

# Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group & Society of Australian Genealogists



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Tumut Family History Group <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswtfhg/History.html>

## Arrivals:

*How to find shipping and immigration records in Australia* / by Cora Num. (5th)  
*Ships' deserters, 1852-1900, including stragglers, strays and absentees from H.M. ships* / by J. Melton.  
*The deserters: military and naval deserters as settlers in Australia and New Zealand, 1800-1865* / by Rae Sexton.

## Births:

*Hill End Baptisms and Marriages*, Methodist from 1873  
*Sofala Catholic Parish Registers*, commence in early 1850s  
*Bathurst Catholic Parish Register* Includes Gulgong & Sofala. (SAG)  
*Bathurst Anglican Church Registers*. (also Wesley Methodist & Presbyterian available. (SAG)  
*Molong Catholic Parish Registers*, CD (SAG)  
*Index to children in Victorian institutions, 1860-1863*  
*Children's Registers of State Wards Victoria c1850-1893* Microfiche, State Library NSW

## Marriages:

Church records & parish registers (see births)

### When marriages go wrong:

Victorian Police Gazettes (SAG electronic resources)  
*Index of deserters of wives and children, 1880-1885* / compiled by Helen D. Harris. (SAG)

## Sickness & Health

### Hospitals

*Index to Victorian Goldfields hospitals' admissions: at Amherst, Ballarat, Castlemaine, Creswick, Dunolly, Kyneton, Maldon and Maryborough* (SAG)  
*Bendigo Goldfields Hospital, admission register, 1856-1866 & 1866-1888* [microform] (SAG)  
*Victorian Mining Accident Index* Dave Evans (SAG)

## Deaths:

Civil registration & Parish registers (see births)  
*Inquest index Victoria 1840-1985*  
[\*Index of funerals, inquests, obituaries ... from Bendigo advertiser newspaper \[microform\]\*](#)  
REF 10/ N079.9454/ 1 SET No. 1 (1854-1865)  
*Where they lie: early burials on the Bendigo goldfields*, by Annette O'Donohue  
*Bendigo Advertiser, index to funerals, inquests, obituaries etc 1854-1880*

## Other

*Perkin's Papers*, Tumut & Adelong, Monaro & District also index,  
John Arthur Perkins - *Monaro District items, 1823-1948*, being a chronological collection of references with 'Index 1823-1918', compiled by John Arthur Perkins, ca.1950  
John Arthur Perkins - *Tumut and Adelong, 1824-1939*, being a chronological collection of references compiled by John Arthur Perkins, ca.1945 Call number A 3621 (microfilm)  
*Ballarat & District: pioneers & old residents' directory 1837-1855*, by Clare Gervasoni  
*Port Phillip & Victoria (GPO) directories 1839-1867*  
Pre 1900 NSW Electoral Rolls in Family History section at State Library  
*Gold and silver: photographs of Australian goldfields from the Holtermann Collection* / selected and annotated by Keast Burke.  
SRNSW *Child Care & Protection Archives in Brief 1859*  
*Bailliere's 1867 Post Office Directory of NSW* [microform] Mitchell Library

## **Books (State Library NSW)**

*The diggers from China : the story of Chinese on the goldfields* / by Jean Gittins.

*Gold fever: the Australian goldfields 1851 to the 1890s* / edited by Nancy Keesing.

*Life on the Australian goldfields* / by Derrick I. Stone and Sue Mackinnon.

*The miner's right: a tale of the Australian goldfields* / by Rolf Boldrewood. (Facsimile ed.)

*The golden south: a history of the Araluen, Bell's Creek and Major's Creek gold fields* / Barry McGowan.

*Gold and water: a history of Sofala and the Turon goldfield* / by Matthew Higgins.

## **CD (State Library of NSW)**

*Index to miscellaneous records relating to the goldfields of NSW: Volumes 1-5* compiled by Kaye Vernon and Billie Jacobsen, Searchable by surname, subject or title of document

## **Internet Resources**

### **Arrivals:**

SLNSW website <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/guides-and-finding-aids/archives-in-brief/archives-in-brief-1#1-unassisted-free-passengers>

PRO Vic website <http://prov.vic.gov.au/provguide-23>

Shipping Passenger Lists <http://www.coraweb.com.au/shipindex.htm>

Other Unassisted Passengers & Crew etc <http://mariners.records.nsw.gov.au>

The Ships List <http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/australia/>

### **Births:**

NSW BDM Indexes [http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/bdm\\_fh.html](http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/bdm_fh.html)

Victorian BDM Indexes [www.bdm.vic.gov.au](http://www.bdm.vic.gov.au)

PRO Vic Register of Vaccinations

<http://www.access.prov.vic.gov.au/public/component/daPublicBaseContainer?component=daViewConsignment&entityId=3654&consignment=P0002>

Sydney Benevolent Society <http://www.sydneybenevolentasylum.com/>

### **Marriages:**

Australian Newspapers <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper>

### **When marriages go wrong:**

Trove <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper>

NSW Police Gazettes <http://search.ancestry.com.au/search/db.aspx?dbid=1942>

Index to child & wife deserters

<http://helendoxfordharris.com.au/historical-indexes/wife-child-deserters>

Index to divorce files

SRNSW <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/indexes-online/court-records/index-to-divorce-case-papers>

### **Sickness & Health**

Asylum records <http://www.coraweb.com.au/asylum.htm>

SRNSW Asylum records <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/research-topics/asylum-records/asylum-records>

Victorian Mining Incident Index (sample only) <http://www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/miners.htm>

### **Deaths:**

Civil registration & Parish registers (see births)

NSW Registers of Coroners' Inquests <http://search.ancestry.com.au/search/db.aspx?dbid=1785>

PRO Vic Inquests <http://prov.vic.gov.au/provguide-71>

SLNSW Deceased Estate Files <http://srwww.records.nsw.gov.au/indexes/searchform.aspx?id=15>

PRO Vic Index to Wills etc 1841-1925 [http://prov.vic.gov.au/index\\_search?searchid=54](http://prov.vic.gov.au/index_search?searchid=54)

NSW Cemeteries online <http://www.australiancemeteries.com/nsw/index.htm>

Australian Cemetery Index <http://search.ancestry.com.au/search/db.aspx?dbid=1266>

Australian Cemeteries Index <http://austcemindex.com/cemeteries.php>

Victorian Cemeteries online [www.coraweb.com.au/cemetaus.htm#vic](http://www.coraweb.com.au/cemetaus.htm#vic)

Victorian Cemeteries online <http://www.australiancemeteries.com/vic/index.htm>

Ballarat General Cemeteries <http://ballaratcemeteries.com.au/>

## **Other**

Perkin's paper <http://www.sag.org.au/collections/our-manuscript-collection.html?task=view&id=92>

Certificates of Naturalisation <http://search.ancestry.com.au/search/db.aspx?dbid=1549>

Early Electoral Rolls <http://search.ancestry.com.au/search/db.aspx?dbid=1310>

Sands Directories of Sydney & NSW

<http://search.ancestry.com.au/search/db.aspx?dbid=1164>

Greville's 1872 Post Office Directory

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hcastle/grevilles/lists/abc.html>

Bendigo Goldfields Petition 1853 – [www.slv.vic.gov.au/collections/treasures/bendigopetition/](http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/collections/treasures/bendigopetition/)

<http://pandora.nla.gov.au/pan/41739/20040505->

[0000/www.statelibrary.vic.gov.au/slv/exhibitions/goldfields/petition/pet\\_name.htm](http://0000/www.statelibrary.vic.gov.au/slv/exhibitions/goldfields/petition/pet_name.htm) (signed by over 5000 diggers searchable database)

Braidwood Gaol Entrance Book 1856-1899 <http://members.pcug.org.au/~ppmay/braidwood.htm>

SRNSW <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/guides-and-finding-aids/archives-in-brief/archives-in-brief-82>

SRNSW Gaol Photographs <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/indexes-online/gaol-records>

Registers of auriferous (gold) leases, 1874-1953

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/indexes-online/indexes-to-land-records/registers-of-auriferous-gold-leases-1874-1928>

## **Government and Police Gazettes**

NSW Police Gazettes 1854-1930

<http://search.ancestry.com.au/search/db.aspx?dbid=1942>

Victoria Government Gazettes (1836-present) – <http://gazette.slv.vic.gov.au>

Criminal & Other Case Files Found in Victoria Police Correspondence Files.

<http://helendoxfordharris.com.au/historical-indexes/criminal>

Ballarat & District Genealogical Society Inc – [www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au](http://www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au)

Laplough Name Index 1859-1860 Goldfield inhabitants <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~adhs/Laplough.html>

Index to Missing Persons (Victoria)

<http://helendoxfordharris.com.au/historical-indexes/index-to-missing-people>

NSW State Records Archives Investigator <http://investigator.records.nsw.gov.au/>

Wills and Probate Packages – Australia <http://www.coraweb.com.au/wills.htm>

SRNSW Deceased Estate File Index

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/indexes-online/indexes-to-deceased-estates-and-related-records>

How to Locate Australian Wills <http://www.jaunay.com/wills.html>

## **Photographs**

National Library of Australia Digital Collections – [www.nla.gov.au/digicoll/](http://www.nla.gov.au/digicoll/)

SLNSW Holtermann Collection (Hill End)

[http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/discover\\_collections/society\\_art/photography/holtermann/01\\_hillend/index.html](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/discover_collections/society_art/photography/holtermann/01_hillend/index.html)

[http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/discover\\_collections/society\\_art/photography/holtermann/](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/discover_collections/society_art/photography/holtermann/)

## **Examples of goldfield newspapers on Trove**

[Ballarat Star \(Vic. : 1865 - 1869\)](#)

[Bathurst Advocate \(NSW : 1848 - 1849\)](#)

[Bathurst Free Press \(NSW : 1849 - 1851\)](#)

[Bathurst Free Press and Mining Journal \(NSW : 1851 - 1904\)](#)

[Bendigo Advertiser \(Vic. : 1855 - 1918\)](#)

[Braidwood Dispatch and Mining Journal \(NSW : 1888 - 1954\)](#)

[McIvor Times and Rodney Advertiser \(Heathcote, Vic. : 1863 - 1918\)](#)

## **Internet resources – miscellaneous**

### **Australia**

eGold Electronic Encyclopedia of Gold in Australia – [www.egold.net.au](http://www.egold.net.au)

SBS GOLD! – [www.sbs.com.au/gold/](http://www.sbs.com.au/gold/)

### **NSW**

Goldfields NSW 1852

[http://www.ozhistorymine.com/html/goldfields\\_nsw\\_1852.html](http://www.ozhistorymine.com/html/goldfields_nsw_1852.html)

SRNSW - Gold Mining

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/guides-and-finding-aids/archives-in-brief/archives-in-brief-120#published-indexes>

Eureka! The Rush for Gold – [www.sl.nsw.gov.au/discover\\_collections/history\\_nation/gold/index.html](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/discover_collections/history_nation/gold/index.html)

### **Victoria**

Goldfields Libraries <http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/content/linksmoresites>

PRO Vic – Ballarat Archives Centre <http://prov.vic.gov.au/provguide-10>

Sebastopol, Ballarat, Vic <http://www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/sebastopol/>

Museum of Victoria <http://museumvictoria.com.au/collections/search?q=goldfields>

Public Record Office of Victoria –

<http://www.access.prov.vic.gov.au/public/PROVguides/PROVguide023/PROVguide023.jsp>

Royal Historical Society of Victoria – <http://www.historyvictoria.org.au/downloads/podcasts> (podcast on Italians & Swiss-Italians on Walhalla goldfields)

State Library of Victoria <http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/>

Victorian Place Names Index – <http://www.australiagenweb.org/index.php/document-downloads?view=category&id=2>

## **Library Catalogues**

Fisher Library <http://opac.library.usyd.edu.au/>

State & Mitchell Libraries <http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/using/search/>

Society of Australian Genealogists <http://catalogue.sag.org.au/>

National Library of Australia <http://www.nla.gov.au/>

## **Hill End & Tambaroora specific books and websites: (from [www.heatgg.org.au](http://www.heatgg.org.au) website)**

Adams, Peter *Ore What! A portrait of the people of Hill End*. Lettuce Spray Productions, Katoomba, 2010.\*

Brooks, Beatrice and Purcell, Lorraine. [\*Golden Journeys – Visits to the Western Goldfields of New South Wales 1852 – 59\*](#). Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group, Carlton NSW 2012. [Index available online](#)

Burke, Keast, *Gold and Silver: An Album of Hill End and Gulgong*. Photographs from the Holtermann Collection, Heinemann, Melbourne, 1973.

Buscombe, Eve *The Wattle Flat goldfields : a documentary survey of life at Wattle Flat past and present* (1st ed). Eureka Research, Sydney, 1983. (Available online at <http://dx.doi.org/10.4227/11/504586285BB8F>)

Cook, Kerrin & Garvey, Daniel, *The Glint of Gold: a History and Tourist Guide of the Gold Fields of the Central West of New South Wales*, Pymble NSW, Genlin Investments, 1999.

Drinkwater, Malcolm *The German-Australian called Holtermann = Ein Deutsch-Australier namens Holtermann* (1st ed). M. Drinkwater, Sydney, NSW, Australia, 1985. [Index available online](#)

Drinkwater, Malcolm, *Hill End Gold*, M. Drinkwater, Sydney, 1982. (2<sup>nd</sup> edition 2013)

Drinkwater, Malcolm, [\*Hill End Hearsay, to the best of my memory\*](#). Hill End 2010. (2<sup>nd</sup> edition 2013)

Friend, Donald, *A collection of Hillendiana: Comprising vast numbers of fact & a considerable amount of fiction concerning the goldfield of Hillend and environs, with the result of many years of intensive and arduous historical research*, Ure Smith, Sydney 1956. [Index available online](#)

Gipps, F.B. and Campbell, W., *Description of Wattle Flat gold field, western district, N.S. Wales* / by F.B. Gipps & W. Campbell. Sydney, J. A. Engel, "Gutenberg" Printing Office, 1873. [Available online](#)

Goodwin, Bruce, *Gold and People: Recollections of Hill End 1920s to 1960s*, Bruce Goodwin, Frenchs Forest, NSW 1992. [Index available online](#)

Goodwin, Bruce, *Lace and Gold* Glebe, Bookhouse, 2000.

Hammond, Mark J., *Remembered with Pride: The Recollections of an Australian Gold-digger*, Brian Hodge (ed.), Cambaroora Star Publications and Ashfield Municipal Council, Peshurst, NSW 1988.

Hodge, Brian, *Valleys of Gold: The Goldfields Story, 1851-1861*, Book 1, Cambaroora Star Publications, Peshurst, NSW, 1976\*. [Index available online](#)

Hodge, Brian, *Frontiers of Gold: The Goldfields Story, 1851-61*, Book 2, Cambaroora Star Publications, Peshurst, NSW 1979\*. [Index available online](#)

Hodge, Brian, *Sunset of Gold: Sofala and Wattle Flat, 1860-1914*, Cambaroora Star Publications, Hill End 1998.

Hodge, Brian, *Major Controversies of the Australian Goldrush*, Cambaroora Star Publications, Hill End 2003.

Hodge, Brian, *Golden Hill End*, Cambaroora Star Publications, Hill End, 2009.

Hodge, Harry and Hodge, Errol *A guide to historic Hill End and its environs* (Rev. ed. / by Errol Hodge). Hill End Publications, St. Ives, N.S.W, 1978.

Hodge, Harry (and Errol Hodge), *The Hill End Story. Book 1: A history of the Hill End-Tambaroora Goldfield*, 3rd edn, Hill End Publications, Toorak, Vic., 1986 [1964]\* [Index available online](#)

Hodge, Harry (and Errol Hodge), *The Hill End Story. Book 2: A History of the Hill-End Tambaroora Goldfield*, 3rd edn, Hill End Publications, St Ives, NSW, 1980 [1965]\*

Hodge, Harry, *The Hill End Story. Book 3: memories and Vignettes*, 3rd edn, Hill End Publications, Toorak, Vic., 1987 [1972]\* [Index available online](#)

Howard, A. E. *Born on the Hill End Goldfields*, Sydney 1987. [Index available online](#)

Jinks, Brian, Bayliss, Charles, 1850-1897, Merlin, Beaufoy, ca. 1830-1873 and Holtermann Collection, *Goldfields life : in the photographs of Beaufoy Merlin and Charles Bayliss (usually called the Holtermann Collection)*. B. Jinks, Gulgong, N.S.W, 2005.

- Mayne, Alan, *Hill End: An Historic Australian Goldfields Landscape*, Carlton, Melbourne University Press, 2003.
- Neary, Henry H *Ghosts of the goldfields : pioneer diggers and settlers on the Turon : a book of reminiscences* (Rev). [Mitchell College of Advanced Education], Bathurst, N.S.W, 1983. [Index available online](#)
- Pearce, Joyce *Gold Nuggets Galore at Sofala from 1851*. Bathurst, N.S.W., reprinted 1982. [Index available online](#)
- Purcell, Lorraine [\*The Miners' Friend, Ludwig Hugo \(Louis\) Beyers\*](#). Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group, Carlton NSW 2010.
- Purcell, Lorraine and Maris, Bill & Betty. [\*Hill End & Tambaroora Pioneer Register to 1920\*](#). Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group, Carlton NSW, 2006\*
- Purcell, Lorraine & Members of the Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering group [\*Hill End Histories & Tambaroora Tales\*](#). Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group Carlton NSW 2009.
- Rule, John *The Cradle of a Nation: The truth about Ophir's Gold discovery in 1851*. Yagoona, N.S.W. 1979. [Index available online](#)
- Shead, Daphne and Lorraine Purcell [\*Hill End Heroines & Tambaroora Treasures\*](#), Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group Carlton NSW 2010.\*
- Stone, Douglas M and Outdoor Press *Gold & relic sites. Hill End goldfield metal detecting map with notes*. Outdoor Press, Euroa, Vic, 2012.
- Stone, Douglas M and Outdoor Press *Gold & relic sites. Sofala-Wattle Flat goldfield metal detecting map with notes*. Outdoor Press, Euroa, Vic, 2012.

### **Researching Hill End – Online**

There are a number of good sites with information on Hill End, Tambaroora and the surrounding areas. As a general guide use a well-known search engine such as [Google](#) or [Trove](#) and search on “Hill End” and “Tambaroora” as a search terms. Don't forget to use inverted commas around the search term “Hill End” to just get material relating to this place. Not putting these in will result in a search for both the terms “hill” and “end” and will result in entries not necessarily relevant to your search.

### **Cemetery headstone records**

There are 2 cemeteries which have served the residents of Hill End and Tambaroora since the 1850s. Located at Tambaroora, the headstones for both the General Cemetery and the Roman Catholic Cemetery have been recorded and are available on the Australian Cemeteries Website.

[Tambaroora General Cemetery](#). <http://austcemindex.com/cemetery.php?id=45>

[Tambaroora Catholic Cemetery](#). <http://austcemindex.com/cemetery.php?id=46>

### **Grevilles Post Office Directory for 1872**

This is a list of the residents, with occupations, which was produced to facilitate the delivery of mail in NSW. As many inhabitants were itinerant they may not be listed here but it is a good place to start.

[Hill End](#) <http://www.family.joint.net.au/index.php?mid=1&cid=282>

[Tambaroora](#) <http://www.family.joint.net.au/index.php?mid=1&cid=469>

### **Hill End & Tambaroora Family History**

Maintained by volunteer Daphne Shead, who lives in the area, this [website \(http://hillendfamilyhistory.com/\)](#) has lots of good information and links to Hill End research.

### **Hill End & Tambaroora Progress Association**

[The Hill End and Tambaroora Progress Association](#), or HETPA, is a non-profit community based organization supporting the local community. HETPA provides the village of Hill End with both a focus and a forum for discussion. As well as links to many local attractions, food and accommodation outlets in the village you can access 4 years of “The Stamper Battery” newsletters from 2005 – 2008. These provide an insight into the village life during this period.

### **History Hill**

[History Hill](#) is Hill End's premier student and visitor educational facility. Here you will find lots of general information and photos of Hill End & Tambaroora.