



Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group

Newsletter

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Dear Hill Endians and Tambaroorians,

As well as all the news and forthcoming activities this newsletter is full of names, just a sample of some of the work that our volunteers have accomplished in the past few months.

Your assistance is much appreciated! Well done team! **Lorraine**

Our 2010 Gathering

March 6th was the date set for our 2010 gathering which was again held at Rhodes Park. The weather was kind to us and we had a wonderful day. There were over 100 descendants who joined us to celebrate and remember their Hill End and Tambaroora ancestors. Over 70 of those signed the book and noted their family/ies of interest. Apologies were also received from more than 40 members.

Our photographer, Di Greenhaw captured the day and prepared a web album which can be viewed at <http://picasaweb.google.com/digreenhawphotography>

For those who couldn't attend we hope you enjoy the photos of the day and maybe even recognize a face or name. Maybe you can make it next year. There were so many new members here this year! I am just sorry that I didn't get around to speaking to everyone but as usual it was a very friendly group and new faces were gathered into the fold, and soon family connections were made or rekindled.

Many thanks also for the kind donations which have allowed us to produce this extra newsletter. Your support is most welcome.

Now is the time to consider gathering your Hill End family descendants together and start planning for next year's reunion. We hope to book Rhodes Park again and the picnic will be held on Saturday 5th March. More details will be in the January newsletter.

Collect the younger generation and encourage them to continue a tradition that was started more than 70 years ago. Maybe you'd like to put together a photo board of your family tree – you might find other families have the same photos of the earlier generations.

The following list of representatives of the early family names was compiled from the attendance book:

Ah Lun	Evans	Morris
Ackland	Ettinger	Murray
Alderman	Farrington	Northey
Allsopp	Fitzgerald	Olivier
Auld	Fonseca	Palmer
Bender	Fry	Partlett
Bohrdt	Gard	Pearce
Brailey	Garner	Pearson
Brice	Gaynon	Porter
Byrne	Goodwin	Pymont
Carkeet	Hancock	Rapp
Carty	Heap	Rego
Carver	Herrmann	Roberts
Clarke	Hocking	Ross
Clemens	Howard	Rudd
Cock	Hurley	Sherring
Cocks	Jacobs	Slack
Cooke	Jarman	Standen
Cox	Jeffrey	Starr
Cullen	Kelly	Thompson
Dargin	Kenny	Totolas
Dagger	Lee	Treffone
Davidson	Levy	Trevithick
Davies	Longmore	Walpole
Day	Lovett	Wardman
De La Torre	Letcher	Warry
Denman	Macryannis	Weine
Diener	Madden	Wheeler
Dinning	Merlin	Willard
Drakeford	Millett	Wood
Ellis	Monies	Yates

Hill End Easter Markets



Now becoming a regular event, our market which was held on the Saturday and Sunday over Easter was again well received. A variety of stalls enticed both locals and tourists into the Royal Hall where they were provided with a choice of tables offering local art works, bric-a-brac, books, preloved clothing, collectibles, jewellery and toys.

Many found it hard to resist the aromatic vapours emanating from the Sausage and Kebab Sizzle just outside the main door and Dennis had sold out of his weekend supplies by 3pm on the Saturday!



Our next Market is on the Long Weekend in October. More details on page 15 of the newsletter.

The Holtermann photos at the State Library.

The State Library has a blog which is keeping people up to date on the redigitizing of the Holtermann photos and they post new information relating to the photo collection and the project regularly.

Check it out at <http://blog.sl.nsw.gov.au/holtermann/index.cfm/curatorial> where you can subscribe for automatic updates.



Our Condolences

We have been made aware of the passing of the following Gathering Group members. Our condolences are extended to their families.

Alice Thompson, a long term resident of Hill End
Eva Charman of Turondale
Gwen Pearce of Kellyville



It's something to think about ...



You've done all the research and work in tracking your family history but what will happen to it in the event of your passing?

The following was posted some time ago on an email mailing list that I subscribe to and I thought it worth bring to the attention of the Group members.

Genealogical Codicil to my last Will and testament

To my dear partner, children, guardian, administrator and/or executor: Upon my death it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared by me and those records prepared by others which may be in my possession, including but not limited to books, files, notebooks computer programs, files, and data storage for a period of two years. During this time period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories.

In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the Society of Australian Genealogists, and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials.

Please remember that my genealogical endeavours consumed a great deal of time, travel and money. Therefore, it is my desire that the products of these endeavours be allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.

Signature.

Witness.

Witness.

Date

Date

Remember your family and ancestors from Hill End in a very tangible way

"We would particularly refer to the beautiful appearance of our main streets owing to the ornamental trees which will remain as mementos of your munificence and forethought – when the present generation has passed away." – extract from a testimonial presented to Louis Beyers by the notable citizens of Hill End, upon his leaving the town for the WA goldfields in 1897.

The Hill End & Tambaroora Progress Association are planning to continue Louis Beyer's project, conceived over 120 years ago, of planting trees along the main avenues of the town and are now working on the plantings along the Bathurst Road. The Pioneer Families naming project was started a few years ago when it was deemed necessary to replace some of the original trees in Beyers Avenue and along the Mudgee Road which were dying off or becoming unsafe.

For a donation of \$100 towards the costs you can have a tree planted in your family's name. This includes the tree, a plaque showing the name of the family to be remembered, the variety of tree and the donor's name/s. The trees will be similar to those already planted in the avenue, crimson maple, linden, scarlet oak, horse chestnut and possibly elm. They will be fenced, watered and fertilized by volunteers from the Progress Association who will ensure that the tree gets all the attention needed to thrive in the new location.

Further details can be obtained from Ross Brown in Hill End at 63378306 or email Ross at peterandross@tadaust.org.au



Beyers Ave showing some of the trees planted as part of the Pioneer Family Naming Project.

Do you have.... any old newspaper cuttings about Hill End or surrounds.

It has come to light that there may be people within the group who, over the years, have kept scrapbooks of newspaper clippings about the town or their



families when they were in the area. These could be in the usual spots, the SMH, or Telegraph but could also have been from the Western Advocate (Bathurst) or the Mudgee papers as well. We also know that over the years the Woman's Weekly, Woman's Day, the Australian Magazine and Pix magazines have also featured articles about the town and local personalities.

We have been fortunate enough to have a couple of scrapbooks already donated to us and we are in the process of putting them together to form a continuous chronological record of Hill End from the late 1940s until the present day.

With the advent of the newspaper digitization project by the National Library of Australia all the back issues of the main papers will soon be available. However it will probably be a fair way down the track before the local regional papers are available in digitized format. In the meantime we can recreate the day to day happenings of the town and this can then be available to people to browse.

We would love to hear from you if you have such scrapbooks or even just piles of old newspaper clippings about the Hill End area or your family. We are happy to borrow them and copy for our records or if you no longer want them we will give them a good home. Contact Lorraine for details.

Our Volunteer Projects

As a result of my pleas for assistance to help with a few projects, we had very generous offers from about 30 people who were willing to take on various tasks ranging from petition transcriptions and basic indexing of books through to envelope stuffing and "meet & greet" at the annual Gathering.

We held a meeting at Kogarah Library on 6th May and 14 people were able to attend and went away with their projects. I have also been in touch with others who are doing their tasks "remotely". Some have started on their projects and some have even completed them. Even allocating the projects take a bit of organization so do not fear if I have yet to get back to you. At our follow up meeting on 6th August we discussed the projects and I will be contacting those whose offers of assistance are yet to be taken up.

Newspaper items: Beatrice Brooks has taken on the unenviable task of trolling through the online versions of newspapers looking for any items relating to Hill End, Tambaroora, or the Turon area generally and ensuring that the scanned articles, which are sometimes a little “garbled” are corrected and available to the researcher in future. You can check these out at the Trove website (<http://trove.nla.gov.au/>).

In the first few years the Hill End area was known as Bald Hills and Beatrice has recorded newspaper items about the following people. If your ancestor is in the list contact me for the full details

Bagwell, Sergeant Major	Langford
Beatty, Mr. James	Lehane
Blacksmith & party	Lusted, Mr.
Blain, Mr.[from Maitland]	MacKay, Angus
Bodger (nickname only)	Martin & party
Boniface	Millar, Commissioner
Bourke	Miller, Thomas
Bowman, E.,	Milward
Broughton, Mr.	Morris
Cadell, Thomas	Phillips
Carroll, Peter	Phillips, Mr.
Cole, S. A.	Pratter, The Rev. Mr.
Colquhoun, Mr.	Quachermen, Messrs. & Co
Cummings, Mr.	Rawstone
Darley	Redgate
Davis & partners	Riley, Trooper
Deeves, James & Co.	Ross
Dickson	Samuel, Mr.
Dwyer & partner	Scotchie & party
Ferguson, D. & party	Shiels
Francis, Mr.	Smith, Mr.
Gillespie (from Wollombi)	Staunton
Gordon	Staunton & Ross, Messrs.
Green, Thomas Francis	Stephens
Haff	Tringo (nickname only)
Hardy, Mr. Wm.	Tuckerman & party
Harpur, Mr.	Walford & Co., Messrs
Hayes	Walford, Mr. of Sofala
James Deeves & Co.	Walker
Jendon, Sarah	Wallace
Johnstone (from Wollombi)	Wheeler, Mrs Ann
Jones, John "The tinker"	William, Thomas
Keif	Wilson
Kelly (from Wollombi)	Wright, Henry
Lamb, Mr.	Wythes, Mr. Joseph

Petitions: The Post Office Petitions team are gradually working thru the files and recording hundreds of names of citizens, often including their occupations and place of residence. This may be the only record that someone was in the area at a particular time and will help us to compile a “who’s who” of the area.

Indexing: There are a number of books written about the area that do not include an index. Our indexing team is searching a selection of these publications, noting the names of all people mentioned with the page numbers. Again, this will make it a lot easier to identify material on the personalities and people.

The following people are currently working on the listed books:

Maureen Clarke – “*Ghosts on the goldfields*” by Neary
Jenny Tomlinson – *Cradle of a nation 1 & 2* by John Rule

Annette Sheen - “*The Second Rush*” by Robert Baker
Beatrice Brooks - “*Sofala Days & Turonites*” John Rule
and “*Gold Nuggets Galore*” by Joyce Pearce

Ruth Wilson - “*Hillendiana*” by Donald Friend

Helen Woods– “*Hill End Story*” Vol 2 by Harry Hodge

Indexes to *Hill End Story* (Vol 1) by Harry Hodge and *Born on the Hill End Goldfields* by A E Howard have already been completed and are being proofread.

Once all of these have been completed and proofread we will consider publishing them in one volume, thus making the contents of the books more readily accessible for the family history researcher.

Work is also continuing on the indexing of the known issues of Hill End Times as well as the newspaper scrapbook belonging to Joseph Whitehead Lees, the Police Magistrate in Hill End in the early 1870s.

Holtermann Photos Project: If you have ever looked at the State Library catalogue records relating to the Holtermann photos you may have noticed a general note: “*For research on this image see back of item.*” These pencilled notes, added over the past 40 or so years hold a wealth of additional information (some yet to be substantiated) which may be of assistance to family historians. Stan Walters has undertaken to compile this information which will be made available.

Hill End store Cash Book: Betty Maris has recently completed indexing a 1896 cash book from an unknown general provedore in Hill End. As well as a list of names it reveals the day-to-day purchases, showing the necessities of life, when residing in an isolated country town.



First Telegraph Office, Hill End

The Post & Telegraph Office

An incredibly important part of the daily life of our ancestors was the Post Office. This was their central point of contact to the rest of the world. A few resources have come to light recently which have helped us identify many of the early residents of the area. Amongst all the government records held in the National Archives are 4 boxes of documents relating to the Hill End Post Office. In these were a number of petitions signed by the resident and some of these are now being transcribed by our volunteers. As they often contain hundreds of names this is a time consuming project but eventually we will be able to sort them into alphabetical order and thus make checking on family names a much easier task.

In the meantime there are a few smaller documents which may prove of interest to the members of the group. Is your ancestor here?

The following 2 lists appeared in the **Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser**. One can only wonder at the contents of these letters which possibly never made it to the nominated recipients. Wouldn't we love to have them now? As mail was sent to these people it must have been expected that they were at Tambaroora in early 1854.

Wednesday 8 February 1854

GENERAL POST OFFICE, SYDNEY.

List of letters returned from the country, and now lying at this office unclaimed addressed to persons residing in the Hunter River and Northern Districts.

Cavanagh Mr. George, Tambaroora;
 Conway Mr. Andrew, Tambaroora
 Emruow Mr. Augustus, Tambaroora
 Gribble Mr James, Tambaroora;
 Guynon Dennis, brick layer, Green Hills, near Maitland.
 Henderson Mr. Thomn Tambaroora
 Hollingdale Mr. Robert, Tambaroora;
 Marshall Esq, S. B., Tambaroora;
 Paull Mr. Richard, Tambaroora
 Robbs Mr Chas. Tambaroora
 Royes E. H., Tambaroora
 Scott Mr. Andrew, Tambaroora (2)
 Stene Mr. Jale, Tambaroora
 Warner Walter Tambaroora;
 Wath? Mr. W., Dirt Hole Road, Tambaroora
 Wilson Mr. Wm, Tambaroora

Saturday 18 March 1854

GENERAL POST OFFICE, SYDNEY.

List of letters returned from the country, and now lying at this office unclaimed, addressed to persons residing in the Hunter River and Northern Districts.

(Note the early spelling of Tambaroora)

Allard Thomas, Tambaroura;
 Bennett Joseph, Tambaroora;
 Brinin Mr. Jas., Tambaroora;
 Brooks R., Tambaroora;
 Chadwick Thomas, Tambaroura;
 Chapman John, Tambaroura;
 Crook Henry, Tambaroura;
 Dakin Mr. L., Tambaroora;
 Gribble James, Tambaroora;
 Hall Mr. John, Tambaroora Diggings;
 Hanley Mr. Thomas, Tambaroora;
 King H. E., Tambaroora;
 Paton John, Tambaroora;
 Rose Geo., Tambaroora;
 Selby Jas., Tambaroora;
 Solomon Jonathan, Tambaroora;
 Spechly Thos., Tambaroora;
 Ward Thomas, Tambaroora;
 Wympts Thomas, Tambaroora (2).

Bruinbin Post Office Petition

Below is an example of the one of the Post Office Petitions that has been transcribed.

Bruinbrun Macquarie River
 5th April 1878

The Honourable
 The Postmaster General

We, the undersigned residents of BruinBrun and the Bridle Track having observed with pleasure that tenders are invited for a mail between Bathurst and this place would take the present opportunity of respectfully suggesting that the Post Office be placed at McGrath's Residence, being the most centrally situated. Hoping you will give this your favourable consideration,

and your petitioners
 as in duty bound
 will ever pray.

Peter Ch Gresser	William Challis
James Headrick	William Kessey
George Gresser	M Gleeson
Christoph Dinger	Jeremiah Dwyer
Froda Dinger	John T(?)erry
Henry Carr	M M Maher(?)
Owen Moriaty	J or T McDonald
John Moriaty	R (?)Burns
Thos Hyland	Francis ?? ?ons??
Philip Mealey	John O'Shea
Simon Fitzgibbons	John Houlihan
James Story	James McGrath
J Griffin	
John Robinson	

From the bookshelves.

The Library

Lorraine has a considerable number of books and articles relating to the area in her personal library. She is happy to make these available for Gathering Group members to access to do their own research. Please contact her to make arrangements for a mutually convenient time to visit.

Amongst the more recent acquisitions are 2 interesting articles. The first was written by **Henrietta Huxley** and published in the periodical *The Nineteenth Century* in June 1899.

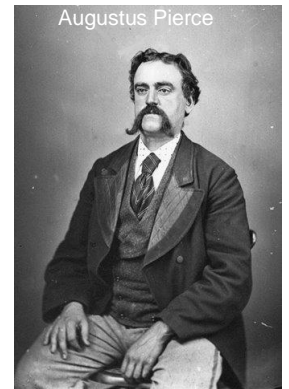


Henrietta Heathorn, whose father was a brewery manager at Woodstock Mill near Cowra, met Thomas Huxley at a ball in Sydney in about 1847 and they married 8 years later. From the end of 1846 to the beginning of 1850, Lieutenant Huxley was assistant surgeon and naturalist on an exploratory voyage to Australia and New Guinea and during the years leading up to the publication of *On The Origin of Species* in 1859, Huxley was Charles Darwin's right hand man. Henrietta was a writer in her own right and contributed this article on the "Gold Diggings at Bathurst in 1851" as well as other material describing her travels in NSW during in the 1840-50s. In this article she describes her visit to the Turon Mountain Diggings, - the Poor Man's Diggings- about 20 miles (32kms) from Bathurst in May 1851. She also touches on the difficulties encountered when all the domestic staff deserted their home in Bathurst to go looking for gold. Amongst other activities, they quickly had to learn how to light the brick oven in the yard to make bread (the bakers had gone to the goldfields too) but were not at all successful in growing vegetables!

The second article is actually a patent that was applied for by **William Merton**, watchmaker of Hill End, in 1895. In it, he describes his invention for the "Improvement in Metal Canisters and Cases to Facilitate their opening" i.e. basically a ring pull can - obviously a man before his time! I have not been able to locate any further information about William so if anyone can "claim" him and add more details I would be most grateful.

Entertainment, Hill End style

One adventurer who headed to the goldfields was Augustus (Gus) Baker Pierce, an American captain of Murray River steamers and jack of all trades, who wrote "*Knocking about; being some adventures of Augustus Baker Peirce*" which was published in 1924. During mid 1872, Peirce visited the gold fields between Bathurst and Orange with his touring panorama show, but soon after the big strike at Tambaroora in October of that year, he returned to Hill End with a fellow thespian, Gill, and set up a tent theatre.



Peirce produced a splendid panorama called "A voyage around the world" which consisted of twenty-four 6ft x 4 ft canvases presenting views of the like that the local inhabitants might only dream about. This was accompanied by a running commentary on the particular scenes, and as such, it was the forerunner of the modern day newsreel. How many of our ancestors, in search of some diversion from the monotonous pounding of the stamper battery, visited his canvas "Great Varieties Hall" on a Saturday night. For a fuller account of Gus and his adventures see the State Library Holtermann blog at

<http://blog.sl.nsw.gov.au/holtermann/>



The machinery for a moving panorama
(*Scientific American*, 1848)

But wait, there's more....

You never know where you will find Tambaroora mentioned and I was pleasantly surprised to read of another American mariner, Robert Coffin's "true adventures" in his search for gold. He devotes a whole chapter to it in his book "The last of the Logan" which was edited by Harold W Thompson in 1941. The book is based on the memoirs of an American whaler who, after working his way to Australia, jumped ship and spent some time in the bush before heading to the Turon goldfields. Although written fifty years after he visited the area it provides an excellent contemporary description of the goldfields from a miner's point of view.

“Tambaroora Jim” & the Hargraves Hotel

Not too many of us have ancestors that have been immortalized in poetry and even less of us have them written about by Henry Lawson. However, the Dagger family can rightly be proud of the following poem about James Dagger, who was licensee of the “Hargraves Hotel” at Tambaroora. All that now remain of the hotel is a deep well and the brick chimney which stands alone in a paddock near the track that turns off the Mudgee Rd leading to Tambaroora Ck.

Earle Dagger has a small photograph of the Hotel take around 1885 showing the family standing outside.



‘Tambaroora Jim’ – by Henry Lawson

He never drew a sword to fight a dozen foes alone,
Nor gave a life to save a life no better than his own.
He lived because he had been born—the hero of my song—
And fought the battle with his fist whene'er he fought a wrong.
Yet there are many men who would do anything for him—
A simple chap as went by name of ‘Tambaroora Jim.’
He used to keep a shanty in the ‘Come-and-find-it Scrub,’
And there were few but knew the name of Tambaroora’s pub.
He wasn’t great in lambing down, as many landlords are,
And never was a man less fit to stand behind a bar—
Off-hand, as most bush natives are, and freckled, tall,
and slim,
A careless native of the land was ‘Tambaroora Jim.’
When people said that loafers took the profit from his pub,
He’d ask them how they thought a chap could do
without his grub;
He’d say, ‘I’ve gone for days myself without a bite or sup—
‘Oh! I’ve been through the mill and know what ‘tis to be
hard-up.’
He might have made his fortune, but he wasn’t in the swim,
For no one had a softer heart than ‘Tambaroora Jim.’

One dismal day I tramped across the Come-and-find-it Flats,
With ‘Ballarat Adolphus’ and a mate of ‘Ballarat’s’;
’Twas nearly night and raining fast, and all our things
were damp,
We’d no tobacco, and our legs were aching with the
cramp;
We couldn’t raise a cent, and so our lamp of hope was
dim;
And thus we struck the shanty kept by ‘Tambaroora
Jim.’
We dropped our swags beneath a tree, and squatted
in despair,
But Jim came out to watch the rain, and saw us sitting
there;
He came and muttered, ‘I suppose you haven’t half -a-
crown,
‘But come and get some tucker, and a drink to wash it
down.’
And so we took our blueys up and went along with
him,
And then we knew why bushmen swore by
‘Tambaroora Jim.’
We sat beside his kitchen fire and nursed our tired
knees,
And blessed him when we heard the rain go rushing
through the trees.
He made us stay, although he knew we couldn’t raise
a bob,
And tuckered us until we made some money on a job.
And many times since then we’ve filled our glasses to
the brim,
And drunk in many pubs the health of ‘Tambaroora
Jim.’
A man need never want a meal while Jim had ‘junk’ to
carve,
For ‘Tambaroora’ always said a fellow couldn’t starve.
And this went on until he got a bailiff in his pub,
Through helping chaps as couldn’t raise the money for
their grub.
And so, one rainy evening, as the distant range grew
dim,
He humped his bluey from the Flats—did ‘Tambaroora
Jim.’
I miss the fun in Jim’s old bar—the laughter and the
noise,
The jolly hours I used to spend on pay-nights with the
boys.
But that’s all past, and vain regrets are useless, I’ll
allow;
They say the Come-and-find-it Flats are all deserted
now.
Poor ‘Tambaroora’s’ dead, perhaps, but that’s all right
with him,
Saint Peter cottons on to chaps like ‘Tambaroora Jim.’
I trust that he and I may meet where starry fields are
grand,
And liquor up together in the pubs in spirit-land.
But if you chance to drop on Jim while in the West, my
lad,
You won’t forget to tell him that I want to see him bad.
I want to shake his hand again—I want to shout for
him—
I want to have a glass or two with ‘Tambaroora Jim.’

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
**Please note the new email address for
Hill End Family History**
Email – hillendfh@yahoo.com.au
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>

Hill End Family History

Daphne has been working on the Certificate Register and would like to thank all the Group members who sent in Transcriptions and copies of Certificates. She is still happy to receive copies if you have acquired some of late. The Register is slowly being put together and while doing so Daphne has been making up lists of occupations and the people who worked in the different professions. However, one occupation is hard to define.....this being the Midwife. Usually a Midwife was present at the birth of a child with family member/s and friend/s helping. The birth certificate usually does not state the 'position' of these witnesses. Daphne is asking if the Group members who have midwives in their family tree could send the name of this lady for addition to the Midwives list in the Occupations file. If she lists all the helpers on the certificates, then Hill End & Tambaroora will have the biggest list of midwives in the world!.....(more midwives than mothers giving birth). Please send the names to Daphne at hillendfh@yahoo.com.au.

Following on from the publication of *Hill End Heroines and Tambaroora Treasures*, Daphne would also like to sincerely thank the members who submitted a story of their ancestor's life. The book has been a wonderful success and she is much appreciative of all the work undertaken by the Gathering Group members who took the time and trouble to write the stories. These stories will now live on for future generations to read and learn about the pioneer days of Hill End, Tambaroora and the surrounding districts.



Every Photo Tells a Story...

By Helen Wood

Amongst my grandparents' old photos is one of an unknown family. This is the story of the family in that photograph and how I discovered their identity.



Several clues are apparent, including a terrace house with a number ending in 35, a family of at least four daughters and three sons, with both parents alive and two of the sons in uniform. The younger of the two appears to be wearing a ring on his left hand. The older son is wearing leggings worn by mounted troops. It is likely that the photo was taken before the two sons went away to the First World War.

My initial assumption that the family were relatives of my grandparents, William Drakeford and Sophia Jane Everett or my great grandparents, Richard Everett and Esther Jarman, all of Hill End, proved incorrect, as none of their extended family matched the criteria. Neither did it match any other family from Hill End, who had sons away at the war.

The Hill End Honour Board, records on the National Archives website of WW1 soldiers born or enlisting at Hill End and BDM indexes were used to eliminate them as possible subjects.

Recently, while searching the National Library website Trove, using the phrase "late of Hill End", I came upon the SMH death notice in 1921, for Charles Shipway, aged 82 years. It gave his address as 135 Jones Street Ultimo!

A check of the National Archives website of WW1 soldiers, revealed the records of not two but three sons of Charles Shipway, at this address. Ernest, aged 28, and Charles junior, aged 20, went away to the First World War in May 1916. A younger son Donald enlisted in July 1917.

These records are extensive and combined with those from the War Memorial website complete the picture.

Ernest and Charles served together in the 7th Australian Field Artillery Brigade, 26th Battery. On 11th September 1917 at Dickebusch near Ypres, Charles was killed instantly by a hit from a German shell. Ernest was only a few yards away and received a "bad shock from the concussion of the same shell". Charles sustained massive head injuries and was identified by Ernest by the ring that he wore.

Seven other soldiers were killed outright, three died of wounds and thirty-four were wounded. Ernest attended the funeral and informed his parents by cable and letter. (George Carver formerly of Hill End, was also in this unit and wrote to the family as well.) Shortly afterwards Ernest was repatriated to England for several months, before returning to the war early in 1918 and finally to Australia in May 1919.

A final piece of the puzzle was provided by checking the Google Street View website. The terrace house at 135 Jones Street Ultimo is still there and its proportions and location are as in the photo.



135 Jones St Ultimo as it is today

So, how did my family come by the old photo?

Perhaps my great grandparents were friends of Charles Shipway and kept in touch after he left Hill End in 1880. Maybe they met up again about the time the photo was taken. My great grandmother Esther died at Annandale in February 1917.

One can only imagine the trauma caused to the family by the war. The photo is a bittersweet reminder of their last time together and also the terrible price that so many Australian families paid at this time in our history.

The Shipway Family – links to Hill End

Buoyed by enthusiasm after finding all this information about the Shipway family Helen continued her research and was able to put the following story together.

The Shipway family arrived in NSW on board the *Bussorah Merchant* in 1839. Charles was born at sea and his full name was Andrew Bussoran Charles Shipway.

Three of his brothers, Frederick, Jabez and Joshua Shipway were at Tambaroora during 1852. Frederick advertised in the SMH in January for a horse he had lost at Dirthole Creek, just before Christmas the previous year. Jabez and Joshua had some success at gold mining, sending gold away on the Western Escort in April and December. A report of gold mining attempts by a party led by a young Mr. Shipway, 200 yards from the Commissioner's tent, also appeared in the SMH in November.

Joshua Shipway became involved with the Tambaroora Association of Alluvial Miners in August 1852, serving on the executive committee, but possibly left Tambaroora early in 1853 after the unrest about the unpopular license fee. He may have even been on his way out of the goldfields, when he witnessed the marriage of fellow Tambaroorians, George Yates and Martha Wardman, at Bathurst on 18th February 1853.

Charles would have been 13 years old in 1852 so probably followed his brothers to the goldfields later. He was a friend of Mark J. Hammond and is mentioned in his book "*Remembered with Pride*". It seems Charles had been in Lambing Flat for a few weeks in late 1860 with two of his elder brothers and returned there with Mark, from the Turon early in 1861. They were at Lambing Flat at the time of the riots during that year.

Charles remained at Lambing Flat at least until 1864 but by 1867, was back in the Turon district, playing cricket for Sofala against Bathurst and mining at Golden Gully at Tambaroora in 1871 with his partner, Smith. In 1872 Charles was photographed in his cricket gear as part of the Holtermann Collection and in 1880 he played for Hill End against Sofala and was one of the “destroyers” of Sofala’s game. A photo of a Mr C. Shipway is also in the Holtermann Collection.



In 1875 Charles married Rose Miller at Bathurst and their first three children were born at Hill End from 1876 to 1880, at which time they moved to Sydney, where their remaining eight children were born. Charles obtained a job with the Sydney City Council in 1883, working there until his retirement in 1921.

Charles and Rose lived at various addresses in Sydney until 1904 when they moved to 135 Jones Street at Ultimo. This was to become their home until Charles’ death in 1921. Rose died in 1928 at South Kensington aged 72 years, survived by eight of her children.

Success stories - Its nice to know...

The following email extract was received from one of our members, Bill Wilson:

“I wrote an account for the latest book” Hill End Heroines & Tambaroora Treasures: regarding my great great grandmother, Julie Taylor.

We have very little history regarding the other members of the Taylor family because my grandmother, Elsie Taylor nee Emerton... whilst very friendly towards the Emerton side of the family made the Taylor family feel unwelcome, thus I never met any of them.

I received an email this week from Greig Turnbull informing me that his mother is a Taylor and the granddaughter of my late grandfather’s brother, Richard George Taylor, who was born at Cow Flat near Bathurst. He recently visited Hill End and purchased a copy of the book where he found my details next to the article and now we are trading family information and I am shortly going to Penrith to meet up with his mother, a long lost cousin.

A great result and proof that all the hard work does pay off in many cases.

Regards
Bill Wilson

Louis Beyers Memorial in WA. Update

As mentioned in our previous newsletter we have located Louis Beyers unmarked grave in Mt Morgans Cemetery in WA.

With the permission of the descendants, the Gathering Group will be arranging for a memorial plaque to be placed on site later this year as it is the centenary of his death (May 1910) . The cemetery is currently being restored by the Dept of Corrections who has a work camp nearby and they have indicated that they are willing to look after this part of the project.

Hill End Gold

You may be aware that underground mining had been resumed in Hill End over the past few years, resulting in a mini boom in the area. According to their website, this activity has been temporarily halted to allow the company to focus on significant work required to complete the drill testing of the full extent of Hawkins Hill- Reward mineralization deposit system.

Because of this influx of modern day “fly in- fly out” miners, it has been sometimes difficult to obtain accommodation at the usual venues in the past. Now this situation has been reversed and beds are readily available. Suzanne Thompson, of *Hosies B&B* is only too happy to welcome Gathering Group members to her establishment.



Hill End Bed & Breakfast at Hosies store

Hill End B&B is a step back in time in a grand old two- story building, with period furniture throughout. Luxury queen bedrooms have fireplaces and the guest sitting room has a television and cosy fireplace. A delicious gourmet hot country breakfast is provided and dinner parties can be arranged, in the period surroundings of Dining Room.

Find out more at <http://www.hillendbandb.com.au/>

Can you help?

We have had a few photographs sent to us recently in the hope that they might be identified. Possibly you might recognize some of the people in them or even know where they may have been taken or their connection to Hill End. If you would like better quality copies of the photos please contact me.

The first is from **Ann Vincent**

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Email: wattlepark@aapt.net.au

Hi Lorraine

I thought with all your connections you might be able to help me.

I have recently been to Sydney and collected photos that belonged to Elsie May Bulkeley (nee Anderson – died March 2009) daughter of John Burns Anderson and Martha Chandler and now have quite a collection of photos from that family. John (born 1865 at Tambaroora) was a son of George Edward & Mary (nee Burns) Anderson. (This is a different family to Henry Anderson & Frances Sophia Blair who you have records for - I am also a descendant of this family as George Edward's son George Edward married Henry's daughter Lydia Harriett - my great grandparents).

I have quite a number of photos of the Chandler family as well as a number of wedding photos with no names on them.

John and Martha had a couple of sons who lived in the Mudgee area - one being Milton John Anderson who married Eva Elizabeth Southall whose son Albert Charles Milton (Bert) Anderson married Evelyn Catherine Oakley who lived in Mudgee. I would like to track down their descendants to see if they are interested in the Chandler photos.

The photo below is a large framed one in the collection, but it doesn't have a name on it

Does anyone know who the people in this photo are?



Sharon Hoyer has sent this photo below from her "Willard Collection" which was given to her by her Great Aunt. This one appears to be a church or school picnic of some sort and could possibly be on the Cricket Ground area at Hill End.



....There appears to be only one adult male in the photo and all the ladies are well dressed for the occasion. There are about 23 boys and 21 girls of varying ages who appear to be surrounding a large round granite (?) rock. The clothing dates the photo around 1905-1910 but the location and the event remains a mystery. Can anyone recognize the group or any of the individuals?

Sharon's contact details are

Phone (02) 9980-7989

Email: shoyer@optusnet.com.au



Our last "can you help" photo comes from **Jenny Tomlinson** who has this poignant photo in her collection. It shows a group of school children possibly in Tambaroora around 1918 and it is thought that they may be celebrating Wattle Day. The little chap in the back row at the far left has been identified as Cedric Canvin Hamilton but can anyone help with the others?

Jenny can be contacted at

Phone: (02) 9130-3132

Email: jennygirl@unwired.com.au

Hill End Happenings

A Hill End icon retires

Locals and visitors alike will be interested to hear of the departure in August of Maxine Anderson after 34 years of service behind the bar of the Royal Hotel.

Maxine is taking a well earned retirement, and along with her husband Robert, will be heading off to do all those activities that comes with territory. Fishing, caravanning and travelling around Australia are just a few of the choices open to them. Maxine was also Treasurer and Secretary of the Bush Fire Brigade for many years, whilst Rob was the Captain. We wish them well.

Forthcoming activities

As Spring approaches October is a great time to visit Hill End.

The October Long Weekend Market in Hill End will be on again this year. Situated in the historic Royal Hall, right next to the Royal Hotel, in the centre of town, a variety of stalls will offer a range of goods for sale between 10am and 3pm on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd October.



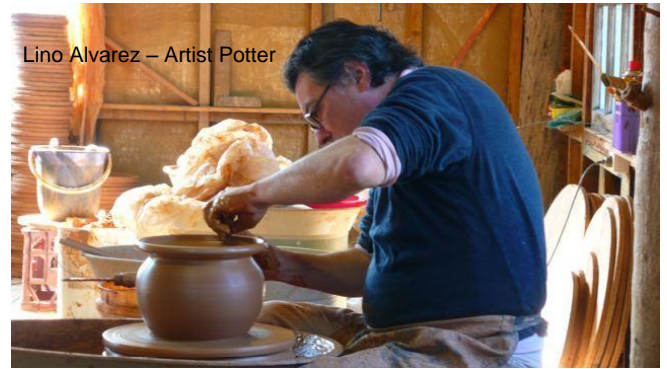
There will be a mixture of bric-a-brac, books, preloved clothing, vintage jewellery and craft items for sale as well as the ever popular Sausage Sizzle. Grace Holloway, local artist will also have her works on sale. New stall holders are welcome and due to limited space indoors all stall allocations **must** be booked in advance.

You never know what you will find at one of our stalls....it is the element of the surprise that makes it all the more interesting.

Now is the chance to clear out all that interesting "junque" that has been sitting around in your cupboards for years. Recycle it and make a few dollars for your efforts. For stall bookings and more details please contact Daphne Shead at hillendfh@yahoo.com.au or phone 02-63378218 after 6:30pm

Craigmoor Open Day: the historic home will be open for inspection on Sunday 3rd and Monday 4th October.

Bookings are essential and can be made on 02 63378306 – Cost is \$10 and \$8 conc.



Lino Alvarez – Artist Potter

The Jean Bellette Gallery at the Visitors Centre is currently featuring Lino Alvarez's exhibition "Collaboration in Clay". Meet Lino at the Gallery for drinks and an artist's talk at 2pm on Saturday 2nd October. Further details contact Kim on (02) 63378333

Hill End Open Day is on Sunday 17th October when all 10 historic Hill End buildings will be open for inspection from 9.30am – 3pm. This is a rare chance to view these historic buildings, from humble miners cottages and old churches to the historic residence of Craigmoor, with its furnishing still intact. Local guides will be available to answer your questions about each location.

The following buildings will be open: Murray's Cottage, Hosies Store, Beyers Cottage, Ackerman's Cottage, Rose Cottage, St Pauls Church Haeflinger Cottage, Royal Hall & La Paloma Pottery.

Bookings are advisable and can be made on (02) 63378306.
Cost \$25 Adults and \$18 conc.



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Many thanks again to Di Greenhaw for her wonderful photography dotted throughout the newsletter. She captures our events for posterity!

Publications for Sale

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Born on the Hill End Goldfields



Born On The HILL END GOLD FIELDS

A.E. Howard

A.E. (Bert) Howard clearly had a sound memory and a knack for story-telling, and he maintained a life-long connection with the town of his birth. His book captures the town through the eyes of a child and young man, up to and during the final burst of commercial gold mining activity (1896-1918) until the Howard family moved to Wellington in 1923.

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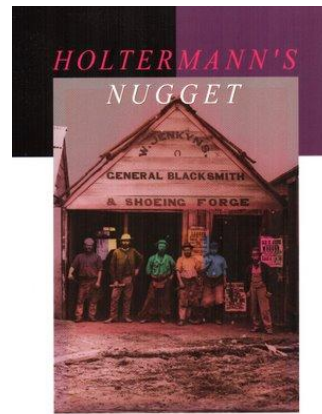
We have recently been provided with a **very limited** number of copies of this publication to be made available to members of the Gathering Group, especially those with families who lived in the town during the period that Bert wrote about, 1890 – 1923. **Please confirm with Lorraine (by phone or email) that copies are still available before sending your order.**

The book sells for \$30 which will include postage and a separate index. It is the generous wish of the donor of these books that money raised from their sale be donated to the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children which was Bert's favourite charity so \$20 from the sale of each volume will be donated to this cause.

This book has been included in our Indexing project and we have now produced an index of names and places mentioned in the text as a separate publication. Matt Hall, who lives in Washington DC, undertook to index the book for us and we are very grateful for the effort he has put into the task.

Copies of this separate index will be generally available soon.

Holtermanns Nugget



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After selling out our first consignment of this book we now have additional copies available.

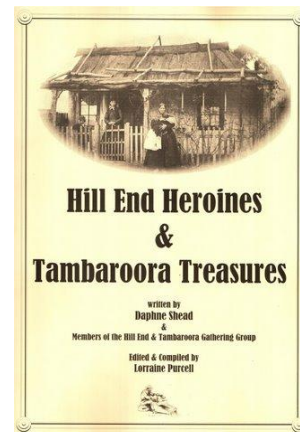
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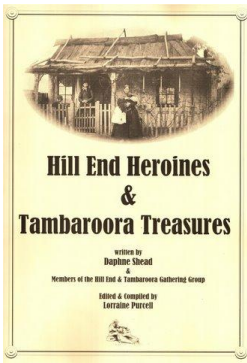
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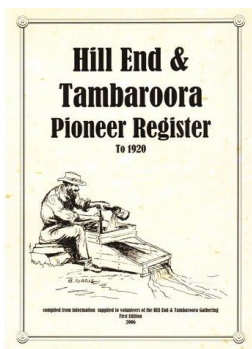
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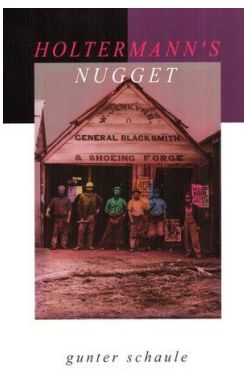
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Three years in the making this Pioneer Register is an essential resource for those researching their family history in the Hill End & Tambaroora district, located between Bathurst and Mudgee in the central west of NSW.

So many Australians have their roots in this area, which was once the largest inland centre in NSW. By the end of 1872 the towns boasted 8000 residents, a mile of shops and 27 hotels. The people came, they worked, they played and some even made their fortune, whilst others left destitute. From here they moved on to all parts of Australia.

The bound edition of this work sold out within 12 months of publication in 2006, so, to satisfy demand the Register has now been produced on CD. Containing all the original material it has

the added advantage of being able to be searched by name or location and enables the researcher to quickly access related entries.

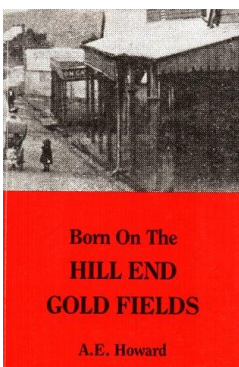


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