



Hill End & Tamaroora Gathering Group

Newsletter

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Hill End Family History Expo

Held over the first weekend in April, the Expo proved very popular with members of the Gathering Group as well as the general public. We estimate that at least 300 people attended at least one activity during the weekend and we have had wonderful feedback from the participants, for which we are very grateful.

The comfortable coach arrived safely from Sydney under the care of Ralph, the bus monitor and driver Kevin and thru good organization on behalf of the travellers all the interstate visitors arrived on time. We had representatives from Western Australia, Victoria and Queensland on the coach as well as many others from around NSW and Victoria who made their own way to Hill End. We have it on good authority that there was not a bed left in the town, and in some of the surrounding towns as well. Even the campground was well patronized.



The Thank You Launch in the Royal Hall on Friday night was well patronized and provided an opportunity for the locals and the early arrivals to mingle in convivial circumstances, helped along with refreshments served by Dennis, Kerrie and

Alison, all willing volunteers for the weekend. We were serenaded by harp music provided by Margaret Rookledge and the finger food was washed down with quantities of Hill End Hooch, Tamaroora Tipple and Bald Hill Bubbly.

The visitors were lining up at the door at 10am in time for the start and the displays in the Hall were well received. There was copious note taking and the photocopiers were running hot all weekend. Of particular interest was the display of Holtermann photos, which was mounted with the permission of the State Library of NSW. This showed a selection of photographs that we could match up to entries in the Pioneer Register.

Participants were entertained by local guides on their tours around the town and of the historic Craigmoor House, and they were able to gain a feel for the place and how their ancestors lived and worked. Plenty of time was allowed for people to just wander the town and drink in the serenity of the place.



What would the ancestors have thought if they could see the Hall decked out in all their photos and the trappings of modern technology that linked us to resources on the other side of the world? Thanks to Matt Rattray, from the Royal Hotel, we even had access to the Internet.

The Gathering Dinner at the Lodge on Saturday evening was a "sell out" success and allowed for over 80 participants to dine on fare of yesteryear. We were then joined by others staying in the town and the Short Story Awards were presented. Time was then allowed for people to gather together and catch up on their family history yarns.

Ever mindful of the participants needs we arranged for an extra hour of sleep (end of daylight saving) before rousing them for an early trip to the cemeteries at Tamaroora. Around 60 or so visitors joined our tour, which was ably guided by local identity Ted Abbot, (who knows where the bodies are buried....). Those with an interest in the Catholic Cemetery formed a convoy of vehicles to cross the Tamaroora Ck and walk the last 100 metres or so to the small graveyard.



Keeping to our schedule we headed back to the Royal Hall by 10.30 am where we were entertained by a variety of speakers. Bill & Betty Maris recounted some of their memories of the place and they were followed by Gavin Wilson with a most edifying talk on the connection between the artists and Hill End. Jann Gallen finished up the morning with a demonstration of resources available for the preservation of valuable documents and photographs.

After a light luncheon in the Royal Hotel the coach passengers were given a tour of Ackermann Cottage, a

fully & lovingly restored miners cottage, now the comfortable home of Lorraine Miller. They then departed back to "the big smoke" leaving behind those who were fortunate enough to have extra time in the village.



This appears to have been an event that was enjoyed by visitors and local alike as the question on many lips asked of us in the ensuing days was to when we were going to run another one! (*Not for a few years, as this one took 12 months to plan and execute!* – **Lorraine**)



The 2008 Gathering in the Royal Botanic Gardens in Sydney.

It was a case of "fingers crossed" as March 1 came around this year. The weather was promising to cause problems but the day dawned fine and we were lucky that the sun shone on us....even if a cool breeze did come up. The popularity of the gardens as a wedding venue is increasing and we were unable to have the use of the Rose Pavilion as a base for our gathering. However, we rallied round, collected all the garden benches in sight and made our camp under a nearby fig tree, which gave use shelter for the day.

A number of new gathering members joined us for the first time as a result of a notice in the local press and we were able to connect a whole branch of the Slack family. Due to good planning we were also able to welcome Daphne Shead, from Hill End Family History, who was in Sydney for the weekend, to our gathering.



One of the highlights of the Gathering was a raffle held to raise funds for expenses for the Expo. Dennis Lynch kindly donated one of his gold nugget pendants as first prize, which was won by Ruth Wilson. Ron Mansfield won second prize of a pair of pewter goblets and Dick Adams won third prize, a framed print.

There were approximately 60 in attendance but this is the first year that we were sad to notice that the longstanding members of the group were in diminished numbers, however we hope that next year the weather might be better which will encourage families to join us in the Gardens.

Expo memories recorded on a DVD!

Throughout the Expo weekend in Hill End our intrepid photographer, Di Greenhaw, took over 1200 photos of the town and the Expo participants, recording it all for posterity...somewhat in the vein of Beaufoy Merlin, if he had owned a digital camera! We have edited them down to 400 photos and Di has spent many hours compiling them onto a DVD, which is now available for purchase as a wonderful souvenir of the event. For the very affordable price of \$15, which includes postage to anywhere in Australia, the DVD runs for 35 minutes and can be played on your TV through the DVD player or on your computer (with DVD functionality).

The DVD follows the weekend program and includes many beautiful photos of Hill End and surrounds. Even if you weren't able to join us for the Expo this is an excellent opportunity to revisit the place from the comfort of your lounge room.



The DVD is available from Daphne in Hill End and can also be ordered on the form in this newsletter. We accept cheque or money order as well as direct bank deposit into our bank account, if you wish to order via email. Don't miss out on this chance to relive the weekend and show your "home town" to your friends and family.



Many thanks....



Daphne and myself!

To all those people who so kindly supported our efforts to present the Hill End Family History Expo. Your generous donations ensured that our financial books pretty well balanced at the end of the day, which was a major relief to

We have had enquiries regarding sponsorship for our newsletter so formalized a plan if people wish to advertise their Hill End district or family history related material in the newsletter. We are grateful for any financial contributions that will assist us to keep the newsletter coming. If you have an appropriate product or service that you would like to advertise here then please contact Lorraine for more details

Statistically speaking, we have a mailing list of approx 575 people, so your message will certainly get out there, to people who have an interest in the area. We mail out hard copies of the newsletter to approx 250 people and email the remaining 325 people. The majority of our members are in NSW or the ACT however we have 26 members in Qld, 9 in Victoria and 7 in WA.

Family story Award winners

Dr Noeline Kyle, author of *Writing Family History made very easy*, judged our Family Story Award and we were thrilled that she was able to join us in Hill End to present the prizes.

The three prizewinners were:

- Stan Walters (below) for his captivating yarn of a colonial heroine, **Caroline Jeffree**
- Alison Briggs for her tale of **Peter Treffone**
- Ron Jacobs for Annie's Song (**Annie Carty's** story)



Noeline then agreed to conduct a mini workshop for our group and this was held at Kogarah Library on 3rd May. It was well attended by 16 participants and we were able to discuss various methods of writing and benefit from her expertise during the morning. We continued on over lunch in the local Thai restaurant and all went home determined to start writing that story **NOW!**

Another project.....



The Hill End & Tambaroora Progress Association kindly donated back the funds raised on our Expo weekend by the tours of Craigmoor House back to the Group to spend on specific family/local history project. An oral history program immediately comes to mind.

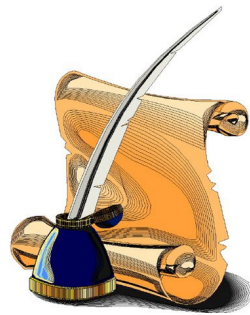
Did you or your parent grow up in Hill End? Are you or they willing to be part of an oral history program to record the memories of a past time? I am investigating the opportunities to have an oral historian interview senior members of the Hill End community (either living there now or who grew up there) so that their recollections of the place and times can be recorded for future generations.

We have an opportunity to commence this project but depending on the numbers willing to participate we will have to stretch our funds. A suggestion has been made that families might like to share some of the costs involved, as they too will benefit by having these memories recorded for posterity before we lose the chance. We anticipate that these memories would be recorded primarily for "local/family history purposes" and not necessarily for individual families however much of this would naturally be included. It is intended that copies would be deposited in the relevant libraries as a research tool for the future, and also made available for other descendants researching their family or local history.

If you or members of your family would be interested in being part of this project I would love to hear from you by the end of August so we can start planning the program.

Now's your chance!

And along the same lines, we are compiling the stories submitted for our Family History Awards competition into a book to be published later in the year. We were thrilled to receive 22 entries, which made the competition quite stiff. These will all be included but we felt that we could probably make room for some more stories. If you were considering sending in an entry but time ran away or you just didn't think you could do it now is your chance to reconsider. Put the pen to paper or the fingers to the keyboard and get writing.



Stories should be

- Based on fact as much as possible, to a maximum of 2000 words plus bibliography. All sources relied upon in the text should be listed in the bibliography and noted if copies of original certificates or sources are held by the author.
- A maximum of 2 photographs relevant to the story may accompany each story. Written permission of the copyright holders of the photographs must be included.

I would like the stories by the end of August. They should be submitted in electronic format, either via email, CD or memory stick and we reserve the right to edit the entries slightly for publication purposes. In the meantime I will be compiling all the Award entries and working on the first part of the publication.

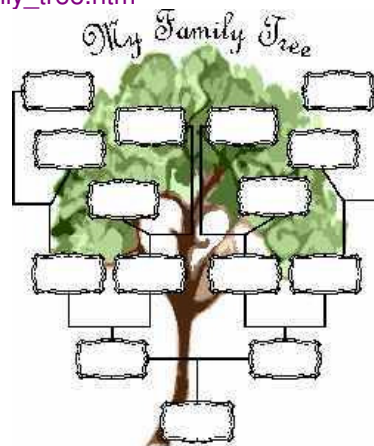
Found some research you'd like to share?

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

If you are just starting out in chasing those elusive ancestors then before outlaying for an expensive computer program you might like to set the basics out by hand just to see how far you can go.

Check out the following website which has a good selection of charts which can be printed out, and distributed amongst your family members for them to fill in and return to you to compile.

http://genealogy.about.com/od/free_charts/ig/genealogy_charts/family_tree.htm



Bald Hills Rush

The following article appeared in
The Bathurst Free Press and Mining Journal on
Saturday 20th Feb 1858

A few days ago a digger of the name of Rolly hit upon a rich spot of digging ground at the Bald Hills about half a mile from the old diggings and his success was so brilliant that upon being made known, a rush was the immediate consequence. Gold in considerable quantities has since been turned up. One man picked 7ozs of gold in one day out of the earth dug from a claim belonging to a person named Phillips, the whole of which had apparently just been disengaged from the quartz. Others had been equally fortunate and appearances indicated a very rich return upon the labour employed. The opinion amongst the working miners is that the gold is likely to extend to a depth of a 100 to 150 feet, and that it will therefore last for some time. Men are daily flocking in from neighbouring diggings and on Thursday last there was a large influx of Chinamen who commenced work in good earnest and with a prospect of doing well. The great drawback at present is the scarcity of water, which is also very bad as well as scarce. At Tambaroora it is hardly drinkable and unless rain shortly visits the district, there will be an entire absence of the indispensable element. Owing to this circumstance the machines are at a standstill. A beautiful sample of the gold yielded from the new find, weighing about 2ozs, was shown to us yesterday by Mr Turnbull of the firm, Smith and Turnbull, storekeeper of the Bald Hills, and we have since had an opportunity of inspecting several other samples from the same locality, all of which bear evidence of a late release from their rocky mother.



Since the above was written we have been informed that some little excitement has arisen at the new diggings in consequence of a number of claims having been granted to the supposed discoverer by the resident Commissioner in consideration of the fact of the discovery. A protest against this proceeding numerously signed by the diggers was handed to the Commissioner, in which exception to the grant was taken on the grounds that Rolly was not the discoverer, but that the discovery was made by a person named Withers, who was also the discoverer of the quartz vein at Tambaroora known as Sargeant's vein, a piece of gold in quartz having been found by him upon the surface. The claims, it appears were ultimately resumed by the Commissioner and the excitement ceased. Important results are confidently anticipated by the experienced miners who have settled upon the new find.

More websites to check out

Looking for somewhere to record your family's arrival in Australia?

A member of our group, Sue Lopes has uploaded her Monies family story onto the Immigration Bridge website. Check out <http://www.immigrationbridge.com.au> for all the details. Click on "Migration Stories" then "Read all stories" It is under the name Susannah Jane Sophia Monies.

Think outside the square...

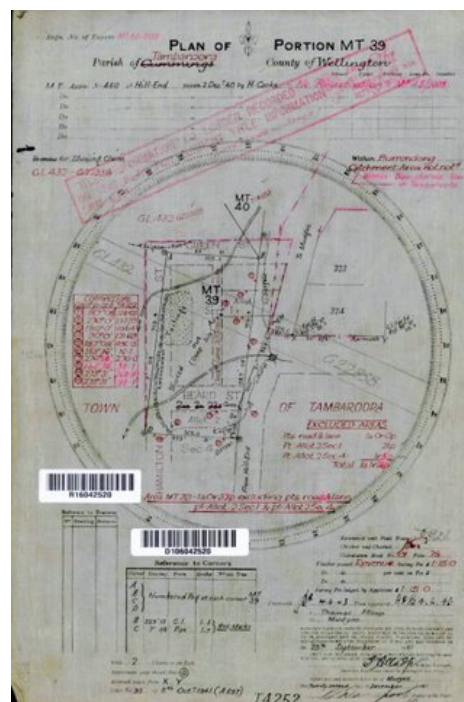
Another website which has recently provided some interesting reading is the National Archives of Australia. (www.naa.gov.au) Here you can search as a visitor and put in the family names you are interested in or a location e.g. *Hill End*. I did this recently and was pleasantly surprised to get quite a number of hits. The best were the Hill End Post Office files which revealed a large amount of correspondence from various people who worked in the Post Office, including applications from people applying for positions there and requests to be transferred to or from there. There were also a number of petitions, which include names of people living in the area at the time. Sometimes it is just hit and miss but you never know your luck.

A goldmine of information!

I found this website when looking for an old map of Hill End. It is an absolute goldmine! The NSW Dept of Primary Industries, Minerals Resources Section has digitised many of their records and now made them available online. Check out:

<http://digsopen.minerals.nsw.gov.au/>

If you wish to browse the database, a good way to do it is to enter a place name in the "Location" or "Abstract" field at the bottom of the "Reports Search" page. You can then preview the documents or maps in jpeg format and then download the entire document, which can be saved to your computer for later use. Many hours of net fun here for those keen enough! Unfortunately not all names that are mentioned in the items make it into the keywords for searching so it is worth checking each document.... you might just find where great granddad had his goldmine! The written reports also hold a wealth of information about the owners and their investments.



The Salvation Army in Hill End

Alison Briggs has been researching the Salvation Army presence in Hill End and has forwarded the following for the information of other researchers.

She found the book, *A History of The Salvation Army* by Ken Sanz (a Salvation Army historian) very helpful. There are 8 pages of information about the Army in the area and if you have a specific interest in this field I can forward copies of the info upon request.



A photo of The Salvation Army Hill End band, taken circa 1890/95

Back row: Unknown, Unknown, Thomas Henry Roberts, Thomas Christie

Middle row: Unknown, unknown, unknown, ? Christie (brother of Thomas Christie, unknown)

Front: Unknown

Below is a list of names she found in various Salvation Army articles about Hill End. Some descendants may be interested to find a connection between the "Army" and their ancestors –

Salvation Army Officers associated with Hill End

- Captain Wilson
- Lieutenant King
- Lieutenant Wright
- Ensign Brame
- Captain Brown
- Captain Sarah Kells
- Lieutenant Beatrice Knight
- Ensign Thompson
- Adjutant and Mrs Thurkettle
- Captain Delves
- Lieutenant Baldry
- Captain May Schomberg
- Ensign and Mrs Purcell
- Lieutenant E Blackburn
- Captain Bertha Brice
- Lieutenant Margaret Steed

Other names mentioned

- Brother Tom Craig - "Colour-sergeant"
- Brother Ben Peisley
- Treasurer Cook
- Brother Graham
- Brother Enoch Goodwin - Bandmaster circa 1895
- "Glory Bob"
- Sister Goodwin
- George Christie
- Treasurer E. Cornelius
- Brother Wensley
- Sister Cooper
- Sister Nattress
- Adelaide Constance Loraine Goodwin - baby dedicated (ie christened) in 1911.

Below are two verses of a poem written about the Hill End Salvation Army Band by "Sister Goodwin" and published in The Salvation Army's "The War Cry" on 4 May 1895, page 4

"Our bandsmen now play finely,
At the Hill End Army corps;
If thus they keep improving,
Some day they'll rank with Gore.

George Christie plays the cornet,
And though he's young in years,
He's stood for God through thick and thin,
Nor man nor devil fears"



Out of the box.



Biddy Marshall has once again been going thru her photographs and passed on this wonderful shot of an old cottage (above) which no longer exists, but which was located near Germantown Lane. According to the map the original landowner was J W Bruins, but it is not known if he built the cottage. It was later the home of Glendora Lawson, before she moved into the cottage now known as Rose Cottage. It was also the home of the Risbys for a while. This photo looks southeast towards Specimen Gully and shows a landscape very different to today. Note the lack of vegetation and other buildings. With today's technology it is amazing how a small box brownie photo (2" x 3") can be enhanced to such a size. Have you got something like this tucked away in the family photos that you would like to share with others?

Sue (Shirley) Roberts from Canberra also sent in some snapshots from her collection depicting Murray's cottage (below) and Donald Murray taken around 1948. Donald Friend also used to live here at one stage.



Bridging the gap

Those of us who visited the Catholic Cemetery over Tambaroora Creek as part of the Expo activities will recall that we had to leave the vehicles and walk the last 100 metres to the burial ground. This was due to the small bridge over a gully being washed out some time ago and despite the attempts of the local residents no one could be found who would take responsibility for the maintenance of the road. Well, on her return to Trunkey Ck, Marie Nightingale took advantage of a chance meeting with Bathurst Mayor, Paul Toole, at an Anzac Day ceremony to enlighten him to the situation.

This resulted in a letter from the Director of Engineering Services confirming *"Council intends to carry out minor repair work in order to maintain access to the cemetery. This work will include replacement of the existing "bridge" structure across the gully with a single pipe culvert"*.



We are pleased to announce that the bridge has now been repaired and vehicle access is available to the cemetery gates.

What was her story.....?



Daphne Shead, of Hill End Family History, plans to write a book about the women (and children) who lived in the Hill End & Tambaroora districts in the pioneer years (c1850-1900). Do you have any family stories/legends about your pioneer ladies? The stories can be funny, sad, trivial, heart-warming, short, long, anything at all

about these wonderful, brave women of those times. How did they live, cook, and dress? What did their homes look like? How did they cope with all the illnesses and the deaths of their children and menfolk? If you have anything you would like to share with Daphne for this book, please contact her as per details below.

The Hill End Family History research room at the rear of the Visitors Centre in Hill End is open Every Saturday 10am to 4pm.

For enquiries contact Daphne
Email - hefh@bluemaxx.com.au

Phone - 02-63378218 after 6:30pm
Post - "Corrig", Hill End, NSW 2850.

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

We've been framed!

One of the highlights of the recent Expo was a display of a selection of the Holtermann photographs that could be identified as matching up with entries in our Pioneer Register. These photographs were reproduced with the permission of the State Library of NSW and were taken from the online Picman database.

The frame, which was reproduced from a design seen in a museum in Queensland, was hand made by the "Men's Shed" in Peakhurst. All the timber, 100 year old Baltic Pine, came from a demolished home in Carlton and we were pleased to see it recycled into such a well crafted display board. We are thrilled that it will be on semi permanent display in the Royal Hall in Hill End and we plan to change the material every 12 months or so.



Need a photographer?



Di Greenhaw Photography

Di has a passion for dealing with the abstract and, with her good 'eye' for composition, she reaffirms her ability to make pictorial reality come true.

She loves to capture the essence of the day, that "Moment in Time", and presents the results in an imaginative manner in her online photo albums and DVD slideshows and photo books, as well as in more conventional photographic formats.

Recognised both in Australia and overseas for her innovative flair, Di combines her demonstrated business experience, with her photographic talent to produce real time results for her clients. Di has experience in photographing weddings, family gatherings and events as well as commercial & landscape photography.

Consider utilizing her talents for your next family event! Di's website is currently under reconstruction but in the meantime examples of her work can be seen on her Flickr website.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/kittycat2411/sets/>

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We are grateful to Di for many of the photos in this issue of the newsletter. – just a sample of what is on the DVD! (Lorraine)

More from the Maris Archives

Bill & Betty were recently browsing through their material and came across some interesting items which we thought might appeal to the Gathering Group members. Any ancestors here?



Hill End class of 1914. (approx)

The lady in the window is Mrs Cook, wife of Mr E A Cook who was appointed as teacher on 27 March 1914. He was away in hospital at the time of the photo.

Back Row: Billy Frenzel, Charles Marshall, Billy Grose, Thom Brandon, Harold Hodge, Norman Cross, Stan Williams, Jim Evans, Russell Howard, Harry Cook, Keith Payne,

2nd Row: Arthur Trevena, Harry Walpole, Jim Walpole, Harold Northey, Roger Walpole, Jack Macryannis, Allan Evans

3rd Row: Melissa Howard, Edna O'Riley, Ella Ross, Mona Harvey, Iris Cook, Lily Grose, Ida Ross, Dulcie Harvey, Dot Payne

Front Row: Mona Hodges, Evelyn Peisley, Jessie Longmore, Stella Macryannis, Kath McKenzie, Relieving teacher Mr S C Small, Esma Payne, Rita Walpole, Elvira Hall, Alma O'Reilly.



The Hill End Band taken around 1890

There are a number of names on the original photo, which was owned by Bill Lyle, who allowed Bill to copy it.

Back Row: ? Ackermann, F Lonsdale, Randolph Bennett, Charles Garner, ? Ackermann, David ?

Middle Row: Unknown, Lipson James (child), Joe Daws, P Pymont (child), Harry (Henry) Garner, John Maris (with drum)

Front Row: Herb Groves, George Pymont.



This photograph features a visit by the government member, the Hon Stanley Bruce, to the Goldfields. The party were standing outside the Tambaroora School in 1924/25.

The children were, from left: Edith Drakeford, Beryl Ellis, Mavis Hamilton, Dorothy McKenzie, Winnie Hamilton.

Winnie had just presented Mrs Bruce with flowers and in this photo Beryl Ellis is presenting the lady-in-waiting her flowers.

Standing between Mr & Mrs Bruce is the schoolteacher Mr Harry (Mick) Hodge (in the dark suit).

Hill End Open Days - See Hill End in all its spring glory!

Presented by The Hill End & Tambaroora Progress Association

www.hillend.org



Couldn't make the Expo in Hill End? Never mind, you have another chance later this year to experience the hidden treasures that lie in your ancestors' home town. Take the opportunity to experience the hospitality of country accommodation, catering to all tastes. Sample the gastronomic delights of the local eating establishments...horses and carriages can be catered for upon request.... but a 4WD would be equally welcome (but definitely not necessary)!

When: Sunday 19th Oct 2008, 9am – 4pm

Where: Meet at Craigmoor, Beyers Ave Hill End

How much: \$25 /\$18 concession

Hill End's **Historic Buildings Open Days** provide a rare chance to view 10 unique buildings, from humble miners cottages and old churches to the historic residence Craigmoor. You can also see artists' residency studios and a pottery studio and gallery, all set within restored 1870s dwellings. Enjoy Hill Ends sublime tranquillity as you stroll through this captivating historic village

Craigmoor Open House

When: Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th October (Long Weekend) 11am to 4pm,

How much: \$10 / \$8 concession

Mining magnate James Marshall built Craigmoor in 1875 in a carpenter gothic revival style. Marshall's descendants lived in the house for a century until its purchase by National Parks in 1975. The Historic Houses Trust recognizes the house as a significant example of a 2-storey weatherboard home retaining significantly intact interiors, including furniture, fine and decorative arts, books and personal paraphernalia.



Please note there is a maximum of 130 persons per Open Day so bookings are advisable for each tour to avoid disappointment. Enquiries and bookings can be made on 63378334.

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