



The Annual Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Saturday March 3rd 2007 Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney

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

By now you may be aware that Bill & Betty Maris have handed over the reins of the Gathering Group to me to continue the tradition of co-ordinating the annual Get together in the Botanic gardens.

I hope that all who have kept in contact with Bill & Betty, over the 40 plus years, will continue to do so and keep us posted on the news that would be of interest to others on the mailing list.

Now that we have so many more people associated with the Group I have revised the mailing list. Can you please check the address on the envelope to ensure that I have all your details correct. If you no longer wish to be on our mailing list could you also please let me know so I can adjust our records.

If you choose to receive the newsletter via email it also helps to cut down our postage and production costs. If you are happy to receive it in this format then this would be much appreciated. We now have a special Yahoo email address for the **Hill End and Tambaroora Gathering Group** (ie HEATGG). Full contact details are on the form.

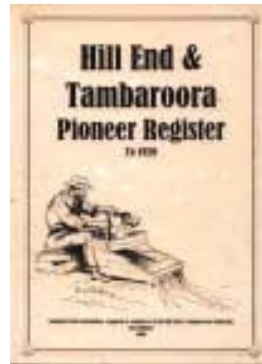
I hope you will find the time to fill in and return the form enclosed. This will give me an idea of the family names you are connected with. It will also allow me to provide your contact details to others who are researching the same families if not already listed as a contributor to the Register. Under the guidelines of the "Federal Privacy Act" I undertake to only use this information for purposes relating directly to family history in the Hill End and Tambaroora areas.

I look forward to catching up with many of you at the Gathering in the Sydney Botanic Gardens on 3rd March
Lorraine



Contact Details

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Hill End & Tambaroora Pioneer register

After the success of our printed version of **Hill End & Tambaroora Pioneer Register** we are happy to announce that

we were able to make a donation of \$2500 to the Hill End Voluntary Bush Fire Brigade in October 2006. I have included a copy of the Media Release for your interest. We still have a small profit left from the sale of the register and have plans to use this to further Family History research in the Hill End & Tambaroora district.

We have virtually sold out of the hard copy of the Pioneer Register and have no immediate plans to reprint it. However, to satisfy the demand it is now being produced on CD for the same price. The CD version has the added advantage of being able to be searched by name or location as it is in acrobat format. A registration form is also included for those who wish to add their ancestors. When there are a significant number of additional contributions we will reprint the work. In the meantime I am maintaining a database of the additional families and names in case people are seeking information.

If you missed out on purchasing a copy we have less than 20 book copies left and these will be on sale at the Gathering for \$30. Unfortunately it will be a case of "first in first served".... However, we will have supplies of the CD available as well and all those with access to a computer might find this a very useful tool. The CD also retails for \$30 plus \$4 p&p.



Bill & Betty Maris have now settled into their new residence at 38/12 Amicitia Circuit, Constitution Hill 2145. They have changed their phone number and can now be contacted on 02 97691885 or at maris@froggy.com.au

Well I never....

In recent correspondence with John Flynn of Peel, he mentioned that he had cleaned out the old well on his place, on the site of the Peel Hotel. He reported that the brickwork was still in excellent condition and even took some photos to prove it. The well was more than 30ft deep and still had a clean sandy bottom...now if it would only rain....



Registers of Leases of Auriferous Lands

If your ancestor was involved in the mining industry (and in Hill End and Tambaroora, whose family wasn't!) you might be interested in some other CDs that have been released. **The Registers**



of Leases of Auriferous Lands CDs contain an index of leases for gold and other minerals with thousands of names on each CD. Each CD covers a particular district or division. The 2 of interest to the Hill End district are:

CD1: Registers of Leases of Auriferous Lands, Bathurst Mining District (Bathurst, Orange, Trunkey, Carcoar, Tuena) 16 Mar 1875-30 Sep 1908, CGS 10093 [7/3112-20] (State Records NSW). This CD also includes entries for Hill End.

CD8: Registers of Leases of Auriferous Lands, Tambaroora and Turon Mining District, 23 Mar 1875-19 Mar 1908, CGS 10099 (Kingswood 7/3160-66; microfilm copy of 7/3160-65 at SR Reels 1544-1546).

Whilst normally priced around \$22 each we are fortunate enough to be able to offer all index CDs to you for \$15 each (plus postage) if **purchased in March** using the form in this newsletter. We hope to have a limited number of the above CDs available for purchase at the Gathering.

Produced by family history researchers, Kaye Vernon and Billie Jacobsen, the indexes give the date, applicants name, location of the lease and any other associated names with that lease. There are no personal details about the applicants however they can be used to verify that an ancestor was in the area at the time and who were his partners.

HILL END & TAMBAROORA TIMES

As well as coordinating the Annual get together I would like to see further research undertaken into general issues covering family history in the district. This is also an opportunity for others out there to lend a hand if they are interested. This year I hope to be able to devote more time to chasing up some more varied aspects of Hill End family history. My current project is to index all the known issues of the HILL END & TAMBAROORA TIMES.

There are only 7 issues in existence, ranging from 1871 to 1875. These are available at the State Library of NSW on microfilm. It is surprising how many local names are mentioned, either in articles or in advertisements. You never know, your ancestor may have been amongst them. In many instances it gives their occupation or address and so helps to put a little more flesh on the bones, so to speak.



The Time Office, Hill End, taken from the Holtermann Collection held in the State Library of NSW.

This might be a good opportunity to ask if anyone has any old newspaper cuttings concerning Hill End amongst their family papers, as I would love to be able to include additional material especially if it includes family names. I anticipate that the index will be ready for publication by the middle of the year however will keep you informed.



They may have been caught out...

Don't forget to check out the State Archives Web page at <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au> for a wonderful selection of online indexes. A good example is the index to Gaol photographs from 1870 – 1930. There are a number of inmates who gave their birthplace as Hill End or Tambaroora and the results will usually provide a portrait photograph as well as other physical details about the person. Full records are all obtainable from the State Records for a small fee....

Photo Project



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At last years gathering there was some talk of trying to co ordinate a photo project. There must be so many old photos in people's collections that others would be interested in seeing. With the digital facilities available to us these days it is so much easier to share them around.

Now is the time to make sure that you have put the names and locations on the back of the photos so that they can be identified in future generations and not just thrown away as "Granny's old photos and we don't know who they are....". I am happy to be the recipient of copies of these photos as it would be great resource to compliment the Pioneer Register. As we were not originally able to include family photos in the printed version we might be able to produce something digitally that would then be accessible to all.

In order to get the ball rolling I will be calling for volunteers to assist in this project at the Gathering. If you have any skills in this area your assistance would be most appreciated. I'm great on the "ideas" side but am quite happy to admit that my knowledge in other areas is sadly lacking! It is my intention that we could form a "sub committee" who could meet as needed to work out the logistics of undertaking such a project. Personal attendance would be great however in these days of electronic communication I am sure we can overcome "the tyranny of distance"....

It would be interesting to now compile a photo register of all the families who feature in the Pioneer Register.



Are you an eBay fan?

Whilst browsing the Internet recently I came across a number of old documents (in the form of promissory notes from the Hill End bank) that were being auctioned on eBay. Some of the names mentioned were those in the Pioneer Register but unfortunately they were eventually sold for a lot more that I was prepared to pay. It is interesting to note that this is another place where family history might just surface, you never know your luck!

The Pioneer Woman

We're all very proud of our ancestors
No matter how old or frail they may be,
For they were the people that pioneered
and started our family tree.

You've all heard of the pioneers
And the way that they had to battle,
The way they toiled and tilled the soil
To feed their sheep and their cattle.

But there seems to be one so often forgot
To whom we all owe praise,
She's the gracious lady that stirred the pot
In those pioneering days.

She worked beside her rugged man
To whom his children she bore,
Camped in the bush in a leaky tent or an old bark hut
with an earthen floor.

At night she'd sit and sew and knit
And read the Bible too,
And prey to the Lord to keep her fit
So she might guide her children through.

She was doctor, teacher, dentist and preacher.
She ran to every call,
With a new-born babe held gently in her arm,
She'd pray she might rear them all.

She wasn't after a fortune
She never looked for praise,
She just did what she thought was right
In those pioneering days.

So let's shout her praise with glee,
Hang her photo high on the wall,
And mark her name on the family tree
The greatest pioneer of them all.

Don Kneebone (Milawa)

I found a photocopy of the above poem on a slip of paper between the pages of book in the library...I felt it was really worth sharing!

Lorraine



Mrs Robert Baulks (nee Elizabeth Rigby) and children outside their house with bark roof, Hill End

Early goldfields pioneers help today's Hill End Voluntary Bush Fire Brigade (press release)

Hill End, Sunday 15 October 2006

At a brief ceremony today, at the Hill End Bush Fire Brigades headquarters, Jim Shanahan, President and Deputy Captain of the Hill End Voluntary Bushfire Brigade accepted a contribution to their building fund, which came from an unusual source. Mr (Bill) Maris presented the cheque for \$2500.00 on behalf of the Hill End and Tambaroora Gathering Group who was responsible for the recent production of a Pioneer Register of the area.

"We had put aside some funds for the promotion of the Register however it has been such a popular resource that the hardcover version has sold out" reported Bill Maris, long time convenor of the Group. *"We felt the Voluntary Bushfire Brigade deserved a boost in funds as they do such important work in the Hill End area, keeping the town and surrounding area safe. The Hill End brigade is one of the oldest voluntary fire fighting groups in the state and they can trace their roots back to the 1870's. Many of the people mentioned in this Pioneer Register would have been members of this early group and it is only fitting that their work be commemorated in this way. It is our way of saying "Thank you" for a more than 130 years of continuous service to the local community"*.

Jim Shanahan displayed their concept plans for a new building to house the Brigade's equipment and vehicles and expressed his appreciation on behalf of the group. The donation will go towards the fit out of the building.

The Pioneer Register was produced by a small band of enthusiastic volunteers who are part of the Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group. At the 2003 Gathering some of the keen participants, descendants of those early residents, realized that the number of original attendees was declining and that much of the family history of the area was disappearing. It was decided to produce a written record and so the idea of a Pioneer Register grew and resulted in this volume.

"We were astounded at the response to our initial request for information from families whose ancestors were in the Goldfields for some period" said Lorraine Purcell, the compiler of the volume. *"In its heyday there were over 7000 people living in Hill End. In this Register we have over 250 contributors and there are over 600 families represented. Entries were still flowing in 12 months after the closing date"*.

Many family history groups and public libraries throughout the country have now purchased the Register. The hardcopy of the Register has sold out and the CD version of the book was also launched at the presentation ceremony. *"It has all the same*

information as the hardcopy but has the added benefit that the database can be searched by name or location" explained Ms Purcell. *"We hope that this will encourage others to send us information about their families so we can make this resource available to future generations"*.



Right: Jim Shanahan, President and Deputy Captain of the Hill End Voluntary Bushfire Brigade accepting the cheque from Lorraine Purcell & Bill Maris.



Notes from Hill End Family History

Daphne of Hill End Family History has put the finishing touches to the database of family history material available in "The Morgue" at the Hill End Visitors Centre. She is now looking forward to requests from family descendants re their family history in the Hill End/Tambaroora area. The following names are amongst those that people have been researching: Peterson, Collins, Noon, Goodwin, Northey and Wilson.

If you are visiting Hill End a visit is well worthwhile.

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

For booking get in touch with Daphne: -

Email - bitofheaven@bigpond.com

Phone - 02-63378218 after 6:30pm

or you can try your luck with 0429335627 from 11am to 3pm. She'd love to hear from you.

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

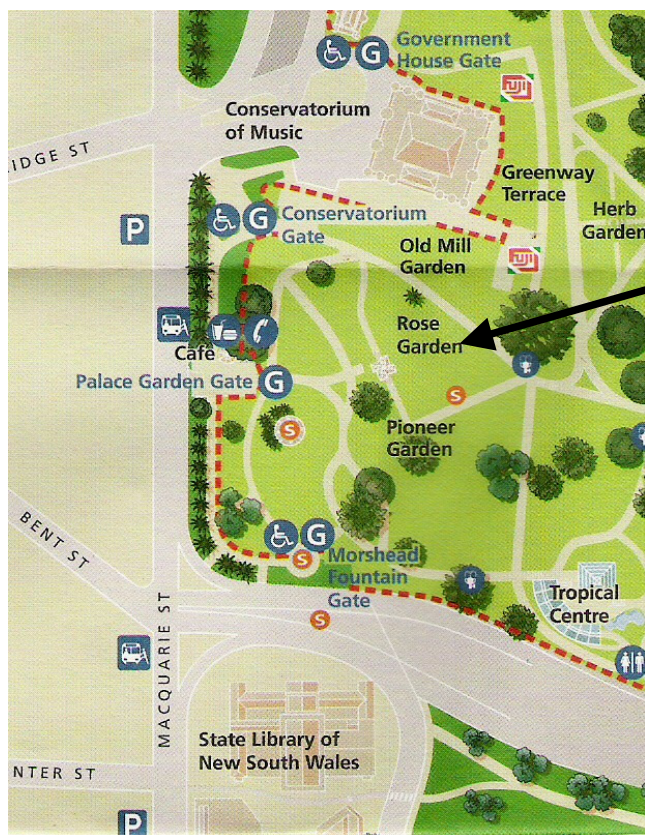


The Gathering in the Gardens

It is now time to remind you of the annual Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering.

As they have done for the past 60+ years, people will be gathering on **Saturday 3rd March** at the **Rose Garden Pavilion** in the **Sydney Royal Botanic Gardens**, from around **12 noon onwards**.

The venue is best approached from the Palace Garden Gate entrance in Macquarie St, about half way between the Conservatorium of Music and the State Library. There is a parking station almost opposite the main gates and also street parking meters in Macquarie Street. It is about 5 mins walk from Martin Place Railway Station and about 10 mins walk from Circular Quay.



The Rose Garden

Some people bring **lunch** and others arrive with **afternoon tea**... it is a very free form gathering and is an excellent opportunity for those with ancestors from the region to meet with others who have a similar interest. Initially started as a reunion for those who lived in the area to get together, the Gathering is gradually evolving into a meeting place for those with links to the district to join in as well and share their experiences and family history research.

What do people bring?

As in the past years the following suggestions are a few ideas that have come to mind....

- Well, there is some limited seating available in the Pavilion but if you are able, it might be a good idea to bring along your lightweight picnic chairs/table or picnic rug. Remember you will have to carry them into the Gardens, as there is no vehicle access. (Suggestion: load up granny's shopping trolley!)
- Bring your lunch, afternoon tea, and whatever "refreshments" needed to sustain you for the afternoon. There is a small kiosk just outside the Garden Gates and apparently coffee and soft drinks etc are available there for purchase for those travelling a long distance and who don't want to bring them.
- Bring a couple of copies of the "potted" version of your family history, including photos (but remember that old ones are easily damaged by handling, so perhaps now is a good time to have copies made and **these** can be made available for others to have a look at - **leave the originals at home!**) This may be an opportunity to swap stories and information.
- Wear a name label with your name on it, (in **LARGE PRINT** so others can read it without glasses!) and also the main family names that you are associated with. Maybe a large sign, with the family name, that can be put on your "campsite" so that others can make themselves known to you as well.
- Notepad and pens etc to jot down the contacts if necessary and camera to get that memorable shot. If you have the opportunity to prepare a small "handout" that gives your **name and contact details and the families that you are interested in** (no more than a page), it may be worthwhile. Make a few copies of this that can then be swapped if you find others have a similar interest. - saves a lot of writing down in the excitement of the moment after meeting others who are researching the same family.
- Don't forget the hat and sunscreen in case the weather is a little warm....

So, there you have it! This may be an opportunity to meet the faces that match many of the names we have been corresponding with in the past 12 months. As it is a very informal get together there is no need to "book" to come to the gathering, the Botanic Gardens cover a big area, We're sure to all fit in!

Further enquiries can be made to
Lorraine on **95870352** after hours or via email to heatgg@yahoo.com.au

Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group

Mailing list details

Family Name <small>Please print</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms Other:		
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Mailing address (for newsletter)	Street details:		
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- Please leave my name on the mailing list. All details are correct.
- Please remove my name and contact details from the Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group records. I no longer have an interest in this area.
- I am happy to receive my copy of the newsletter via email.

To save on postage costs it would assist if newsletters were able to be sent out to email addresses. However we do realize that there are many who do not have this service so we will continue to send them out via normal mail to those who choose this option.

My interest in Hill End & Tambaroora is with the following families:

Family Name	Approx period in the area (eg 1865 – 1920)

I give my permission for the above contact details to be passed on to others researching associated family names or for purposes relating directly to family history in the Hill End and Tambaroora areas.

Signed:date:.....

Please return this form to:
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Carlton NSW 2218

Ph: 02 95870352

Email: heatgg@yahoo.com.au

Office use only: <input type="checkbox"/> Address <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Family names

Or place in the box at the Gathering in the Gardens on Saturday 3 March 2007.

**SPECIAL OFFER for orders placed in March 2007
for the Hill End and Tambaroora Gathering Group
Registers of Leases of Auriferous Lands**



Please send me the following CDs:

CD	Title	Cost	Total
CD1:	<i>Registers of Leases of Auriferous Lands, Bathurst Mining District (Bathurst, Orange, Trunkey, Carcoar, Tuena) 16 Mar 1875-30 Sep 1908, CGS 10093 [7/3112-20] (State Records NSW).</i>	\$15	
CD2:	<i>Registers of Leases of Auriferous Lands, New England and Clarence Mining Division (Drake, Fairfield, Lionsville, Tenterfield, Boorook), 20 Dec 1875 – 6 Apr 1908 CGS 10096 (Kingswood [7/3134-37] State Records NSW).</i>	\$15	
CD3:	<i>Registers of Leases of Auriferous Lands, Southern Mining District (Nowra, Braidwood, Araluen, Nerriga, Nerrigundah, Moruya, Little Creek, Pambula, Milton) 22 Sep 1875 – 12 May 1908, CGS 10098 [7/3152-56] – SR Reels 1538-39 [7/3157-59](State Records NSW).</i>	\$15	
CD4:	<i>Registers of Leases of Auriferous Lands, Lachlan Mining District (Parkes, Cargo, Forbes, Grenfell, Bourke, Young, Barmedman, Temora), 5 Aug 1875-10 Aug 1908, CGS 10094 State Records NSW [7/3121-28].</i>	\$15	
CD5:	<i>Registers of Leases of Auriferous Lands, Mudgee Mining District (Hargreaves, Gulgong, Peak Hill, Windeyer, Wellington, Parkes, Tomingby), 17 Mar 1875-13 Nov 1908, CGS 10095 (Kingswood 7/3129-33).</i>	\$15	
CD6:	<i>Registers of Leases of Auriferous Lands, Tumut and Adelong Mining District (Adelong, Tumut, Tumbarumba, Gundagai, Kiandra, Queanbeyan, Captains Flat, Albury, Cooma), 15 Jun 1875-19 Mar 1908, CGS 10100 (Kingswood 7/3147-51).</i>	\$15	
CD7:	<i>Registers of Leases of Auriferous Lands, Peel and Uralla Mining District (Barrington, Glen Innes, Armidale, Bulladelah, Nundle, Bingara), 20 Oct 1875-24 Feb 1908, CGS 10097 (7/3138-46; microfilm copy SR Reels 1540-1543). 9 vols.</i>	\$15	
CD8:	<i>Registers of Leases of Auriferous Lands, Tambaroora and Turon Mining District, 23 Mar 1875-19 Mar 1908, CGS 10099 (Kingswood 7/3160-66; microfilm copy of 7/3160-65 at SR Reels 1544-1546).</i>	\$15	
CD9:	<i>Registers of Leases of Auriferous Lands, Grafton, Dalmorton, Nana Creek, Woolgoolga, Coramba 1 Mar 1880 – 4 Jul 1907 [7/3187-90] State Records NSW. Also includes a few leases from Ballina, Copmanhurst, Fairfield, Glen Innes, Kempsey, Lionsville and Murwillumbah.</i>	\$15	
CD10:	<i>Registers of Leases of Auriferous Lands, Barrington, Bulladelah, Copeland, Dungog, Scone, Walcha 20 Nov 1876 – 9 Jul 1907 [7/3181-86] State Records NSW. Also includes a few leases from Kempsey and Lionsville.</i>	\$15	
CD11:	<i>Registers of Leases of Auriferous Lands, Cobar, Broken Hill, Milparinka, 27 Oct 1879 – 24 May 1907 [7/3180] [7/3192-93] [7/3198-99] State Records NSW. Also Includes leases from Hillston, Mount Hope, Nyngan, Nymagee, Silverton, Tibooburra, Wilcannia, Bourke.</i>	\$15	
CD12:	<i>Registers of Leases of Auriferous Lands, Various Districts of NSW 5 Mar 1874 – 26 Nov 1906 [7/3179] [7/3191] [7/3194-97] State Records NSW. Leases from over 50 areas of NSW.</i>	\$15	
	Plus Postage of \$3 for the first CD and \$1 for each additional CD		
	TOTAL		

Further details can be obtained from the Teapot Genies website at

<http://www.bananatv.com/familytreechecklist.htm>

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