardens on Saturday 1st March if not already sold out.

Tickets may be purchased in Hill End on the Saturday (5th April) however as the Expo will be widely advertised to the general public in the new year we cannot guarantee that there will be vacancies left for these tours or the dinner.

For those arranging their own transport and accommodation, or who can only make it for one day we have the

Saturday Craigmoor package for \$25, which includes:

- Guided tour of Craigmoor in the morning
- Guided coach tour of the town in the afternoon.
- Unlimited weekend entry to the National Parks and Wildlife Museum
- Entry to Expo Display and seminars in Royal Hall over the entire weekend (*30 packages only available*)

We also have a limited number of seats available for the

Saturday Town Package for \$18, which includes:

- Guided coach tour of the town in the afternoon.
- Unlimited weekend entry to the National Parks and Wildlife Museum
- Entry to Expo Display and seminars in Royal Hall over the entire weekend

Full 3 Course camp oven roast dinner on Saturday night at the Hill End Lodge for \$45.
This includes Damper, Entrée, Main and Dessert.

Day visitors to Hill End wishing to attend the Expo in the Royal Hall on Saturday or Sunday are asked to make a gold coin donation at the door towards the Hill End Bush Fire Brigade.

Booking Form

Saturday Tour & Dinner Packages

I wish to make a booking for the Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group Family History Expo

Name:.....
Please PRINT CLEARLY

Street Address.....

City.....State.....Postcode.....

Phone No: Home (.....).....Work(.....).....Mobile.....

Email.....
Please PRINT CLEARLY

Saturday Packages per head		
Options	Cost per head	No of packages
Saturday Craigmoor Package	\$25	
Saturday Town Package	\$18	
3 Course Gathering Dinner at Hill End Lodge	\$45	

I have enclosed full payment (\$.....) for the tour and/or dinner packages per head as indicated above.

Signed:.....Date.....

This booking form should be completed and returned with the full amount to the organizers by Monday 3rd March 2008

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Lorraine Purcell (02) 95870352 (leave a clear message if no answer)
Or email heatgg@yahoo.com.au

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If you are arranging your own accommodation it is suggested that you contact the Bathurst Visitor Centre for assistance.
Phone (02) 6332 1444 or email: visitors@bathurst.nsw.gov.au