



Hill End & Tamaroora Gathering Group Newsletter

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Dear Hill Endians & Tamaroorites

Our next Gathering in Hill End will be on the weekend of 19-20 October.

This year we are planning a complete weekend where the Group can experience 2 full days of Hill End history.

Saturday 19 October is our "Taste the Past Picnic" - a casual BYO picnic to celebrate the multicultural ingenuity used by our ancestors to provide a good wholesome meal to their families. There will be time for yarnning and catching up with family and old and new friends. Gather the family and join in the fun.

Perhaps your ancestor passed down a carefully preserved recipe book, or maybe it was a verbal procedure which has been religiously followed thru the centuries for special family celebrations.

Prepare it and bring it along to share and enjoy in the relaxed atmosphere of Hill End Lodge. Maybe there was a traditional cultural delicacy or recipe that was representative of their old way of life – Irish stew, Cornish pasties, Greek moussaka, German sausage, or Chinese stir-fry that you would like to embrace in order to remember their contribution to our gastronomic history today. If you prefer to take it easy then purchase your "take away" from Hill End Estate Cafe or the General Store in Hill End and bring it along.

Following the success of our inaugural Betty Jeffree Camp Oven Scone Bake-off we will also be inviting our picnic participants to turn their hand to scone production, all in the interest of good fun!

The rules are simple: There are 2 Categories – Plain Scones and Fancy Scones.

- BYO ingredients
- Scones must be completely prepared onsite from scratch however additives for the Fancy category may be prepared beforehand.
- You can make as many as your camp oven will cope with however a minimum of 6 scones must be presented for judging.
- Judges are "experts" in their field....(and can't be bribed!)
- All entries to be cooked over the coals in the open campfire pit (unless there is a fire ban or rain in which case we will go to "Plan B").



[More details on our website](#) where you will see more photos from last year's event.

But wait, there's more! – Come for a day or stay for the weekend – a special opportunity!

As beds in Hill End are limited please consider booking your accommodation as soon as possible if you intend to stay overnight.



Sunday 20 October - On the same weekend we are collaborating with the Hill End Arts Council to be part of the Hill End Historic Buildings Open Day. This has been specially scheduled to allow Gathering Group members to access many of the buildings in town that are not usually open for inspection.

Start your visit at the Royal Hall at 9.30am and work your way around town during the day. Visit 10 local buildings, including private homes, public buildings, artist studios and a pottery.

You are invited to see how life may have been in former times. Talk to the residents and volunteers who love being here; see how they manage to exist while living within an historical village. [Click here](#) for details on our website, or to book (advisable) and further information phone Ross on 02 6337 8306 or contact hillendopenday@yahoo.com.au

Our 202 March Gathering at Rhodes.



Representatives of the following families joined us on a beautiful day to celebrate their Hill End & Tambaroora ancestry at the Rhodes Rotary Park at Concord last March. Hours were spent in research and catching up with old friends and relatives and new connections were made. Check out all the photos from the day on our Gallery page.

Heness	Murray	Starr
Hocking	Murray	Thompson
Inch	Northey	Tilson
Innes	(store)	Totolas
Jarman	Norton	Treffone
Jeffree	Petrie	Trevithick
Jenkyns	Porter	Wainwright
Kable	Pullen	Walpole
Latona	Pymont	Warry
Lawler	Roberts	Wenham
Lawson	Ross	Wheeler
Longmore	Ruston	Willard
Marris	Salkeld	
McAllister	Se la Torre	
Millett	Sherring	

Ackermann	Bryant	Ettinger
Ah Lett	Carolan	Evans
Ah Poo	Christie	Everett
Alder	Clark/e	Faraday
Auld	Clemons	Fitzgerald
Bake	Collum	Foreman
Barlow	Cullen	Garner
Baskerville	Dagger	Gaynon
Beard	Drakeford	Goodwin
Brice	Ellis	Hayley

The Gathering is held annually on the first Saturday in March at Rhodes Park in Concord. In 2020 it will be on Saturday 7 March, commencing at 10am. More details [on our website](#).

Digging into the Past – Pioneer Cemeteries in the Hill End & Tambaroora District (an ongoing project)

One of our ongoing volunteer projects is the identification of the locations of the two Pioneer Cemeteries at Tambaroora and Bald Hill as well as recording the history of all other known cemeteries in the locale.

As part of this venture we hope to produce a comprehensive list of deaths in the district and record the burial places of these people if known. This will result in a multimedia publication which will be of interest to descendants, local and family history researchers, libraries and the general public.

So far, we have received grant funding from Bathurst Regional Council and the Royal Australian Historical Society which has allowed us to engage forensic archaeologist, Dr. Louise Steding and her husband Gerald, to carry out stage 1 of the project. They used Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR), to survey the 3 sites chosen. After establishing the approximate location volunteers cleared the sites to make them accessible for the survey. A final report of this aspect has been produced.



Part 1 of the project also included recording of our activities at the two pioneer cemeteries and the Chinese Cemetery on a 10 minute video and this can be [viewed here on our website](#). Well worth watching

A web album can also be viewed on our Gallery page on the website. [Click here](#) to view the “Digging into the Past” web album.

Our volunteers, spearheaded by Helen Wood, and with extensive contribution by Col Choate, continue to troll through the available records and newspaper articles to establish an exhaustive listing of deaths and burials in the district. [Click here](#) to view an online sample of this collaborative work: “Hill End, Tambaroora & District burials”.

If you have death certificates for your ancestors that you would like included in this project then scanned copies can be sent to info@heatgg.org.au or photocopies posted to the Gathering Group at 12 Grantham St, Carlton.

Weather or not....

The weather in Bathurst at the present time is bitterly cold, which will throw a considerable damp on our mining operations as long as it continues. No person without experiencing the discomfort of lying on hard damp ground on cold wintry nights could properly appreciate the hardship of a gold digger's life at this inclement season of the year: nor would a person who merely lived in Sydney, or within a few miles of it, ever believe that about a hundred and twenty miles would ever make such a difference in the climate that exists between this town and the towns down the country.

Sounds familiar?....this report was written from Bathurst in late June 1851, and was published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on the 27 June of that year. Seems appropriate considering the snow this year.

When you come to Hill End in winter, you expect it to be cold....and this year, August 11 was no exception. After some light flurries and patchy snow on the Saturday the Bureau of Meteorology warned us that there was more heading our way on Sunday. And they weren't wrong.

By early afternoon the place had been transformed into a winter wonderland. People were out and about and judging by the number of photos on the [Hill End Facebook Page](#) there were plenty of opportunities to record this unusual event.

Imagine how our ancestors coped with all of this in their rustic bark or wattle & daub huts or even an old canvas tent. While it is a beautiful sight to see, living in it would have been very challenging 150 years ago. Thankfully, this time, the cold front passed and the following day there were just small pockets of snow and ice left as evidence. The sun was shining on a brilliant blue sky and the landscape was clean and crisp.

On the right is a rare sight on the edge of town - 24 hours later the snow had totally disappeared...

In days gone by, Merlin captured a similar event in his photo of Clarke Street (below) taken in October 1872.



and Lorraine's photo on 11 August 2019.



The Avenue in snow, c1913

Condolences

We have received notification of the passing of the following members of the Gathering Group. We extend our condolences to their families.

John Harborne, Viv Whitaker, Alan Harding (30/10/2018), Amy Williams (23/2/2019), Charles De La Torre (17/8/2018), Ida Fung-Masters (Pip) (May 2019), Keith Bennett (May 2019) Margaret Nimmo (August 2019)

Hill End Memories.

From artist Allan Fizzell

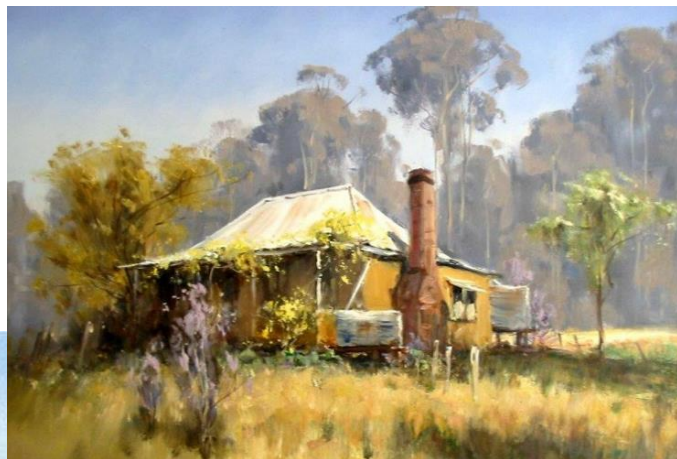
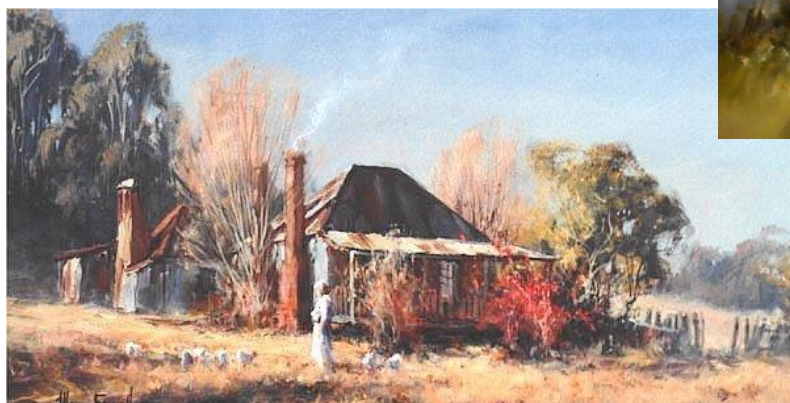
In 1975...destiny called out to me to become what I was born for...to become an artist...and for all those years following, I found my life passion...during the first year of my struggle to learn, a mentor told me to paint outdoors as it would help my art to flourish. They were wise words of advice that day, as my skills began to increase immensely.

After about a year had passed a mate said "let's go to Hill End, It's a great place..." I agreed to his request and we planned our trip for 3 days of camping and painting. Around this time, I met a man called Peter Leggett who lived not far from me and I was surprised when he told me he had a house at Hill End...we would become good friends. I stayed many times at his house in Lee's Lane.

My first trip to Hill End inspired me as I loved old buildings. But nature was against me as on the second day it rained. So we decided to return home with just a few works...but Hill End would become part of my artist world.

We returned a month or so later and I painted my heart out and loved the area. Not long after that trip a few of us stayed at Pete's house in Lee's Lane.

A few years later I began to teach art at Parramatta and one of my students, named Grace Holloway told me she had a house at Hill End and her husband Roy was born there....funny how life works....then I met another artist called Betty Maris who also had a house there.



I love Hill End and its history and lovely old relics...not sure how many paintings I produced there but there were many, and many buyers have them in their collections. To me Hill End and Sofala are special places...and have given me such inspiration over years.

I moved to Mudgee in 1998 and would journey up to Hill End during the 10 years I lived there. Hill End will always be implanted in my heart for all time...an Artist's world of passion and inspiration.

Hill End Public School - 150 years of Education in Hill End

Calling all past students and staff. If you have any memories of past milestone events at Hill End Public School, we'd love to hear from you. Helen Wood & Karen Bates from the Gathering Group are preparing a history of the School and would love to include your memories. They can be related to open days, fetes, festivals, fundraisers and any other events. If you or other family members have old photos, memorabilia or stories from the time that you, or your ancestors were there, that would be appropriate for inclusion you are invited to contact us by phone (0408117784) or email (heatgg@yahoo.com.au) so that we can make this a really inclusive publication.



The book launch will be part of the celebrations to be held at the school on 7 November 2020. Further details to come.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE....if you change your postal address or email...



Over the past month or so our volunteer, Jenny, has been busy catching up with many of the Gathering Group by phone to confirm their contact details including email and postal address. We have around 250 people on our hardcopy newsletter mailing list and each time we send it out a number are returned with the note "Left Address". The same thing happens with the 1000+ emails that we send out. People change their addresses or emails and forget to let us know.

We don't want you to miss out on the Hill End & Tambaroora news so please make sure you update us with your new address and email so we can ensure that you receive our correspondence.

Long service recognition



A familiar face in Hill End for her many years behind the bar in the Royal Hotel, Maxine Anderson was recently presented with a long service award in recognition of 50 years' service to the Hill End Brigade. Maxine held the positions of Secretary and Treasurer; these roles are pivotal to the efficient and successful running of any Brigade. When a fire call was received Maxine's role also saw her on the phone chasing up members to put together a crew to respond. Maxine stood down from her executive roles in 2009, and along with husband Robert was made an Honorary Life Member at the AGM of that year. On behalf of all our members I would like to sincerely thank Maxine for all her efforts over so many years, it is not an overstatement to say that our Brigade would not be the successful and well-run unit it is today without her past

management capabilities.

Thanks to Gaye Shanahan for this message from the Golden Quill, Hill End Public School Newsletter.

The End Festival, 12-14 April 2019

This year the Assay Office was our new site for our Family History Display at the End Festival. Built in 1872 this quaint venue had recently been renovated and was an excellent location for exhibiting our resources and memorabilia, sourced from private collections as well as from National Parks & Wildlife Service.

Our theme was the Chinese on the goldfields, and with the help of PhD. candidate Juanita Kwok, we showcased the resources in our collections dealing with this subject. We had over 300 visitors through the doors over the weekend and the interest in our exhibition ran high. Juanita's talks on her research were so popular that we had to schedule 2 further sessions. Visitors were keen to talk to our volunteers and find out a little about their families or just the town in general.



THE NEW GOLD MOUNTAIN

Chinese on the Goldfields

Learn about the lives of Chinese miners, an often forgotten aspect of our early history in a short talk presented by Charles Sturt University PhD candidate
Juanita Kwok.



FREE ENTRY

Numbers are limited. Please book at the Assay Office on the day.

SATURDAY 13 APRIL, 11am, 12noon & 3pm - SUNDAY 14 APRIL, 12noon.

Venue: The Gold Assay Office, Tambaroora Street (opposite the Police Station & Post Office)

Presented by Hill End Family History & Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group

Two more Hill End & Tambaroora Pillars

The Pillars of Bathurst is a cultural heritage garden located at Macquarie Park on the banks of the Macquarie River in Bathurst. The Pillars commemorate past inhabitants of the Bathurst district who have added something special to the story of the region, ideally offering inspiration to living and future residents.

The restored cast iron verandah posts used in the garden have an historic relationship with the Royal Hotel in William Street, Bathurst, and these Pillars aim to provide a new focus to bring forth the stories of those who may not have ever received recognition in other ways.

In the past the stories of several people associated with Hill End & Tambaroora have been documented, including the Golding sisters, Joe Yates Thomas & Joseph Wythes, Hal Eyre, Selina Anderson, Jean Bellette and Mew Chip. On 5 May 2019, two further names from Hill End & Tambaroora were added to the Pillars: Harriett Beard & Nurse Annie Bertha Parry. Bathurst Mayor, Graeme Hanger, Adair Bunnett OAM, Jan Daly and Lorraine Purcell (pictured above) attended the ceremony. Adair and Jan are Harriett's great great granddaughters.



Harriett Beard – Tambaroora Businesswoman & Miners' Friend.

Irish born children's nurse, Harriett Beard (nee Corner) arrived in Australia as an assisted immigrant in 1838. In 1853, by then married and with a child, Harriett travelled to the Tambaroora goldfields, where they set up in business. Harriett ran a general store adjacent to her husband's hotel, becoming the licensee on his death in 1863. She proved to be an astute businesswoman. A significant landowner, she was also the owner of the Excelsior Stamper battery and held substantial interests in successful Hawkins Hill mining companies. Harriett continued running her businesses until 1872 when she sold up and retired.



However, there was more to Harriett than her entrepreneurial success. She was a good friend to the miners. On leaving, she distributed stock from her stores to the needy and destroyed her account books, thus wiping out any debts owing. On her death in 1906, the Sydney Morning Herald's correspondent wrote "By her countenance, her active charity, her firm faith in the future of Tambaroora, and by supplying...miners, in the face of every disappointment and almost without hope of return, has she enabled us to wrest treasures from the bowels of our hills. Mrs Beard is a remarkable woman.

Annie Bertha Parry

Born in Hill End, where her father was a doctor, Annie Bertha Parry qualified as a nurse in 1910. By 1920, Bertha, her given name of choice, had acquired an impressive range of nursing experience, including hospital, private and school nursing, as well as military nursing in Egypt in 1915, with the Australian Army Nursing Service.

In 1918 she travelled overseas for further training and in 1921 she was appointed the secretary of St John Ambulance Association NSW, which she held until 1939. She organized First Aid courses and wrote training manuals. Her publicity campaigns bought public awareness for the Association and her fund-raising auxiliary gained generous financial support. She was awarded the MBE in 1954.



Jan Daly and Dr. Robin McLachlan provided the following text for the commemorative booklet. We are extremely proud that Bathurst Council has seen fit to recognize the contributions of these women to Australian society.

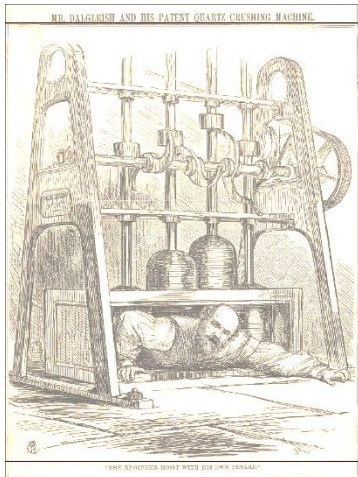
Working agreements, 1864 style

On the 29 October 1864 the following notice appeared in the *Sydney Mail* newspaper.

TAMBAROORA.

Monday, 6 p.m.

A number of experienced miners have formed a company, and recommenced work on Johnson's Reef from shafts nearly 300 feet deep.



Fourteen months later, on 23 December 1865, it appears that they were doing reasonably well when the *Sydney Morning Herald* reported that "procured at Johnson's Reef, at a depth of 250 feet, an immense amount of quartz now undergoing crushing. The engines are busily engaged day and night. Bulk crushings satisfactory". Johnsons Reef was also the site of the first crushing machine on the Goldfield and was named the Victoria Crushing Machine in honour of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

When working as group on a claim the miners in the party found it was very wise to set the ground rules at the start to avoid any misunderstandings.

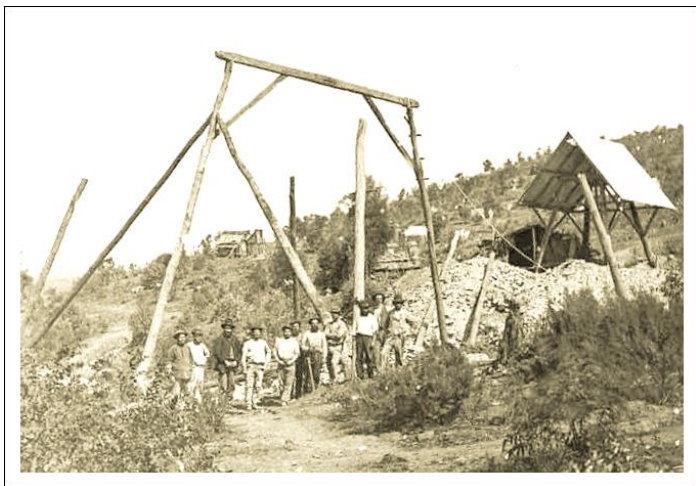
So, who were these experienced miners? None other than B. O. Holtermann and his mates. When Holtermann joined with his companions to work on this Johnson's Reef at Tambaroora, the following document (sourced from the Holtermann Papers 1864-1876 held by the State Library of NSW) was drawn up and agreed to by all in the party.

Tambaroora 20th August 1864

J. Stephan, A. Wegener, L. Salkeld, H. Muller, J. Porter, Schaefer, J. Hurly, C. Kober and B. O. Holtermann.

We the undersigned do hereby agree to work jointly the Quartz Vein on the Golden Gully Reef, known as Johnson's Reef, and to bind ourselves to the following conditions.

1. The united claims marked out and measuring 360 feet are not to be separated on any account but to be considered as one claim.
2. We severally hereby bind ourselves to be at work at 7 o'clock in the morning or to be liable to a fine of 2/6 for the first hour or the greater part of it and 2/- for every additional hour, which shall be equally divided among the others, and if anyone should be unable to attend, he must give notice and put a man in his place who must be approved of by the others otherwise he shall be liable to a fine to the ground after two clear days.
3. Should any of the mates disagree or neglect his work or have a dispute with other mates he shall apply to the majority of the other mates and all disputes shall be settled under that system if possible, if not the complainant must apply to the resident commissioner for the case to be settled or by arbitration.
4. Any one of the party should be disabled or by an accident caused in working the ground every member of the party shall bear an equal share of expense incurred for the medical attendance, and also of the charge of any other man to supply his place if required.
5. If any member of the party, desirous of parting with his share, can do so to the company, who shall have the first offer of such share. Should the company be unwilling to purchase, the said member can dispose of such share to any other party.
6. All expenses to be paid by the company such as horse feed, repairing of tools, rope etc.
7. The whim, rope and other present tools belonging to L. Salkeld, T. Stephan, A. Wegener and B.O. Holtermann which have to be taken at a valuation and the amount equally divided between the aforesaid parties.



B. O. Holtermann

Bald Hills 3 Sept 1864.

From the Press: Horsing around...



"COUNTRY NEWS FROM COUNTRY PAPERS." *The Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser*
15 February 1873

"HILL END." *Freeman's Journal*, 26 October 1872

From generalities to particulars they can descend and get a view of almost every place of note around. Should anyone (which I doubt) be tempted to take my advice, for goodness sake let him get the view of the engulfed horse in from old Billy Mears' store (Clarke-street.) This view will tell him more of the dangers of ruts and dab, than I could tell him in a month by description. The dray is sunk from sight altogether down in the depths below, whilst the poor brute of a horse is struggling to keep his nostrils and his ears above the surrounding gaugmire. Persons in the distance are tugging at a rope's end which is so tight around the animals neck that strangulation, as well as suffocation stare him in the face. Poor *equus* you were foaled under a showery planet and your father and mother little fore-saw your calamities the day they permitted you to visit the *Rue de Clarke* on Hill End.

A timely warning



Sydney Exchange (A&A Photographic Co.)

The police magistrate at **Hill End**, whilst suffering from a sprained ankle, had occasion to visit Hargraves, and when between the Pyramul Creek and Dun Dun, his horse was knocked up, and the buggy and its occupant came to a standstill. Unable to get out, Mr. Lees was compelled to remain a passive sufferer of his horse's stubbornness until some good Samaritan should pass his way. After waiting a considerable time, a man came along, but he was inclined to pass by on the other side and turn a deaf ear to the police magistrate's entreaties, whose fix he seemed rather to enjoy. This was all very well; a little playful badinage was permissible, but an indulgence in obscene language was hardly to be tolerated. After anathematising Mr. Lees with the foulest epithets he was persuaded as to whom he was addressing, and thereupon became more polite, and at last extricated Mr. Lees from his mess, who proceeded on his way, feeling not at all complimented by the expressions used towards him. Such a case of abuse, although afterwards in a measure condoned by assistance rendered, could hardly be overlooked, and Mr. Lees was compelled to issue measures and fine the offender for his breach of the law.



A CAUTION.—The Wattle Flat correspondent of the **Hill End Times** gives the following warning :—"There is one bit of advice I would like to give to shareholders at a distance, especially those in Sydney. Should they send anyone to inspect their investments, to be careful whom they send, as it has happened in several instances that those who were sent never saw a mine in their lives, and have taken the mundic in the blue rock for gold. Now such men come here with considerable pretensions, contradict the experienced miner, and condemn really good investments, and approve of others that are not worth taking up. These kind of men do harm to the district, and harm to their employers."

Freeman's Journal (Sydney, NSW : 1850 - 1932) 14

September 1872

That Eureka Moment

Back in 2014 when Helen Wood was researching for our publication “Golden Diggers” we were aware that there was a frame of WW1 memorabilia on display in the Royal Hall. It held military keepsakes (a photo, dead man’s penny, insignia, medals and citation from King George), belonging to Lance Corporal Alfred Stuart Gray who was killed in France on 4 October 1917.



Helen spent considerable time and energy in trying to find out just why this particular item was in the Royal Hall and had been there since 1979 or so. Despite all her efforts she could find absolutely no connection between Gray and Hill End. He appeared on a family tree on Ancestry.com but there was no response when enquiries were made through that media. So, she let it rest. Gray was not included in the book, but her research remained in our files...until December 2017.

Around that time, we were starting to research additional material for our forthcoming publication on the hotels and inns of the Hill End & Tambaroora district and were actively seeking people’s reminiscences of these places. We were contacted by Linda Brealey from Bathurst. She told us that, in 1972, as a child, she had moved from Sydney to the Royal Hotel with her family where her father, Neal Bray, was the licensee. She had some photographs of memorabilia from the hotel that she wished to share with us. At this point, when we filed these notes her name matched up as the person on Ancestry .com who had been researching Alfred Bray a few years before, but as her subscription to Ancestry had lapsed, she had not seen our original email.

Here is the story behind that Eureka moment:

Linda’s father, Neal Bray, was apparently a popular and amusing publican. She recalls him once dressing up in the Scottish kilt and playing the bag pipes, believing that they were from Scottish descent. During his time at the Royal he even starred in a cigarette commercial from behind the bar and entertained Lord Snowdon when he visited Australia in late 1972.

His time in Hill End was cut short when he retired in the later part of 1974 due to illness and moved to Bathurst and he passed away from a heart attack there in January 1975.

We were informed that Neal had originally received the Gray memorabilia as a bequest on the death of his mother in 1966. According to the military records held in the National Archives, the medals had been left to Olive Jane Grace Gray, Alfred’s mother. When she died, they went to Neal’s mother, then to Neal.

The frame does show signs of age and the conjecture is that the item had been sent away to be restored (as evidenced by a copy of the *Sydney Morning Herald* dated December 1974 used as backing paper on the restored frame). Possibly, when the item had been returned to the Royal Hotel after restoration, Neal had already left, and the frame became just another one of the many assets in the Hotel, as his whereabouts (or those of his heirs) were unknown to the following publican or to National Parks & Wildlife Service.

Linda was also able to confirm definitely, that other than the item belonging to her father, Gray had no connection to Hill End whatsoever.



In late 2017 we commenced negotiations with National Parks, through Jim Shanahan and the Hill End War Memorial Committee with the aim of returning the memorabilia to its rightful owner. After some considerable correspondence where evidence of a claim was presented to the Service it was recognized that it did indeed have no connection to the Historic Site and was so deaccessioned.

On the 16 July 2019, forty years after it had been accessioned as an unrelated Hill End item, Linda visited the National Parks Headquarters in Hill End where Brett Kearns, Historic Site Officer presented the display back to Linda as a representative of the Gray family. She has undertaken to care for it as a family heirloom and was very grateful to National Parks, the War

Memorial committee, and the Progress Association for caring for it for so long. She was also grateful to the Gathering Group for the persistence in following this venture through to such a satisfactory conclusion.

The story doesn’t stop there.... Linda was able to give us further information about her father’s time as publican in Hill End and this will be included in our forthcoming book on the Hotels of the area. A very fair exchange!

Caring for your photograph collections

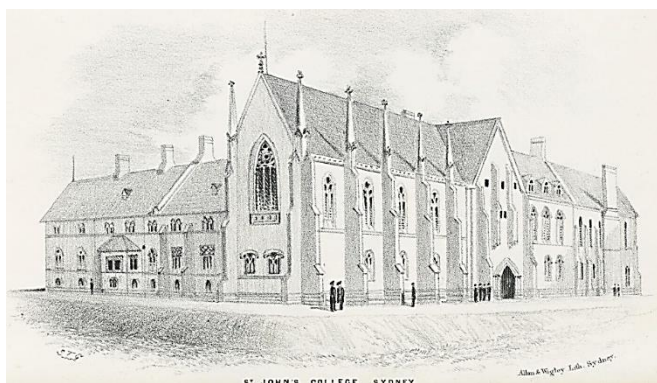
This is probably an appropriate time to mention about looking after your precious family photographs. “All materials used to create photographs are subject to some form of deterioration. The longevity of photographs is dependent upon the materials themselves, environmental conditions, storage, housing, and handling.” (State Library of QLD).

The information, provided by President Christine Yeats from the Royal Australian Historical Society, on these selected websites may be of interest to members who would like to find out more about how best to care for their photograph collections:

- <http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/research-and-collections-building-our-collections-caring-librarys-collections/caring-photographs>
- <http://www.naa.gov.au/information-management/managing-information-and-records/preserving/photographs.aspx>
- <https://www.nfsa.gov.au/preservation/guide/home/caring-photographs>
- http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/276236/Caring-for-your-collections-Photographs.pdf

A Good Education

On 3 August 1857 a packed meeting of the Archdiocese was held at St. Mary's Cathedral with the object of establishing a Catholic College within the University of Sydney. An application was made to the Legislative Assembly of the NSW Parliament, for leave to bring a Bill



to establish and incorporate the College, which was to be called the College of St. John the Evangelist.

Meetings were held in Catholic communities throughout NSW in support of the proposal and the miners at Tambaroora were part of this move.

A list of the Tambaroora subscribers, with the amounts pledged, was published in the “Freeman's Journal” on 21 November 1857. While this may be just one of many lists published for the state, it gives us an excellent account of who the Catholics were in Tambaroora at that date. Between them, they raised £125/5/6.

S.T. Gill's rendition of the proposed College

TAMBAROORA.

Rev. P. M'Guinn
Mr. Michael Cassidy
Michael Cassidy, junr
Mrs. Cassidy
Miss Cassidy
Mr. James Cullen
William Cullen
Nelson M'Appian
Mrs. M'Appian

Miss M'Appian
Mr. M'Grath
P. Orre
John Gainan [Gaynon]
Mr. Managhan
John Fitzgerald
John Lynch
James Hanly
Mrs. Gainan [Gaynon]

Mr. P. O'Mara
Thomas Burke
John O'Brien
Thomas Kelly
Mrs. Thomas Kelly
Mr. John Kelly
Mr. Martin
Mrs. Clyne
Mrs. Rose Murray

M. Creete
Mr Page
Mr. Mathews
Mr. Redmond
Farrington
John Truant

Court out!

In August 2013 we were fortunate to have the Hon John P Hamilton QC (Formerly a Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales) present a talk to our group at Kogarah Library on Life in the Goldfields. In this talk he spoke of an immediate necessity for a system of resolving disputes among gold miners; an adjudication system.

He investigated what records survived from the 1851-1875 period and presented samples of these records in his subsequent book “Adjudication on the Gold Fields” published in 2015.

In this book he presented a selection of Hill End Bench Book Cases for 1871 – 1872.

We have extracted the following list from this book for our records as it chronicles a significant number of names associated with the boom times in Hill End.

Further information can be obtained from the actual records themselves including further cases up to April 1889. These are held at State Records at Kingswood

([Series 3078](#) / [Bench Books \[Hill End Court of Petty Sessions\] \(03/07/1871 - 16/04/1889\)](#))

	date	Complainant	Defendant	Subject	Other names, witnesses etc
1	17/11/1871	Ah Lung and Party	Gan Chang and Party	Flooding	Joshua Birkbeck Knight
2	17/11/1871	Daniel Sandford Miles and George Edward Wright	John Griffith	Jumping	Mr Gilder (Solicitor) John Reid Miles, Fredk Hawkins Wright, Nathaniel McGee, George Johnson
3	29/11/1871	Charles Augustus Lindberg	Samuel Holman	Pegging	George Milner Stephen (Barrister), McIntosh
4	4/12/1871	John Smith & Party	Ah Fook, Ah Sung and party	?	Gilder
5	5/12/1871	George Hill & Party	John Daniel Hill & party	Pegging dispute	William Jowett, Adam Forsyth, Joseph Wythes, Charles Bourke Nicklin, John Daniel Hill
6	6/12/1871	William Crompt	Henry Henry	Jumping	James Barlow
7	14/12/1871	Joseph Jeffree, Thomas Foster & James Henry	Richard Jeffree	Prosecution	James Harvey, George Cave
8	16/1/1872	David Bailey, James Hutchinson, John Scallard, Edwin Yates and William Stanley		Jumping	George Maynard, William Chapman, Thomas Simpson, Thomas Martin
9	16/1/1872	Timothy O'Regan Collins & Eugene O'Sullivan		Jumping	Patrick Marraman, Patrick McGovern, Denis McAnernay
10	16/1/1872	Charles Augustus Lindberg	William Maher & John Kelly	Jumping	John Hendrick Smith, Ebbe Swensen
11	23/1/1872	Stanley Hosie	Charles McDonald	Jumping	William Mears (Bathurst), Jenkins, Williams, George Purcell, Hyams, John Nepean MacIntosh (Solicitor)
12	30/1/1872	Thomas Lowery	George Milner Stephen, Alfred Hindmarsh Stephen, J.J. Macdonald	Jumping	Nicholas Peters, Sydney Sherman, James Anderson
13	20/21/1872	Charles Johnson	Charles Alexander Williamson	Pegging dispute	John Howard, Henry Cook, Nathaniel Moore, Patrick Geaghan, William Hobson, Edward Foot, William Langford, William N Farley, Robert Gibbs,
14	8/3/1872	Charles Inch	William Mitchell	Jumping	Thomas Worsley, Joseph Mitchell, Richard Dally
15	15/3/1872	James Gillard	John Walsh	Trespass	
16	18/3/1872	Richard Charles Tunnicliffe	Edward Elliott & others	Pegging dispute	Thomas Foster, Holman
17	19/3/1872	Thomas Donald	W.G. Collings	Wages	Thomas Donald Kinnaird, William John Horn
18	19/3/1872	Joshua Vickery	Albert Lisle & Thompson Hogg	Pegging Dispute	William Ross
19	22/3/1872	Patrick Hanley	John King Weir	Partnership	Patrick Collins
20	22/3/1872	Francis Collins	John King Weir	Partnership	
21	26/3/1872	Joseph Golding	James Cox	Jumping	
22	26/3/1872	Charles Garner	Walter McKay	Jumping	
23	9/4/1872	William Jarman	John Cook	Pegging Dispute	Matthew Hancock, Oliver Hawkes, J W Lees (Commissioner)
24	9/4/1872	Richard Berryman	Thomas Willis	Jumping	William Anderson (Surveyor) Daniel Martin (JP)
25	9/4/1872	Bridget Watson	John Maris	Jumping	Samuel Thompson, Richardson (Solicitor)

26	9/4/1872	Joseph Golding	James Cox	Jumping	William Holman, Cook, Thomas Hutchinson, Charles Garner, William Anderson (Surveyor) Daniel Martin (JP) J W Lees (PM)
27	12/4/1872	David Bailey, Walter Bailey & William Walsh	Henry Miller	In Effect Partnership	Lees (PM), Charles Cropper (JP)
28	30/4/1872	Joshua Vickery	Isaac Mobbs & John Bunyan McCure	Prosecution	John Green, John Bunyan McCure, Henry O'Sullivan White (Surveyor)
29	4/6/1872	William C Marshall	Samuel Ward (storekeeper)	Jumping	
53	4/11/1872	Charles Alexander Williamson	Charles Orchard	Partnership	Gilder (Solicitor), Rankin
56	28/11/1872	Charles Alexander Williamson	Charles Orchard	Partnership	Gilder (Solicitor)
57	28/11/1872	Charles Alexander Williamson	A G Frazer, John Booth, F L Edwards, C.T. Sandon, T R Allt, G A Goodchap, John Hamilton.	Partnership	Gilder (Solicitor)

Community spirit – Recycling

Gaye Shanahan reported in the Golden Quill

Hill End Public School has been collecting bottles & cans for recycling. Jim Shanahan took another load to Bathurst Return & Earn this week. The biggest load yet, raising \$452.60!

This amount is shared 50/50 between the school and the Rural Fire Brigade. Thank you to everyone who has been collecting and donating. This money is used to fund extracurricular activities for our students.



The keen collectors have also prevented 4,526 items being put into landfill. Congratulations!

Coming events

The calendar is fast filling up! Put these in your diary.

Saturday 6 October – Long weekend Market 9.30 am – 4pm – Royal Hall, Hill End

As the drought continues what better way to support the local rural community than to bring your city dollars and spend them where it really matters. At the Hill End Community Market, you will find a range of bric-a-brac, household items, funky gear, books, pre-loved clothing, local produce, vintage jewellery and craft items + much more. Explore the charming village of Hill End and pick up a unique gift from a traditional country market.



Saturday 19 October – the 2nd Taste the past Picnic and Betty Jeffree Camp Oven Scone bake off – at Hill End Lodge 10 am – 4pm. See [details here](#) on our website.

As beds in Hill End are limited please consider booking your accommodation as soon as possible if you intend to stay overnight.

Sunday 20 October - Hill End Historic Buildings Open Day -Start your visit at the Royal Hall at 9.30am and visit a number of buildings throughout the village. See [further details here](#) on our website

Saturday 7 March 2020 – Annual Gathering at Rhodes – more details in the next newsletter or [see further details](#) on our website



Tales of the Bridle Track – New book launch

“Tales of the Bridle Track: Bathurst to Hill End” Stories of Hardship, Humour and Heartbreak.

RRP \$60 per copy

Special Book launch Prices: 1 copy: \$50

Multiple 5 copies: \$200

Sharon lives on the iconic Bridle Track, north of Bathurst. Over the past four years she has spoken to residents, farmers, workers and visitors to the Bridle Track, documenting and recording their stories for this book. It includes copies of original photographs and documents, plus many of Sharon’s photographs in a beautifully presented, full colour 450-page hardcover book.

Contact Sharon to get your copy.

Sharon Shelton, “Wallum Butta” 1007 The Bridle Track, Duramana, phone 0414948636 Sharon.shelton55@outlook.com

A few of our Gathering Group have contributed material to this publication, sharing their memories over the years. It is exciting to see further publications recording the history and scenic beauty of this important early route to the goldfields.

Gulgong Holtermann Museum becomes the Greatest Wonder of the World.

26 & 27 October 2019 - The new Gulgong Museum will be celebrating its opening. The full program is [available here](#)

In August 1872, photographer Henry Beaufoy Merlin and his young assistant Charles Bayliss arrived in Gulgong after visiting Hill End and in less than two months they had photographed the buildings, street scenes, panoramic views and the people of the rapidly growing town and its surrounds.

After Merlin died the collection, amounting to around five hundred glass plate negatives, was purchased by the wealthy Hill End miner Bernhard Otto Holtermann. These photos Holtermann added to his own collection of commissioned photographs by Merlin and Bayliss. Fortunately, the Hill End, Tambaroora and Gulgong plates survived and are now part of the renowned Holtermann Collection. Housed in the State Library of NSW this collection has been inscribed on the UNESCO Australian Memory of the World Register.

A number of buildings photographed by Merlin can still be seen in Gulgong. Two classics are The Greatest Wonder of the World and The American Tobacco Warehouse & Fancy Goods Emporium, both stand proudly side by side in Mayne Street. These two buildings now house the Gulgong Holtermann Museum. The photographs of Gulgong clearly show what the town was like at the height of the gold rush during the early 1870’s. In microscopic detail they depict the town in all its rustic glory: the diggings, the buildings and above all the people. Nothing escaped the sharp eye of Merlin’s camera. The original glass negatives of the Holtermann Collection are presently housed in the State Library NSW.



This project involved local residents, businesses and trades people who volunteered their expertise at various stages from the restoration of the building through to the compilation and mounting of the exhibition and the production of the associated educational material.



**SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER, 2019 at
TREMAIN'S MILL, 11 KEPPEL ST, BATHURST
10AM - 5PM**

**featuring book signings, Sharon's art, original
photographs and relics from the Bridle Track.**

The Gulgong Holtermann Museum Inc. is a community-based association established to conserve and promote this rich gold rush history, through the restoration of two of its earliest buildings. Within these restored buildings an interactive educational and tourist facility has been created, based on the renowned Holtermann photographs taken during the town’s “roaring days” of the 1870’s.



The volunteers

Our volunteers continue to work “remotely” on projects that will eventually help our members by providing resources that are easily searchable when we next update the website.

We have recently been given permission to copy and transcribe some of Harry Hodge’s handwritten notes that he compiled when writing his Hill End Story series. Maureen is transcribing these lists of people and their occupations.

Jan has been sorting and cataloguing Brian Hodges research material.

Verna has been doing a sterling job of typing up the previous school histories,

and Helen, Karen and Warwick have been concentrating on the school research. Alison has been typing the school admissions register and Annette is trolling through the school newsletters for significant milestones since 2000.

Chris has been working on the Holtermann photos for the forthcoming book on the hotels as well as the school history.

Michelle has been transcribing some of Betty Maris’s memoirs and jottings that were recorded many years ago when she spoke with some of the older residents of Hill End.

When not looking after school history research Helen has also been working on the deaths and burials database.

Juanita, Kel & Warwick have been helping us out with some Chinese research in Tambaroora.

Beatrice, Vince and Dennis will be fronting up for the Sausage Sizzle and Market in October.

Barbara has been finishing off the NPWS Digitization Project and joining us at the Market.

Debbie and Jenny have been consolidating the membership lists and updating all the contact details.

Check out Di’s latest photobook - [Hill End Happenings 2019](#) which records our activities during April & May 2019.

Daphne has been holding the Family History fort in Hill End and helping visitors with their research.

Hopefully I haven’t left anybody out!

Where would we be without our hard-working volunteers?

Volunteers
do not necessarily
have the time;
they just have the *heart*.



Our research work

Recent research enquiries.

The following enquiries have been received through our website. If these people appear in your family tree then I am happy to put you in touch with the researcher.



Samuel Duncan Croucher/Wood m. Mary Jane Davidson 1860 – Rachel Bowker

Ettinger – Steve Anderson

Longmore - Liliias Kelly

Farrington – Barry Parsons

William Stubbs 1851-2 - Ray & Marlene Bull

Millar/Brown/Leighton - Gay Horsburgh

English family – Lesley English (UK)

Cullen/Willard/Dargin - Wendy Brooks

Ellis & Gudgeon – Karen Ellis

Moses Bell – Zharon Barnes

Thomas Davis CONOLLY – Ted Mackowski

Herbert Ross – Craig Ronan

Barnett/Ross/Macabee – Peter Greer

Josiah Northey and family – Greg Packer

Gellard – Charmaine Sander

Cormack Cullen – Dianne Duncan

If you are visiting Hill End and want to see what Daphne may have on your family, then:

The Hill End Family History Research Room

is now OPEN only by appointment

For enquiries and to make an appointment please contact Daphne a few days beforehand

Email: hillendfh@y7mail.com

Phone 0429 335 627

For further information check out Daphne’s website at

<http://hillendfamilyhistory.com/>

Contact Daphne if you would like to be placed on the email mailing list to receive a copy of her newsletter

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