



Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group Newsletter Issue 21 September 2017

Dear Hill Endites and Tambaroorians,

A “Grave” situation...

We need your help, please!

HEATGG is about to embark on our most exciting and biggest most expensive project yet....and you may be able to assist.

About 18 months ago when perusing 1859 Surveyor Price’s plans for the villages of “Tambaroora” and “Bald Hills now Forbes” [now known as Hill End] two features appeared which sparked the interest of some of our volunteers. On each map, a small area was defined as a “Cemetery”. The Chinese Cemetery was also clearly identified on the Tambaroora plan. These cemeteries were nowhere near the existing General and Catholic cemeteries. As the surveyor only placed features on his plans which actually existed on the ground at the time, and he gave actual bearings for these cemeteries, a search was initially made last year to see if there was any physical evidence left on the ground.

The location of the Chinese Cemetery in Moonlight Gully was known and it appears that an archaeological examination was carried out in January 1978 but no further work had eventuated. If you know anything about this “dig” please let us know. We are seeking any reports that may have eventuated from it.

When the approximate site of the Tambaroora Pioneer Cemetery was inspected in March 2016, the area was covered in Sefton bush and was lightly timbered. There was no visible evidence of graves or any fences or designated outline of the area. There was some minor evidence of human habitation in close proximity but nothing was readily identifiable as being part of a cemetery. To date, no written reports have been located about this cemetery.

The approximate site of the Bald Hills Cemetery is clearly identified on a number of later town maps showing mining leases. Part of it now appears to be under a bitumen road and the edge of it has possibly been sluiced and forms part of a gully, running parallel to Specimen Gully. Harry Hodge mentions it in his “Hill End Story”:



Cutting a race down the side of Sargents Hill, he [Anthes] inadvertently laid bare the coffin of one of the earliest Hill End settlers and in doing so restored to memory the long-forgotten existence of the tiny burial ground. No trace of the graves now remains and the names of the occupants are lost in the mists.

This brief mention, and the existence of these 1859 surveyor’s plans, led to a couple of enthusiastic HEATGG volunteers devising a project which would lead to the more detailed research into these cemeteries and those interred.

In undertaking this project, we aim to

- Locate the Pioneer Cemeteries at Tambaroora and Bald Hill and record the names of those possibly buried within these and the Chinese Cemetery.
- Add these names to the already known lists of those interred in existing cemeteries so that descendants are aware of the resting places of their ancestors
- Produce a written record and a history of the cemeteries for the use of future researchers.

Our challenge:

The Pioneer Cemeteries

Gold was discovered around “the Tambaroura” in early 1851. By late May 1851 regulations, published in the Government Gazettes, established the area as a goldfield. This led to an influx of miners and those wishing to make their fortune. With gold comes population and with people comes the inevitable...death.

Our project broadly covers the period 1850 – 1860. As state registration of Births, Deaths & Marriages only commenced in 1856 any such events happening before this were either recorded in church records, if there happened to be a minister or representative of some sort

conveniently nearby, or in some cases mention was made in the newspapers of the time.

While not specifically needed for the first part of our project we are also happy to receive documentary evidence of burials in the Roman Catholic or General Cemeteries in Tambaroora as well. The earliest headstone in the General Cemetery, that of Margaret Greig Paxton, appears to be around 1855. The earliest burial still evident in the Catholic Cemetery appears to be that of Richard Cullen who died in December 1859.

Our researchers have access to the usual sources NSW BDMs, online cemetery lists & Trove etc., however we are hoping that YOU may actually have certificates of some sort, family documents, bibles, letters, diaries, etc which may indicate where your early ancestor may have been buried. If so, we would love to hear from you, and would really appreciate any copies, digitized or photocopied, of these records.

We are looking for any mention of Bald Hill, Dirt Hole Creek, Turon, as a burial place as well as Tambaroora. This may be a long shot as many deceased were also "buried where they fell" but we feel that it is at least a place to start. It may also help us to exclude these names from our existing lists if they are buried elsewhere.

The Chinese Cemetery

Researching the Chinese Cemetery will also be a unique undertaking. Harry Hodge again tells of it in Volume 1 of the "Hill End Story".

A Chinese cemetery once existed in Moonlight Gully, Tambaroora. It has now completely disappeared. [1964] Most of the skeletons were dug up at intervals, packed in boxes and shipped back to China. The Chinese diggers paid a central organization to perform the last service for them and many went short of food during their lives in order to ensure that their bones should ultimately rest in the land of their forefathers. The appearance of a well-dressed Chinese and the engagement of the local grave digger on two occasions during the writer's boyhood [approx. 1910 – 1920] meant that a few more of the eighty-two Chinese who died on the field between 1857 and 1874 were about to make their last journey home.

The 1861 Census, showed there were 2235 people living in the Tambaroora district and 1625, over half, were Chinese. Many of these Chinese did return home to China, either alive or in boxes, as mentioned above. However, many also remained. We have a listing of names of those whose deaths were recorded by one means or another in the Tambaroora district however this is not exhaustive, so any further additions would be most welcome. To date, we have not been able to locate a centralized official listing of burials in the Chinese Cemetery so any information in this area would be most welcome. If you have Chinese ancestors this material would be most helpful.

As part of this project we will also be identifying the exact location of the cemeteries. This will require the assistance of a forensic archaeologist and her team using Ground Penetrating Radar (a la "Time Team"). As this is a considerable expense we have sought grant funding to help in covering costs and have so far received \$3000 from Bathurst Council towards the search. We will be also applying to the Royal Australian Historical Society for a similar amount of financial assistance as well. If you would like to consider helping out with a small donation then we would be most grateful. This can be done via our website "bookshop" page, or contact Lorraine for more details about how YOU can help out.

Please send your cemetery or burial information or donations to

Pioneer Cemetery Project
Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group
12 Grantham St
Carlton NSW 2218

Or via email to heatgg@yahoo.com.au

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this project further then please feel free to contact Lorraine on 0408117784.

A balancing act...



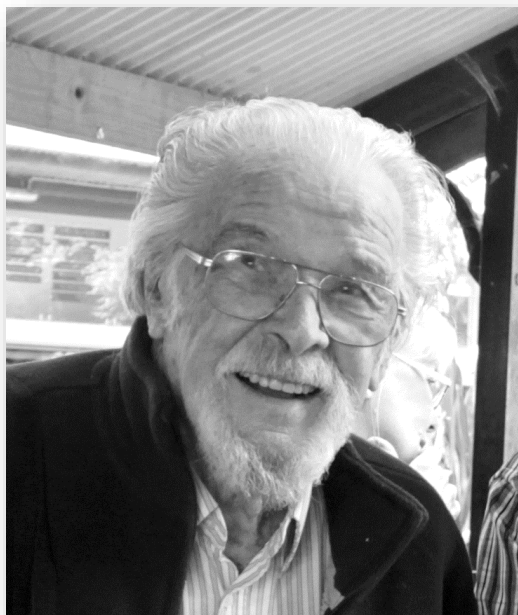
Just a rumour...exposed in *Australian Pioneers & Reminiscences*, by Nehemiah Bartley and edited by J.J. Knight in 1896:

It is said that a "gold broker" flourished on the Turon and "skimmed the cream and shaved the edges of profit on this metal of then unknown assay and unknown value; ... that [the] notorious, rascally gold buyer at the Turon, held the powerful magnet perpetually sewn up in his coat sleeve, for the benefit of the steel beam of his scales as he poised them in air with the gold side of the beam just under his wrist; and whose troy weights, though often suspected, challenged, and tested, could never be found wanting by the keenest inspector, but who robbed the diggers none the less to a fearsome extent with the aid the loadstone".

So, if you ancestor didn't leave you a fortune in gold perhaps this is why!



Our Condolences



Bill (Albert) Maris

(26 Sept 1920 – 21 Aug 2017)

It is with great sadness that we record the passing of one of Hill End's greatest exponents, Bill (Albert) Maris. Bill passed away peacefully on Monday 21 August and he is now with the love of his life, Betty, who predeceased him just 16 months ago.

Bill's passion for Hill End was infectious and he and Betty had so many wonderful memories and stories about their visits there. They spent many happy times in their cottage in Fletcher St, talking with the locals and collecting their stories and family histories.

For more than 40 years they ran the Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group together, maintaining the ties that held all the past residents together. Right to the end, Bill was always keen to hear of the Group's activities in town and expected a full report on my return from any visit. He was a willing mentor and his encouragement and interest was heartening.

Our condolences to his son, Ian and daughter-in-law Liz and all his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will be sadly missed.

Rest in peace, old mate!

We have also been notified of the passing of Raphael Clothier on 16 Oct 2016.

Alice Jean Joyner (nee Ross, aged 98) on 9 August 2016.

Nancy Hazeldine who passed away on 26th December 2015. Her grandmother was a Wythes.

Our condolences are extended to their families.



REALLY IMPORTANT! Please don't miss out!!!

With the coming of the NBN to so many places we have found that a considerable number (10%!) of our membership may have changed their email addresses and when we do a mailout they have been "rejected"!



We don't want you to miss out on all our Hill End activities and news so can you please remember to let us know if you have to update your email address. If you have other HEATGG friends and family who may have recently changed their email (or snail mail) addresses please ask them to contact us with the new one.

If we have a snail mail address then we will send out 1 issue with a request for updated information then we will have to delete them from the list as each issue now costs around \$2.50 to print and post and this quickly adds up. **IF YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS WE WOULD MUCH RATHER LET YOU KNOW VIA THAT WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE.**

A quick email to heatgg@yahoo.com.au or a phone call to 0408117784 will ensure that your notifications aren't floating around in cyberspace.



**Thanks
to Our
Volunteers!**

Just because we updated our website 12 months ago with lots of unique Hill End related material doesn't mean that our volunteers have been resting on their laurels.

A number of them have been quietly working away on their projects, transcriptions and typing up Hill End specific documents so that we can add them to the website and make use of them all for our research. Will hopefully have more up there in a month or so.

If your ancestor had property in Tambaroora then Warwick Taylor has recently added a considerable amount of land & property information to his website, tracing the ownership of blocks of land within the town area. He has also prepared a comprehensive outline of the development of the town lots etc on his website (<http://tambaroora.com/>) under the "Interesting snippets" heading. Well worth reading.

In the meantime, those with their family history preserved as a digital collection may find the information presented on the [National & State Libraries Australasia](#) webpage of considerable interest. As technology advances so quickly these days we must keep up with it so that all the hard work will be able to be accessed by future generations. This guide presents a number of ways that you can ensure this happens.





The Gathering Archives

60+years ago....

When attending the annual Gathering in March we are continuing a tradition that goes back around 75 years or so. As more and more newspapers come online on Trove, we are able to follow some of these reports from the early 1950s.

The National Advocate (Bathurst) 6 April 1951

About 100 young and old folk, all former residents of Hill End, gathered at the Sydney Botanical Gardens recently to discuss old times, and incidents in the country centre. More than three hours were spent happily engaged in relating past experiences. All spent a lovely afternoon in gorgeous sunshine. One of the organizers was Mrs Mary Ross, of Lidcombe, and once a well-known resident of Hill End. The function is held annually.

Lithgow Mercury, Monday 2 March 1953

Members of some of the oldest families from the Hill End goldfields will meet in Sydney on Saturday afternoon, March 7, to celebrate the annual reunion of those who are endeavouring to keep alive the memories of one of the richest areas in Australia.

In past years the old identities have gathered in the Botanical Gardens, but on this occasion the meeting will take place opposite the Mitchell Library. The change in venue was decided upon when the organisers realised that the old folk were becoming older and tired quickly when they had to walk to the usual meeting place in the gardens. Some of the identities who are expected to be present next Saturday are between 95 and 100 years old. One of the natives of Hill End who will attend the Hill End-Tambaroora reunion is Mrs H. L. Rouland, of Main-street West, Lithgow, who said that many Hill End people now living in the Lithgow district were expected to make the trip on Saturday. Her grandparents were the Ackermanns and her grandmother's brother, a man named Krohmann, won £25,000 from the gold diggings in the last century. Mrs. Rouland said: "This reunion each year is a lovely thing. All the old folk who can turn up. They come from everywhere. It makes you sad and it makes you glad. You

laugh and you cry when you realise how swiftly the years are passing. "Whole families make it a special family reunion, too, and sometimes we find it hard to recognise each other."

Mudgee Guardian and North-Western Representative, 1 April 1954

Another Hill End and Tambaroora gathering was held in the Botanic Gardens, Sydney, on March 6, and was even more largely attended than that staged last year. This annual event takes place on the first Saturday in March and is attended by present and former residents of the two old mining towns — well, Tambaroora is now defunct, but it once had a population of more than 10,000, and today thousands of ex-Tambarooraites are scattered throughout Australia. The oldest person at this year's gathering was Mrs. S. E. Willard, who is almost 91. Her husband kept the post office at Tambaroora for many years.

The Gathering 2017 style

Once more a great turnout for our 4 March Gathering at Rhodes. Catch up with the [photos on our Gallery page](#) on the website.

It was lovely to see more than 70 people turn up over the day, and thankfully the damp weather improved.

Representatives of the following families spent the time devouring the selection of records and resources that were on offer to the researchers and others took advantage of quality family time to get together with extended members of their clan.

Alder	Everett	Longmore	Rogers
Bake	Faraday	Maris	Starr
Beard	Fitzgerald	McCabe	Trevithick
Clarke	Foreman	Nattrass	Wade
Collum	Gaynon	Northey	Walpole
Cullen	Goodwin	Parker	Wardman
Dagger	Hocking	Pascoe	Warry
Drakeford	Jarman	Pullen	Wenham
Eldridge	Jenkyns	Pymont	Willard
Ettinger	Lawler	Roberts	Williams
			Woods

So far, 2017 has been a pretty busy year, and the fun doesn't stop now.

Check out all our photos of these events [on the Gallery page on our website.](#)

The Easter Market (Saturday 15 April)

Following the Annual Gathering we hosted the Easter Saturday Market in Hill End. The weather was perfect, and the Market & Sausage Sizzle was well attended. The Royal Hall was full of stalls and we really enjoyed speaking to all the visitors who came our way. The locals are great supporters, both as stallholders and customers alike. We are also very grateful to Guy Hannaford and the Discover Central NSW Magazine for his sponsorship of the shortfall in Hall fees that we have to pay to NPWS for rental of the Hall for the day.



A Hall full of stalls



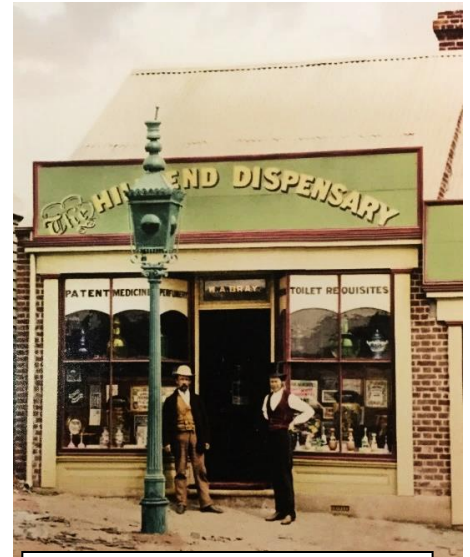
Robyn & Grace Holloway, with a display of their local artwork.



Vince and Dennis, Sausage Sizzle experts!

The End Festival (21 – 23 April)

This event, run by National Parks & Wildlife Service, was promoted as a celebration of arts, culture and heritage and attracted a large number of visitors. It featured cabaret and music performances, live music, art exhibits and installations and showcased the region's wine, craft beer and food.



Chris Dingle coloured up a Holtermann photo of the old building especially for us

The Gathering Group combined forces with Daphne and Hill End Family History to present a display of family history material, photographs, maps and ephemera from the goldrush days in one of the old shops in the Holtermann complex. Originally the Hill End dispensary in 1872, it was brought back to life especially for the Festival. Daphne ably managed the "shop" over the weekend and had plenty of visitors to keep her busy.



The Family History Display 2017 style



Anzac Day (25 April)

The Gathering Group was represented in the wreath laying by Terry Woolard. Once again a good crowd gathered at the War Memorial to remember the fallen. The looming black clouds held off for most of the ceremony but the heavens opened towards the end and everyone scurried for the shelter of the Royal Hall where the traditional “two-up” raised funds for the local Rural Fire Brigade.



Terry Woolard lays our wreath



The ceremony under way



The wreaths

Family History Weekend (5 – 7 May)

Following on from our popular Family History Open Day last year we decided to hold a full weekend of Family History fun. The venue for all the research material and photographs was the Royal Hall but activities were spread out over town, with the Hill End Lodge hosting the speakers and workshops and a great family BBQ was held at the Hill End Ranch on the Friday night.

Visits were arranged for Ackermann Cottage in Hill End and Wisteria Cottage in Tambaroora and were well attended, as was the walking tour of town, which was conducted by Kerrie Burns from the Ranch.



Kerrie takes the town tour

Lorraine ran workshops on tracing Hill End ancestors and using the HEATGG website to the best advantage and a Keynote talk was presented by Juanita Kwok, on the contribution made by Chinese miners and business people who formed an integral part of the local community.

The participants then all gathered together at the Lodge to partake of a multicultural dinner ably prepared by our own “Taste the Past” Karen Bates. She presented a menu based on variations of the traditional foods of the early pioneers of the district.



which were on display in the Royal Hall. Our volunteers were on hand to assist and many researchers went home armed with new material to add to their family archives.

Throughout the weekend the visitors were able to take advantage of all our research and resources

Representatives of the following families attended the weekend. We look forward to seeing you back in Hill End soon.

Ackermann	Ettinger	Inch	Murray
Alder	Everett	Isaacs	Newton
Bennetts	Fitzgerald	Jarman	Parkins
Booth	Folster	Jeffree	Plummer
Bowman	Garner	Kempster	Rapp
Cambetta	Gaynon	Krohmann	Robertson
Cassell	Goodman	Lawler	Ross
Caville	Goodwin	Lewis	Salkeld
Charters	Hammond	Lobb	Starr
Clarke	Hancock	Longmore	Stevens
Clines	Hannan	Lynch	Stewart
Diener	Hartigan	MacFarlane	Trevithick
Docos	Hayley	Maris	Vickery
Drakeford	Hermann	Martin	Walpole
Ellis	Hocking	McDarmid	Wardman
English	Holtermann	McPhillamy	Wells
		Yates	

National Trust Bathurst Heritage Awards

A surprise event for us was also an invitation to attend the Bathurst National Trust Heritage Awards on the Saturday night. We had nominated our publication "Golden Diggers" and also our updated website, feeling that they ably demonstrated a contribution to the built, natural or cultural heritage of the Bathurst Region.



The judges agreed with us and Helen Wood accepted the Certificate of Recognition for her work on *Golden Diggers* and I was proud to accept the Highly commended award for our website (www.heatgg.org.au) . It

did involve a quick return trip in to Bathurst on the Saturday night but we felt it was well worthwhile.

Wisteria Cottage, Tamaroora

During the Family History weekend in May a number of our members visited Tamaroora and included a visit to Wisteria Cottage. This 1860s mining cottage is being loving restored by school principal, Chris Grossett and his partner, Jeannie. It will also be open on the Open Day on 22 October. See more details on page 15. Our members appreciated being able to explore the cottage and learning its history while enjoying tea, cakes and glorious autumn sunshine! \$80 was kindly donated by members of the Group for the school and was used to purchase more books for the library.



Hill End Public School news



Mrs Groves was a regular part of the Anzac Services in Hill End for many years.

Mrs Gillian Groves (12 Oct 1941 – 6 May 2017)

Hill End has indeed lost one of its most popular teachers with the peaceful passing of Mrs. Jill (Gillian) Groves from Hill End Public School. Principal, Mr. Chris Grossett wrote the following fitting tribute in the school newsletter, the "Golden Quill".

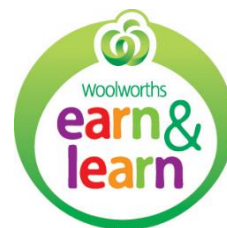
Jill lived for teaching and cared for all children. She was a talented musician, a skilled teacher and gave all of her time and energy towards caring and supporting her students. Mrs. Groves first started teaching in Australia in 1964 and continued to teach throughout her life. She taught at Hill End for almost twenty years. Although Mrs. Groves continued to conduct choirs at a number of Bathurst schools she truly loved the children at Hill End and they remained the focus of her attention and energy. ...She simply loved teaching the boys and girls and was always proud of their achievements and took great pride in seeing the children grow and mature into fine young people.

Not only did Jill love the children but she also cared deeply about all of the parents and families, both present and past. The people of Hill End were always close to her heart. Her humour, enthusiasm and guidance will be sadly missed.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Just a reminder to those collecting the Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers for Hill End Public School. The stickers need to be sent to **Hill End Public School** c/- Post Office **Hill End NSW 2850**.

The campaign finishes on **19 September** so please post your stickers as soon as possible after this date as the school has to have them verified by the beginning of October. We are supporting the purchase of teaching aids for the "Little Diggers" preschool program at the school.



Sorry, I Would Like the Source, Please!

The following article has been reproduced from the *Armidale Family History Group Journal*. Perhaps a timely reminder if you are preparing your family history.

Why should we source our research? Surely, we can remember where we got the information from, or can we? It is hard enough remembering what we did last week let alone remembering where we got a photo or a piece of information years ago.

Does it matter if we can't remember where we got the information? Yes, very often it does matter. Sometimes you need to verify that information and it could be years later. You might have found another piece of information that contradicts or adds to the original.

We came across a good example of knowing the source recently. We had our ancestors arriving in Australia in 1878. They had a common name, but the names and ages matched. However, oral history through another branch of the family stated that they arrived in 1872. A fellow researcher had used this information and confirmed it through a death certificate, which also stated 1872. By checking the sources of both we found that both lots of information came from one descendant. This meant that this source had not been corroborated, whereas ours had been through shipping, census records and a marriage certificate. Without knowing the sources, we would not have been able to establish which the most likely date was.

Why is it important to source photos? Sometimes we are lucky and the photos are named. However, it is important to know who might have named the photos to validate the accuracy. Also, I am sure you have come across that great naming of 'Mum and Dad' or other such generic naming. At least if we know the history of the photo we have a better chance of knowing who mum and dad were.

Sourcing also allows you to go back and check for more information. If you have a photocopy of a page from a book and want to know more information, it is important to actually know the name of the book and the author.

What about the Internet? This great resource can be very frustrating as you see all this information, which may or may not be correct. Anybody can put information up and in many cases, it is not proof-read. At least if there is a source you can go back to the original record and check the information yourself. When it is a photograph online it would be great to be able to contact the person who holds the original as they may have more information or other photos.

Acknowledging someone else's work is common courtesy and recognises the work or the information they have. Whilst we can't force others to cite their sources, at least we can cite our information so that future researchers have a trail to follow.

With thanks to Dianne Hoppe, AFHG Centre Co-ordinator

What's in a name? Hawkins Hill.

Over the years there have been enquiries as to the origin of the name "Hawkins Hill". Apparently it has also been referred to as "Hawkins Spur" (which is probably a better description) and as early as March 1855 it was referred to as "Hawkins Mount", which seems a bit grandiose.

We located the following article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 3 June 1872. As it is a fairly "contemporary" record it is probably one of the more accurate renditions of the origin of the name.

Written by the *Herald's* Special Reporter it answers a number of questions which have arisen over the years, namely, the various options for the origin of the name "Hawkins Hill" and then who first discovered the reef on Hawkins Hill.

A TRIP TO HILL END.

To the south of Hill End is Hawkins Hill, the crown of which is to all intents and purposes an integral portion of the township (whatever may be the surveyed boundary), which has obviously received its name from this bluff peak; otherwise the end of the hill, or Hill End, is a misnomer. I have heard several reasons given for the name Hawkins Hill, but have not been sufficiently curious to ascertain which of them is correct. However, I will set down three, so that your readers may take their choice; or, if not satisfied with any of them, may exercise their ingenuity to discover something more acceptable.

Tradition says that in former times a large number of hawks were wont to congregate about the summit of the hill, and hence its designation. It may be the opinion of some that birds of prey still haunt the spot.

Another legend represents that a man, named Hawkins, was once upon a time robbed in this neighbourhood, and that the memory of the atrocity has been perpetuated by applying the victim's name to the locality where he fell among thieves.

A third explanation I had from an inn-keeper, named Hawkins, a few miles out on the Bathurst Road, whose beard has grown grey in the district, and who alleges that the hill was called after him. "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

Whatever the origin of its name, the hill is here with all its strongly marked characteristics... The summit of the hill is fully 1500 feet above the level of the Turon, and its slopes are precipitous in the extreme -so abrupt indeed - that it is quite impossible to get down in many places except by taking zigzag course. The view from the top of the hill is grand and extensive. To the eastward you may look for many miles up the bed of the Turon, which flows at the foot of mountain claims which run at right angles with the course of the stream...

... In the immediate neighbourhood of the hill the gorges are so steep that in places the sun does not visit them until noonday, and the scenery there is wild and romantic... Until about 11 o'clock in the morning, at this season of the year (June) the gorges are often filled with fog, white as

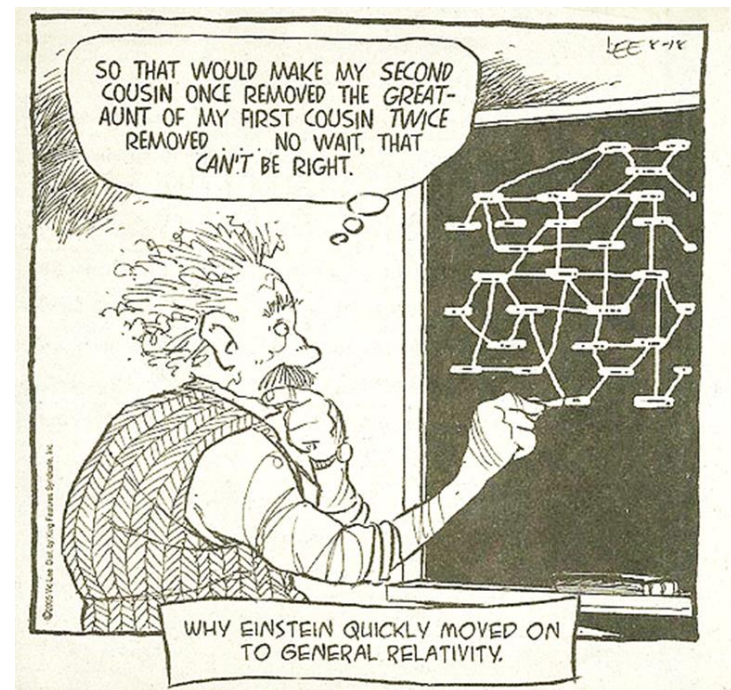


The view of the Turon Valley from Merlin's Lookout, shrouded in fog, is exactly the same today as described by our Special Correspondent 145 years ago.

driven snow, and the mountains which lift their heads above this sea of vapour resemble islands of surpassing loveliness. The transparency of the atmosphere enables you to see every feature of nature with marvelous distinctness for many miles; and so regular and compact is the level of the fog that it is difficult to resist the illusion that you are looking upon an island-studded ocean of snow. Looking down the steep hill-side you can sometimes see the rocks and the trees reflected in the vapour at your feet; and when the fog begins to flow down the valley or to rise higher up the hills it assumes many shapes exquisitely beautiful. The surface, which, in the early morning, looks perfectly level, at times becomes undulating and broken like the waves of the sea; looking up the gorges, across the valley, the fog banks that lie between them may be compared to streams of snow, or frosted silver, and the pure whiteness of the vapour is preserved almost to the horizon, where the blue sky seems to bend down to meet it.

It is several years since reefing was commenced at Hawkins Hill. The first gold on Hawkins Hill was obtained by Mr. J. Wythes, whose finds led to the discovery of the reef now known as Rowley's, which was along the upper part of the hill. The western face of the hill may be said to be full of quartz-bearing reefs in veins, which increase in number and richness as the sinking becomes deeper. They vary from a few inches in width to three feet. The principal reefs whose course has yet been traced are known as Rowley's, the Frenchman's, Steven's, the main line or Paxton and Krohmann's, and Eisenstaeder's, these occurring in succession as you descend the slope. I am not aware that any payable reefs have been found on the eastern side of the hill, although tunnels are being driven in there. Rowley's vein was worked twelve years ago; and, if I mistake not, it was from it that "Old Daddy Nichols" padded out some fine bars of gold. Another tradition runs to the effect that, after surfacing was given up on Hawkins Hill, "Billy the Spider" (if the gentleman had any other name, I haven't heard it) put in a blast, the stone from which yielded 800 ounces to the ton. Rowley's reef was followed down to a depth of 150 feet, when it was thought to have been exhausted, and was abandoned.

Mr. William Adams, whom I met with the other day as manager of a claim on the Red Hill, is entitled to whatever honour attaches to the discovery of the rich vein known as Krohmann's and Paxton's. One Saturday afternoon he was out there looking for his horse; when sitting down to rest, he knocked off a piece of quartz thickly studded with gold. This led him to prospect the place; and the spot is now known as the site of the Old Rose of England. A rush took place the first thing on the following Monday morning when a large number of claims were marked out. Soon afterwards a small company known as the Rose of England, came over here from Ballarat and obtained some large dividends. The reef was up for a distance of at least a mile and a half and claims were worked with varying success.



Members research: Hugh Morrow and Family

Bev Gibson has recently shared her work on *Hugh Morrow: His Forebears and children* with us. Outlining his connections to Hill End & Tambaroora, Bev would be happy to hear from anyone else with a link to Hugh or his family. She can be contacted at Bev Gibson, 0417628391 or bevandnev@announce.com.au

Another rose by any other name... Bald Hills, Forbes, Hill End – which is it to be?

Continuing our theme of nomenclature, it is interesting to delve into the chequered history of the names for the place we now know as “Hill End” but which hasn’t always been that.... Hill End it has experienced a number of name changes since it was first recognized as a “village”, 2½ miles southwest of the thriving metropolis of Tambaroora.

When John Alexander Horatio Price, the government appointed Surveyor from Mudgee, was sent to the district to prepare a plan for the Town of Tambaroora in June 1859, he also sought approval to survey this collection of 30 – 40 houses, which formed a village almost the size of Tambaroora itself. The residents of this area, which had been known as “Bald Hills”, had signed a petition to have their improvements measured and wished to be included in the overall town of Tambaroora, “thinking, by some strange oversight on their part that a town could extend so far and over such a barren part of country”.



Approval was given for this extra survey to be completed and subsequently a plan was submitted on 31 October 1859 to the Surveyor General along with the plan for the Town of Tambaroora. This was approved in March 1860 but a suggestion was made by the Executive Council that they choose a better name for the village. “Forbes” was chosen in consideration of the services of the late Chief Justice, Sir Francis Forbes who had died in 1841. This option was proved preferable to the name originally suggested and so it was confirmed and adopted on 11 June 1860 and gazetted on 1 August 1860.

It wasn’t till the 26 December 1861 that the next move was made by the Police Magistrate at Tambaroora (Joseph Fox) to reconsider this name “in consequence of the name of ‘Forbes’ having been given to the town on the Lachlan Gold Fields”. He suggested renaming the village “Maclean” after the Chief Gold Commissioner of the

Western Goldfields, Harold Maclean. However, this was not accepted, possibly due to the fact that the township of Maclean on the north coast of NSW was also established at the same time, and named after the then Surveyor General, Alexander Maclean. This would have also caused confusion.

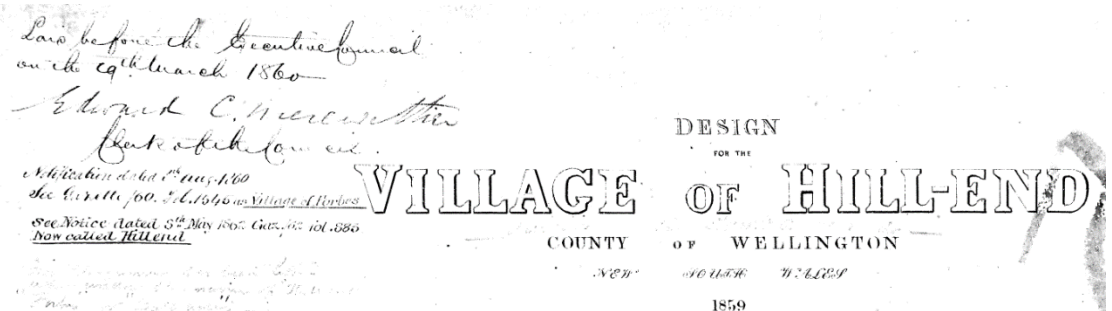
The Surveyor General responded in January 1862 that “the name ‘Forbes’ having been given to the town on the Lachlan Gold Field and also to an *insignificant Village at the Bald Hills* in the Western Goldfield” [– his words, not mine! Lorraine] he suggested that in the latter case the name should be changed to “Hillend”.

On 9 May 1862, the Government Gazette noted that in the case of “the establishment of a village near Tambaroora, to be called ‘Forbes’, [that] notice is hereby given that it has been considered expedient to alter the name of the village to HILLEND”.

By 1865, it appears that the name became transposable with “Hill-End” as both versions of the spelling continued to be used by government officials in their correspondence during this time.

“Hill End” as 2 separate words appears to have been adopted officially around 1868. In July of that year when seeking tenders for a National School in the Government Gazette, the Education Office recorded the spelling as “Hill End” and this was further demonstrated when the term was used concerning the Hill End Common in February 1870.

On reflection, many of the printed examples of the names ‘Hillend’, ‘Hill-end’ and ‘Hill End’ in the press tend to overlap so it may have been the general usage by the correspondents and the spelling employed by the telegraph office that encouraged the interchangeable use.



By March 1873 with [a petition to Henry Parkes](#) seeking the creation of a municipality, signed by 587 people Hill End was now the accepted official name. Whether this version of the spelling was ever officially gazetted remains to be found but it was certainly in accepted and common usage. It has remained as such ever since.

Sources used for this article include the correspondence between Surveyor Price and the Surveyor General and the NSW Government Gazettes.

How did they do it? Simple technology of course.

The following article by Will Carter, reproduced in the *Sydney Mail*, Wednesday 8 April 1931, aptly describes the process of using a cradle and puddler to extract the gold:

Cradling is much faster than dishing, and easier work. Take a sound pine case 31ft long, 3ft high, and 2ft wide. Two feet along the top saw the sides down about six inches, and then slope off to four inches from the bottom and scarf or curve the front edge like a crescent, two inches high at the centre. That is the 'lip,' or fixed and final ripple. Board the front at the top, and close about half the slope front with bagging. Make a hopper-frame of pine, six inches deep, and having a bottom of perforated flat iron, which allows the fine stuff and the gold to pass, but excludes the stones, which are tossed from the hopper from time to time. Make the frame so that it fits easily into the square top of the cradle, and nail grip cleats along the sides. The hopper will need cleats to rest on; and let the holes be half an inch across.

Now make two pine slides to fit inside the cradle at a slope, the top one inclining forward from a supporting cleat at the back of the cradle under the hopper, and the other sloping back and delivering into the bottom which must be covered with blanket or bagging to hold fine gold. Each slide needs a ripple about an inch high at the lower end, and, if, you like, tack some intermediate lower ripples on each to further assist in holding back the gold. The top slide catches the stuff from the hopper and carries it down and forward to the back of the lower slide, which conveys it to the bottom of the cradle at the rear, whence it passes out over the lip as tailings. Both slides are supported by cleats, and must slip in and out freely. Turn the cradle over and nail on two wooden rockers, one at the back and the other two feet forward, and bore a centre socket-holes in each, half an inch in diameter and an inch into the rocker.

A foundation frame will be necessary to rest the cradle on. Make it two feet square, and use inch timber three inches wide. Bore a ¼ inch centre-pinning or spiking hole in the front and back of the frame, - and bed it firmly on the sand or ground at a slope of, say, 20 degrees to give the necessary fall, and drive two thin iron pins well down through the holes into the ground, leaving an inch of each pin above the frame. Set the cradle rockers on those pins and rock away. Make a water-ladle with a treacle-tin and a broom-handle. Wheel or carry your wash dirt down and make a heap. Feed into the hopper and rock briskly,

applying plenty of water as you do so. Put no big stones into the hopper. Take the hopper out and throw away the stones; then replace the hopper and continue work, removing both slides hourly to scrape the contents into a bucket; but leave the bottom of the cradle till knock-off time, when you must pan off the accumulated concentrates.

If the clay is puggy, as at Temora and other places, use a puddling tub, or perhaps two. Cut a twenty or thirty-gallon cask in two and bore an inch hole two-thirds down, and plug with a wooden draw 'cork.' Puddle the clay well with a shovel or wooden flat-bladed puddler. Withdraw the plug to let the slimy water out, and admit more clean water. Keep on and cradle the residue at the bottom of the cask. In many places, no puddling is required.

Ground Sluicing. In ground-sluicing, water, assisted by appropriate fall, is the dominating agent. Make a strong dam in the creek and lead the sluice-head down to the claim by means of a head-race. If you encounter a bad dip or break in the course you must erect a flume with boxes or sheets of stringybark, supported on a trestle of saplings. Make a deep tail-race, with plenty of fall, and stone it up. Without sufficient fall the stuff will never get away.

Pave the race for about 20 feet. Get busy with pick, shovel, and water, and worry the stuff down

and away. The top stuff (over burden) holds little or no gold, but must be displaced. The gold is in the wash dirt below, and, the richest is near or on the rock. Work it on a face, shifting the water as often as necessary, and get right down to the rock.

Take out a paddock and then clean in the rock with your shovel, always throwing the stuff forward towards the head of the tail-race, which you have paved with flat stones. Make a heap of all the rock-shovelings, then turn the water off, and, having removed the paving stones, clean the race down with shovel and scraper, carrying all the stuff up to the heap; then set your box and put the lot through.

Always clean up the rock well and empty every crevice. Gold goes down. You will often have to go down the tail-race and sling tailings, so as to keep the fall. Prospect the face of wash dirt extensively, and set to work on the next paddock, bringing the water into operation where it will be most effective.

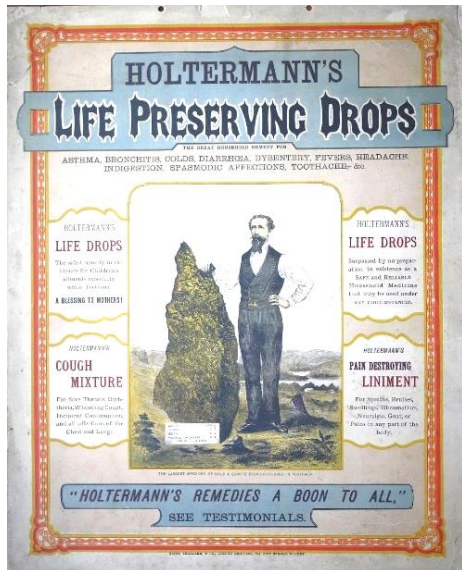
Simples...



Gold washing cradle, designed by William Tom Jr and Edward Hargraves, made by William Tom, Ophir goldfields, Australia, 1851, Powerhouse Museum H8859

Believe it or not....

When browsing Trove newspapers, we are often presented with a wonderful selection of “testimonials” acknowledging the brilliant results experienced by unfortunate sufferers of almost indescribable complaints. By using a particular miracle cure, concocted from a fantastic array of ingredients, these people have been miraculously cured of all ills...hhmmmm.



Volunteer Hotel
North Shore
Sept 2nd 1875.
To B. O. Holtermann Esq^r
Dear Sir
It is with heart-
felt thankfulness I forward you
this Testimonial on behalf of my
Wife & Self, for the wonderful cure
effected through the efficacy of
your Remedy known as 'Holtermann's
Drops', when all the available
Medical Skill at hand had been
tried & failed, your Drops restored
my Child to Health again; in fact

Cynics we may be but sometimes these testimonials can be verified and aren't just letters made up by imaginative advertisers. We were recently shown a collection of letters from a file of Holtermann memorabilia and there, among them was actually the original letters from Mr Holm, of Mullion (a mining area near Orange) and Joseph Harding of North Shore. Seems like the writers were convinced of the efficacy of the treatment.

As demonstrated in the *Sydney Mail* of 21 April 1877, Mr Holtermann was able to use these letters to help promote his potion.

Selling for just 1/3 a bottle at a “drug store near you”, these Life Preserving Drops were advertised as being able to cure almost anything; Asthma, bronchitis, colds, diarrhoea, dysentery, fevers, headaches, sore throats, diphtheria, whooping cough, teething troubles, consumption, sprained ankles, bruises and gout.

In his blog on the State Library website, Alan Davies noted that the concoction was apparently based on an original recipe which came from a German doctor. One extensive handwritten recipe in Holtermann's papers

seems to indicate that the main ingredient of his Life Drops was ‘tinct valerian’. Valerian, prepared from the root of the plant *Valeriana officinalis*, is a pungent yellow green oil (with an odour similar to a very well-matured cheese), which has been used historically as a sedative, anticonvulsant, migraine treatment and pain reliever.

The Wonder of the Age.

HOLTERMANN'S LIFE-PRESERVING DROPS

(REGISTERED).

Read the following, which the proprietor of the above
MARVELLOUS REMEDY
submits without any comment, justly believing that these testimonials
SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

HOLTERMANN'S LIFE DROPS.

It is with heartfelt thankfulness that I testify to the wonderful cure of my child, effected by the use of the remedy known as “Holtermann's Life Drops.” When all the available medical skill had failed, the “Life Drops” restored my child to health; or, in fact, brought her back to life, for we had given her up for dead. She is now in the enjoyment of perfect health.

(Signed) JOSEPH HARDING.

I am happy in being able to state that I have used “Holtermann's Life-preserving Drops” in my family, and in all cases with most satisfactory results. One bottle will prove their valuable qualities as a house medicine.

(Signed) J. H. HOLM.

But I must ask.... Did it work?



Golden Fleece - Bundi Shearing Shed

Not everything concerning the Tambaroora district is related to gold and mining. Sheep were actually in the area long before gold was even thought of. The area was an established pastoral district with recognized stock routes and tracks leading to pastoral leases in the area and beyond.

“Bundy” [sic] Station was mentioned on the 1853 surveyor’s map of the goldfields. The Ullamalla station, to the north west of Tambaroora was first documented in Trove when the property was sold by Mr C. J. Royle to the Thomas Brothers in March 1881. At the time, it comprised 32000 acres leasehold and 178 acres freehold, and had 3200 sheep. Mr Royle received a good price at the time - £3250. The property was later divided up and the Bundi & Karrawarra were eventually purchased by the Burns family.

Jill Williams has sent us in the following report of some work recently carried out on the Bundi shearing shed so that a little bit of their current history may be preserved:

Rick and I are frantically doing the final touches to the extension and restoration of the Bundi shearing shed before we start shearing on 28 August [2017]. Things like washing the floors down, linseed oiling the new floor, installing shelving, a kitchen and woolbins etc. When the Burns’ bought Bundi, the shearing shed was never used because they had the Kurrawarra shearing shed. So, the Bundi shed became a storage for all sorts of useful/junky stuff that we sorted through and disposed of, or gave away. But with the sale of Kurrawarra, Rick and I had to resurrect the old Bundi shed and it has taken up most of our time for months now.



We had Ian Sharpe from Macdonald Wool come out to give us some advice with the internal layout – much appreciated... I am sure that Gordon Kimm would be very proud of the way we have sympathetically extended the shed.

The shearing shed was built in 1954 by Gordon Kimm, a previous owner of Bundi, with help from Punch Slattery from Sallys Flat. It was a two-stand shed powered by a 3.5 hp Lister Junior A344, no. 553A4, manufactured by R. A. Lister and Co Ltd in Dursley England in 1954.



We decided to extend the shed by 6 metres to give us more wool room but we wanted it to be an exact replica of the existing timber work. When we put electricity onto the shed we could turn it into a three-stand shed by dismantling the old Lister gear and turning the engine room into the third pen.

The builders, Andrew Greuter and Jake Ballantyne replicated the original timber work beautifully. Andrew matched the third pen, let out chute and all the interior pen gates exactly. The timber was supplied by Ian and Aileen Bennett from Kandos sawmill. Piers were cut from Bundi. The staircase into the shed and up to the new loading stage was made from an old fire escape sourced from Bathurst Panthers Club.



New guttering and downpipes will now catch every drop of rain. The corrugated iron for the walls matched the existing walls exactly. The iron came from

Jill’s property near Bathurst along with three Sunbeam Super Pros and a Sunbeam grinder from her shearing shed. The big double doors leading onto the new stage were clad using the tongue and groove flooring from the old engine room.

Holding paddock fencing was erected last year and a new set of sheep yards designed by Jill were built which can work about 1500 head. National Stockyard Systems supplied the V Race with a three-way draft, and a working race with a squeeze panel leading into the three-way draft box. All the other panels and gates were supplied by David Dietrich from StockPro at Condobolin.

We are really pleased that Ian came to help us with the layout of the shearing room, positioning of the woolbins etc. His advice was gratefully accepted and his ideas will certainly be put in place to make the wool flow better from the board to the press.

Rick Burns & Jill Williams (rickburns@activ8.net.au)

Goldfield shenanigans

It wasn't all work on the goldfields. The following yarns from the *Sydney Mail*, (17 January 1880) are well worth repeating.



In those golden days of the Hill, charges of gold-stealing against miners were very freely whispered, but, to the credit of those who handled the pick and tamping-iron there, it must be allowed that in only a few cases were there

any grounds for the accusation. In one instance, a 'poor miner' was in the habit of depositing in the bank not only his fortnightly cheque for work done but extra cash, and still was able to live in comfort that would seem to his representatives now, luxury. He was never found out, although the closest of watches was maintained on him for a month, and he, like all the other men, had to strip and change every rag of clothing on coming up the shaft after his shift, or turn of work. "I suppose," said a recent visitor to the mine, to a gentleman who was relating the circumstance to him, 'you didn't make him change his pipe?' "Why no!" was the answer. "Why do you ask that?" "Merely that in one of the richest Victorian mines the gold went, and went most mysteriously, until a raid was made upon the cutty-pipes of the gangs as they knocked off, and that three of them were found to hold half an ounce each of little nuggets and dust, snugly tucked under Barrett's twist."

And then followed a couple of stories which showed that the owners of rich mines did not always get the whole amount taken out. The men at Paxton's used to talk of the Hawkins' Hill ghost, which haunted an old tunnel in the Hill, whose opening was near the track followed by those going to and from the mine. Mysterious wailing sounds and ghostly lights were wont to issue from this cavern, and after vainly endeavouring to solve the mystery, the miners all accepted the supernatural theory and invariably put the best leg forward in passing this entrance to Avernus. All? No, not all, for there was a quick-witted Irishman who determined to look at the inmate of the cavern, be he ghost or devil, and one moonless night when all was black as a wolf's mouth, Pat removed his boots and stole into the tunnel. As he crept along the rough drive the adventurer heard ghostly thuds and groans as though the 'muckled horned one' were trouncing some poor soul delivered into his power, and with his heart in his mouth, he thought of retreat. But no! having come so far, 'shpirit' (whether whisky or not, doth not appear) egged him on,

and as the sound increased, he saw the glimmer of a light, which issued from behind a screen ahead, and convinced then that everything was natural, Pat stole up and looked in. There, in a corner, was seated a man, pounding away at a big mortar, while the flicker of a candle, stuck to the wall by a dab of clay, showed a pickle bottle three parts full of gold. The pounder, a skulking ruffian, better known than trusted, who worked in a neighbouring rich claim, paused a moment to give an unearthly howl, and Pat was just going to rush in and secure him, when a second man came forward and threw into the mortar a number of specimens, which by the candlelight glittered as if spangled. Two to one seemed too long odds, so Pat, in high glee at his discovery, stole away. Next day he



disclosed the secret, and planned a raid upon the den, but when he and his friends arrived there the birds had flown, though, of course, no one had told them that, vulgarly speaking, 'the plant was sprung.'

Research notes:

Inside History magazine now has an online newsletter which will keep you up to date with new resources available online as well. It also includes articles related to local and family history and is well worth signing up for their free newsletter. More details at <http://www.insidehistory.com.au/>

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State Archives has established a program of free webinars. Each webinar will focus on the wonderful resources of the State archives collection and how to access them. Here is your opportunity to learn about the wonderful resources of the State Archives without leaving home.

Live presentations will be delivered online and a library of recorded webinars that can be viewed anywhere any time will also be built up over time. Check out [the past webinars](#)

These include

- Using the NSW State Archives website.
- Tracing NSW Convicts.
- Basics of conservation
- NSW Shipping & Immigration records

Bookings for future webinars can be made on State Archives' [website](#)

Upcoming webinars include

- Tracing NSW Gaolbirds
- NSW Probate Records

A shocking situation – another gem from Trove

The following article from the *Sydney Mail* 2 January 1869 is well worth sharing.

ELECTRIC PHENOMENON.
To the Editor of the Sydney Mail.

SIR,—I am a digger, and, as is my custom, expose my blankets in the day time to the air and sun, throwing them across a rail adjoining my hut. They consist of a pair of heavy blue double blankets. Occasionally, if the wind rises, I fold them up before the sun goes down, while quite hot, and lay them in my hut till bed time. A few days ago I was surprised, on opening them, at hearing a repeated snapping noise, resembling the discharge from an electrifying machine. Noticing the same effects repeatedly, I opened them in the dark, at the close of a very hot day, and on touching them with the fingers of my right hand while holding the fold with my left, I observed electric sparks at the end of each finger. I then swept my hand along the face of a part of the blanket which I had just opened, when two or three strong flashes surprised me. These effects may be generally known, but as they were new to me, I thought them worth communicating, especially as it appears a simple method of obtaining and applying electricity within reach of every one.

I believe electricity is generally admitted to be a useful remedy in rheumatic attacks. A small battery in my possession I have repeatedly used with advantage in such cases.

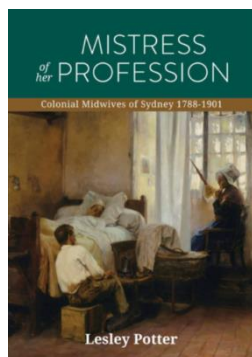
As works of reference in this part of the world are not to be had, I trust you will acquit me of being inconsiderately troublesome, if the facts related are familiar to those who have better opportunities within reach.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
JOHN B. JOWETT.

Hill End, Tambaroora, December 10.

[We are obliged to our correspondent for his communication, and shall always be pleased to publish original observations of a scientific character. We are not aware that the facts described above have ever been noticed before in connection with blankets heated by the sun's rays. But the phenomenon is similar in character to the electricity observable in a cat's back. Strips of silk heated and rubbed between the finger and thumb will also shew electrical phenomena. The blankets appear to absorb the electricity, and being non-conductors do not readily dissipate it. Any friction will then reveal its presence. Whether blankets in that state are medically useful for rheumatic patients we cannot say. Only experience can decide that point.—*Ed. S. M.*

Early Midwifery



Mistress of her profession

In the days of secret abortions and baby farming, before medical procedures saved the lives of thousands of women and babies, midwives emerged from the ranks of convicts and free immigrants as entrepreneurs. Their business activities, attitudes, work ethic and experiences formed the foundations that helped shape

midwifery for future generations.

This book weaves the stories of nine midwives into an account of the development of midwifery training in New South Wales. The women's lives span the nineteenth century and provide a fascinating perspective of maternity care and life in colonial Sydney.

Cost: \$34.95 + \$6 = \$40.95 (handling & posting)

Payment to Lesley Potter, 75A Torrington Rd., Maroubra NSW 2035

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Hill End Happenings!

30 September - Market at the Royal Hall

We hardly seem to have recovered from our Easter Market and it is time to start preparing for the October Long Weekend one. This year, Hill End & Tambaroora will be absolutely buzzing over that weekend as the Australian Orienteering Carnival is being held in Hill End and Bathurst this year between 22 September and 1 October. Events will be in or near the Hill End village on Sunday 24 September, Saturday 30 September and Sunday 1 October. There are around 900 entrants in the carnival.



Hill End Open Day

Sunday 22 October 2017

Bigger and better than ever!

Time to make your booking for Hill End Open Day. Sunday 22 October.

This year Hill End Arts Council are proud to announce some new addition to the historic buildings which will be open for inspection. The Court House, Ackermann's cottage, the Carver home, La Paloma studio and cottage, the Royal Hall, the Presbyterian Church, the Catholic Church, Murray Cottage (home of Donald Friend when he lived in Hill End), Haeflinger cottage are already on the list. The inclusion of a couple of new venues, Wisteria cottage at Tambaroora and the Public School, will offer an additional insight into the lifestyle of the "not so rich or famous" past inhabitants of Hill End & Tambaroora. You won't be disappointed. Start early to get around them all.

Adult \$25.00

Concession \$18.00

Bookings recommended.

For further details and bookings contact Kim on: (02) 6337 8333 or email HillEndOpenDay@yahoo.com.au



Upcoming events for Family Historians

Orange 22- 24 September

The NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Conference in Orange will be held over 22 – 24 September. With a theme of “Your Family Story: Telling, Recording and Preserving”, the weekend promises to be a great opportunity for learning and networking, with an exciting program of speakers and workshops that will explore the many ways of relating the story to your ancestors.



HEATGG will have a stand at the Family History Fair on the Friday 22 September in the Orange City Library and we will be in attendance from 9am – 4pm. If you are in the area, come along and say hello. We will have our books for sale as well as a sample of some of our more

interesting & unique resources that we use for our research. Entry to the Fair is free as well!

More details and a program are on [their website](#)

Tell us your story.

If you are planning on writing your family history there are numerous guides available to give you a head start on “How to...”. We recently came across an 82-page publication on the Federation of Australian Historical Societies [website](#) which would certainly help. While some aspects are now a little out of date (it was published 10 years ago) the overall principals are the same and it is well worth browsing through it for ideas.

Sydney 9 – 12 March 2018

The 15th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry will be held in Sydney, at Darling Harbour, over the weekend of Friday 9 to Monday 12 March 2018,

Early Bird registration will remain open until **30 September 2017** or **until 300 registrations are received** – whichever occurs first, so get in early.

The Theme for this event is “Bridging the Past and Future” and there is a jam-packed program with a range of expert speakers from Australia, New Zealand, England and USA. Full details on [their website](#).

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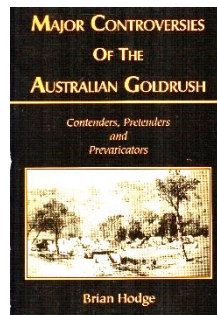
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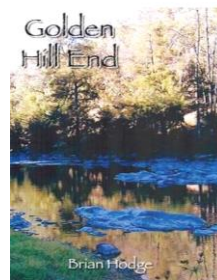


Major controversies of the Australian Goldrush – Contenders, Pretenders and Prevaricators.

This is an historical account of the claims and counter-claims of people who sought government rewards for creating the Australian goldrush of 1851. It looks at the commonly held view that Governor Gipps suppressed news of a discovery in 1844, and critically examines the parts played by Reverend W B Clarke and Governor Gipps to provide alternative reasoning to why the rush was an 1851 event. Includes photos, footnotes and appendices. It has been well researched and not readily available of recent years.

\$15 + \$4 p&p

Golden Hill End.



Brian Hodge's account of the gold fields past is different. In his distinctive style, the account allows the pioneer settlers and those who followed them to tell their own story. Their collective voices, usually quoted, enliven these pages of history, in sequence, from the birth of the Australian goldrush to the present day.

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