



# Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group Newsletter

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## Dear Hill Enders & Tambaroorians

Well, here we are again....with most of the state now in lockdown of some sort, life has thrown us some curly challenges in past few months. And we were going SO WELL, until Covid Delta invaded our suburbs and towns. Rules and borders change daily, the government officials are pleading with us to get vaccinated. It has been a very stressful time in one way or another for so many, however, adversity seems to have brought out the inner genealogist in so many people! Our mailbox has been filling up with enquiries from all over Australia, as people have time to look deeply into their family backgrounds.

We had so many plans for that longed-for "post Covid" period that have had to be postponed, but never fear. Note, I wrote "Postponed" and not "Cancelled"! We are ready to just change the date at the drop of a hat. We seem to be getting used to sudden week-long lockdowns in regional areas, our pantries are well stocked and long forgotten crafts such as knitting, crocheting, gardening, and cooking from scratch are being resurrected. A trip to the supermarket becomes a germ-dodging race to see just how fast we can fill the trolley and get out of there. Families who usually meet very regularly are being separated by arbitrary Local Government Area borders – something that we are definitely not used to. We feel for those in the more virulent hotspots, where cultural practices have led to more concentrated contaminations.

Our major change for this year, of course, was our Annual Gathering at Rhodes. Notwithstanding social distancing and QR codes, we managed to fit it in on 2 May, just 2 months after it should have been. Still, it was a good decision, as we had more than 70 people turn up over the day, the weather was lovely, and we all had a great time. For some, this is the once in a year opportunity to catch up with distant family members and it was also wonderful to see so many new faces there as well. Here's hoping that next year, on Saturday 5 March all the drama and concerns of 2021 will be well and truly over.



*The Gathering Group at Rhodes May 2021*

There are lots more photos on the HEATGG website. [Click here](#) and then click on the Group photo to go to our web album. While you are there have a look at the [web album](#) of the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations at Hill End Public School, held on Saturday 22 May. More details about this event on page 5 & 6 of this newsletter.

Over 70 people attended during the day, with the following pioneer families being represented:

Ackermann	De La Torre	Goldspink	Krohmann	Pymont	Vane
Alder	Dewdney	Goodwin	Longmore	Risby	Wallace
Bartle	Dingle	Groves	Macryannis	Rouland	Walpole
Beard	Dorin	Hawke	Maris	Salkeld	Warry
Brice	Drakeford	Hocking	Markham	Starr	Whitehead
Byfield	Eldridge	Inch	Millett	Thomas	Willard
Carolan	Ellis	Jarman	Nattrass	Thompson	Woolard
Clemens	English	Jeffree	Northey	Totolas	
Cock	Everett	Jenkins	Parsonage	Treffone	
Cullen	Fitzgerald	Kable	Pascoe	Trevithick	
Dagger	Gaynon	Kimm	Porter	Uren	



## Hill End Family History Centre at Northeys

Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group and Hill End Family History have combined many of their resources to make them available to family and local historians when they visit Hill End. Through a special arrangement with National Parks & Wildlife Service (Hill End) we now have the use of the historic Northeys Store in Clarke Street, Hill End as a Family History Centre. Daphne Shead, from Hill End Family History, has lived and worked in the district for more than 30 years. During that time, she has helped many visitors in their search for ancestors and has amassed a large database of family trees and is happy to share that information.



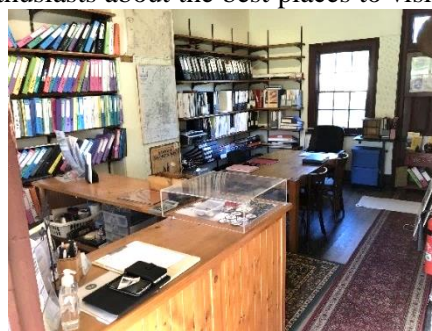
Here you will find a large selection of material pertaining to families who lived in the surrounding district. Thanks to donations of personal collections of documents, records, and photos over more than 80 years and more recently, extensive online research by volunteers, this material may open a whole new aspect of family history for the early miners and residents of the area.

The two small shops on the ground floor of the Northeys building are currently home to just a portion of this collection. Staffed by volunteers, it is also a great place to speak to locals and Hill End enthusiasts about the best places to visit during your visit.

Local artist and volunteer, Sharon Shelton has had her Bridle Track artworks and publications on display and for sale in the Gallery shop. Here you can also purchase publications and a small selection of unique Hill End souvenirs, maps, greeting cards, prints and other artworks.



It seems that one side effect of Covid has been an increase in interest in family history. People have time to start or delve deeper into their origins. As a result, people are discovering that their ancestors may have spent some time in these goldfields.



However, Covid has forced the temporary closure of the Family History Centre, but once the Lockdown is over it will be **open again on Saturday: from 11am – 4pm and Sunday: from 10am – 2pm, & (depending on volunteer availability) Wednesdays: 11am – 3pm**

If these times don't coincide with your visit, please contact Daphne on 0429335627 or Lorraine on 0408117784 to make an appointment at a more convenient time.

## Adding “Inc.” to our name...

The HEATGG has been in existence for around 80 years – quite a milestone – and due to several reasons, we are finally having to “formalize” our Group and become incorporated. This is something we had been hoping to avoid as in reality it is just a bit more paperwork for a few people. Bureaucracy has caught up with us and incorporation has become necessary to ensure the smooth & legal running of the Group. The crunch came earlier this year when the Australian Government announced that all websites with a “.org.au” must be incorporated, otherwise they need to apply for a “.asn.au” website domain name. It may seem a little thing but the added expense of redoing the website and migrating all our branding etc far outweighed the cost of incorporation. You may not be aware, but we also need to hold a bank account and Public Liability Insurance for our activities. Being an incorporated group also makes seeking grant funding and dealing with officialdom a lot easier. As self-publishers we also are recognized as such on the National Library database, Trove. So, a group of our volunteers have supported this move and we are in the process of officially applying for incorporation.

For you, as a member, nothing will change. We don't intend to introduce membership fees but are always willing to [accept a donation](#) via our Bookshop page towards our running costs. Financially, this year has been challenging as we have not been able to run our usual sausage sizzle at the October Markets which helps cover the costs of the Newsletter. The newsletter will continue to come out twice a year and the annual Gathering will go on forever! You can be reassured that whenever you are attending any of our activities, we are looking out for you!



## The National Parks & Wildlife Service “Hill End Collection”



Over the years, with the closure of the Hill End Hospital as a Museum, we have been asked many times what has happened to the wonderful collection of artefacts and records that had been on display there.

You may rest easy! None of the items or exhibits have left Hill End.



National Parks Heritage Curator, Elizabeth Broomhead, and a small team of their volunteers have been working (Covid & funding permitting) for more than 12 months now on sorting and professionally cataloguing and archiving each object in the old Hospital, which has become a temporary storage area. Sadly the 150 year old building itself needs very expensive preservation before it would be suitable for public access again. In the meantime, images of the items are being uploaded to the publicly available [eHive online database](#).



These objects form an extensive and diverse historical collection ranging from small domestic items, archives, books, quilts, artworks, hospital and medical equipment, furniture and photographs to larger items related to the operation of mining, agriculture, shops, hotels, churches and horse drawn transport.

The collection essentially reflects the work, social and recreational activities and operation of the town of Hill End from the 1870's through to the present and contains most of the items that would be required for the town to function. As such, the collection forms a significant historic resource, integral to an understanding of the township of Hill End and the life of its residents. Importantly, the objects in the collection, properly researched and interpreted, provide the key to life in Hill End and the stories that attract the visitor.



Now is your chance to view them and add comments if you have any knowledge or connection to particular items. Help preserve the stories that go with these relics. Just click on the images to see more details and add your comments at the bottom. Check it out at [here](#).

## Found in this Collection – can you help?



An item in this collection sparked the interest of a researcher in Tarnagulla, a small gold mining town in Victoria, and a place very similar in many ways to Hill End. It was a Royal Humane Society Bronze Medal.

Megan was interested in learning more about the 3 people involved in the incident that the bravery medal was awarded for. It was believed that they may have been connected to or lived in Windeyer. The names were John Hodges (miner), John Adams (miner) and Harriet Matilda Winter (nee Lewis). What was the association to Hill End and how did the medal end up in the NPWS collection?

Both John Adams(32) and John Hodges(21) miners of Long Creek, Windeyer, were awarded medals for rescuing Harriet Matilda Winter(45) from drowning in the Meroo River on September 22, 1890. Mrs Winter was crossing the swollen river on horseback and was thrown off. Hodges jumped in to her assistance, but owing to the strength of the current, was carried with her onto some rocks, from which they were both rescued by Adams.

The family names were familiar to Hill End but after some fairly in-depth research we are still unable to connect them to Hill End. Do you know how the Medal came to the Collection?

## Pillars of Bathurst – the Hodge plaques

After being postponed due to Covid last year the ceremony went ahead on 9 May 2021 (Proclamation Day) in Bathurst. There was a great turnout of Hodge descendants for the unveiling, included Harry's daughter, Bev Hewlett, granddaughter Cecilia and great grandson Cosimo who travelled from Melbourne for the weekend.

Hodge family members gathered around the "Pillar of Bathurst" dedicated to local Hill End & Tambaroora historians Harry & Brian Hodge.



## Telegrams to Hill End.

Remember when Telegrams were all the rage? Imagine being in the queue at the local Telegraph Office trying to tell the family that you had struck it rich? The *Newcastle Chronicle*, 30 April 1872 tells just how busy it was:

— *There has been some inconvenience lately in consequence of delay in the transmission of telegrams to Hill End. The line is only a single wire with sixteen stations in circuit, and some idea of the work required from it may be formed from the following figures : —*

*On Monday last (which was not considered a very heavy day) there were sent 524 messages, or an average of 43.8 per hour, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., without intermission. The number of messages with Hill End alone was 126 on the day before mentioned. This large increase in the telegraphic business is largely due to mining development. It is for the department to make necessary provision to meet the increased telegraphic requirements of the colony.*



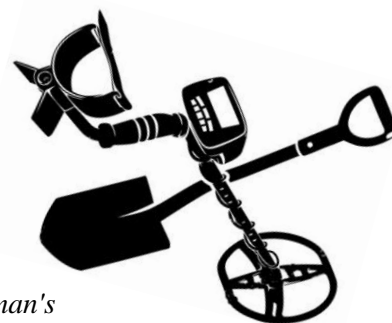
First Telegraph Office (a2822912, State Library of New South Wales)

The freight Telegraph Station Master at this time was Richard Johnson, who was appointed on 1 January 1872 with a salary of £146 a year. This photo by Merlin of the A & A Photographic Company shows the new Telegraph Office and it is possibly Richard Johnson standing outside. It is believed that the first instrument at Hill End was an alphabetical telegraph instrument. It was a simplified type of Morse instrument which did not require a knowledge of the Morse Code by the operator. Johnson remained in Hill End until he was succeeded by William Raper on 1 April 1874. His salary was £200 a year and he was assisted by a telegraph messenger.

### AN ELECTRICAL GOLD-FINDER.

SOME little excitement was caused at Creswick, Victoria, by an experiment of an extraordinary nature in the Sunny South quartz mine on Friday. The chairman of the board of directors took a man who styles himself an electrical physico-phologist on to the claim. He claims to be able to tell by walking over the ground whether it is gold-bearing, and whether it is payable, and at what depth. The test is described as wonderfully successful. It is the intention of the management to make a further test.

### Was this the first "metal detector? In 1890???



"AN ELECTRICAL GOLD-FINDER." *Freeman's Journal* 13 September 1890: 20.

## Our Condolences

It is with sadness that we report the passing of some of our members since the last newsletter. Our thoughts are with their family & friends.

**Shirley Pipitone** (3 April 1947 – 15 July 2021) daughter of Austin Woolard (1913-2000).

**Ray Reynolds**, partner to Di Greenhaw, our Gathering Group photographer, who passed away on 11 August after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. Ray had no ancestral connections to Hill End but was happy to help at our Group events when accompanying Di on her many trips to Hill End to record our activities. Ray grew to love the place and the friends he made there. He found great joy in just sitting and observing the birds and wildlife in the area and was a regular visitor to both the Lodge and the Ranch. He will be sadly missed.



## Hill End Public School 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations



Andrew Gee, Member for Calare, BRC Mayor Bobby Bourke, Chris Grossett, Principal and Toby English, School Leader, and the staff of Hill End Public School cut the celebratory 150<sup>th</sup> cake.

Way back (in May this year) when everything was safe, and we could actually travel and mix with friends and family....we were able to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hill End Public School. On May 22<sup>nd</sup> around 150 people gathered in the school grounds and relived their memories.

The school held an Open Day and BBQ. Visitors were able to see how education had changed over the last 150 years.

At the end of the weekend some of the participants were overheard to say that they hadn't talked and laughed so much in years!

Check out more photos of the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations [here](#).

Some of our members donated or loaned their personal memorabilia to the school for the celebrations. Fred

Thompson donated a small Beatrix Potter book that he received as an Award for 1<sup>st</sup> Class Scholarship. This was presented to him on 12 December 1935.

Another item was loaned by Clare Carolan, whose grandfather was Principal at the school 1880-1882. Mr. Carolan kept a notebook during his career which was on display in the Museum cabinet. While at Hill End he wrote of an interesting and somewhat mysterious discovery he made:

In the year 1880 in company of a friend I was on a shooting excursion in the neighbourhood of Hill End, the great gold centre. Taking the road that wound round Hawkins Hill we descended into a valley off the Macquarie where it is joined by the Turon. Here after spending the night in a hut made with bark and bushes and possums at night, next day wallabies and kangaroos, perch, and eels, we came upon a lonely part of the river (and found a) rough stone slab with mainly carved letters:

*Sacred to the memory of James McGrath who was drowned in attempting to cross the river even at this point on Christmas Eve, 18--? McGrath, a resident of Tambaroora 3 miles from Hill End, with a wife, and 4 children, unable to make all ends meet, left for Blayney where his employment and situation did well, remitted money as frequently as able. Wished to surprise his family by returning on Christmas. River in flood. Attempt to cross fatal.*

Moulsdale descendant Carol Moonie, was thrilled to see a sampler worked by Emily Moulsdale, an early member of her family who attended HEPS. Her framed cross-stitch sampler, completed in 1880, survives in the NPWS (Hill End) Collection. It was kindly loaned to the school to be part of the historical display cabinets for the Open Day.

The Moulsdale connection to school began when William Moulsdale, a carpenter, moved to Reef Street, Hill End early in 1875. He later worked on a new building for the Hill End Public School which was completed in June 1884. Emily attended HEPS for 6 years (1875-80) with her siblings. The family then moved to South Bathurst.

Emily's connection with the Public Service began in the year 1885, with her appointment as pupil teacher at Bathurst. From there, after training, she took control of a small school in the tiny town of Wattleville. Later, she moved to the Bathurst district, then Redfern, and Petersham, and eventually, in 1903, she arrived at Fort Street Girls High School in Sydney, as Assistant Science Mistress where she spent the last 27 years of her career.

On her retirement in 1930 she had "rendered faithful service for 47 years" to the Education Department. She was held in high esteem by her students who presented her with the gift of a travelling rug and other travellers' accessories. Her colleagues contributed a handsome crocodile skin hand bag, containing a purse of sovereigns, and a beautiful string of diamond-cut crystals and a bouquet of pink carnations.

Emily was also a tireless worker for the Methodist Church and was actively engaged in working for "Christ and Church" at Dulwich Hill, for more than 25 years. Various Church and Social Welfare organisations also feted Miss Moulsdale, who left by the P. & O. "Naldera" for a world tour on March 4, 1930.



Carol Moonie with her ancestor's sampler

## The Old School Desk

As a contribution to the “Museum” collection assembled by the school for the occasion, the Gathering Group were please to be able to donate an original Hill End desk back to the school. Many of the ex-student visitors to the school had fond memories (and otherwise!) of these desks...



Ex-HEPS troublemakers catching up! Pattie Gainsford (nee Warry) & John Flynn – imagine teaching this pair of troublemakers!

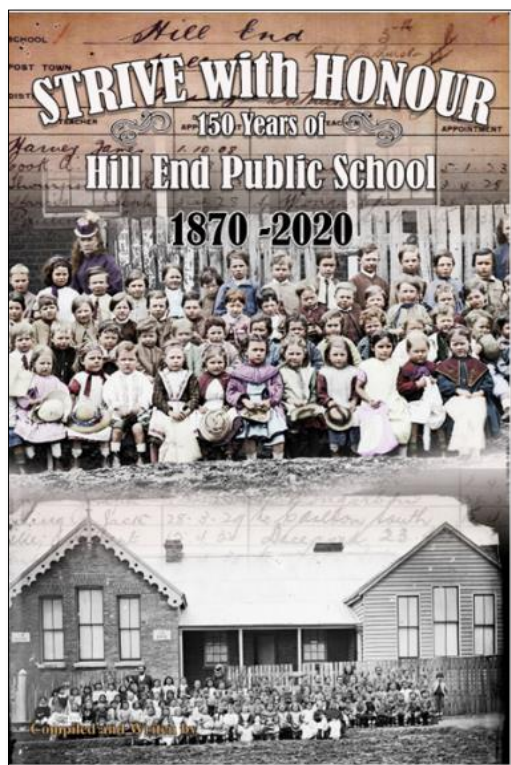
This actual desk formed part of the school furniture at Hill End and possibly dates from the 1920s. After being removed from the school around the 1960s it was sold and remained in private hands for many years, ending up in Cairns, Queensland.

It was located in 2020 and its owner, Jane Linthicum, donated it to the Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group who arranged to transport it back to Hill End. A small brass plaque was attached indicating that it was presented back to the school by the Gathering Group on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the Opening of the school in May 2021.



Fred Thompson, reliving the memories of the 10 years at the school. He attended between 1933 – 1943 and was one of the oldest ex-pupils to visit for the 150<sup>th</sup> Ceremony.

## Launch of “Strive with Honour” - school history book - at Bathurst & Mudgee Libraries



Somewhat delayed book launches of the school history “Strive with Honour” were held at Bathurst Library on Saturday 5 June and at Mudgee Library on Monday 7 June.

A good crowd of locals and visitors attended both presentations by co-author Lorraine Purcell who was welcomed by library staff at each place. Bathurst Councillor Graeme Hanger, himself a retired high school teacher, spoke warmly of the value of recording the history of these facilities for future generations.

This work is a story of more than just a school. It reflects a broad social history of the town over the past 150 years. Student enrolments reflect the ups and downs of a mining community. Over the years the school has produced Members of Parliament, numerous educators, historians, authors, artists, sportsmen & women, military & business people, and social commentators.

There are over 250 pages including full colour illustrations, and many photos that have not been published before. It is fully indexed with the names of those mentioned in the text and incorporates an almost complete list of principals and teachers who have spent some time in Hill End. One extremely important inclusion in this book is a listing of the 4500+ students (with parent or guardians’ names) who attended the school during the first 100 years. Painstakingly transcribed from the

Admission Registers by Gathering Group volunteers, this listing places family members in the town where no other records may exist to demonstrate their presence there. This is indeed an added bonus for family historians.

“Strive with Honour” is now available for purchase on the [bookshop page](#) (or [click here](#)) on our website .



## Selina Anderson – Political Activist.

(1878 -1964)

Political Activist

Bathurst Community radio station 2MCE has started hosting a series of programs each Friday reflecting on the stories of people immortalised on the Pillars of Bathurst in the park on the banks of the Macquarie River. The Pillars highlight the unsung people who played a significant role in shaping the Bathurst district. Dr. Robin McLachlan, an excellent and thorough researcher, skilled writer, and experienced storyteller, features one inductee each week and delves further into their story. These podcasts can be heard online by tuning in to [2MCE here](#).



Robin recently presented a podcast (yet to be uploaded to the website) featuring Selina Anderson from Tambaroora, born in May 1878 and has kindly allowed us to extract this tale for inclusion in this newsletter. Selina was to become a political campaigner, especially on behalf of the needs of Australian women and children. Her political activism was at its height in the first decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and embraced a wide agenda ranging from the improvement of working conditions for both men and women to targeted campaigns, for example supporting the right of women to become medical doctors in New South Wales.

The breadth of her many causes made it a challenge writing the epitaph for her Pillar's plaque, so "Political Activist" was settled on. This ambiguous phrase covers just about everything she did, but it does not single out what was arguably her most important, and lasting, achievement. For that one achievement alone, Selina Anderson deserves not only a Bathurst Pillars plaque but a significant place in Australian political history. She should be better known.

Selina Anderson's childhood was in Tambaroora. Anderson was not her birth surname, it was the surname of her stepfather, whom her widowed mother, Sarah married in 1880 when Selina was a baby. Selina's famous fiery red hair though may have been a legacy from her Irish father, James Charters. While we have little information about Selina's childhood in Tambaroora there are tantalising glimpses that seemingly predict something of the character of the woman she would become.

There is a curious entry about her in Tambaroora Public School's file in the State Records, written in 1892. Selina would have been about fourteen when it was reported that she "sulked and refused to answer when in class". What she had done to warrant this entry is not known. Today, we might say she had an attitude problem about school. It just might suggest the strength of character of someone prepared to take a stand against what she considered an unacceptable situation. As an adult Selina would be known for her independence of thought and spirit.

In 1893, while still a pupil at the local Public School, Selina Anderson wrote a prizewinning essay on the history of Tambaroora. This essay was published in the *Bathurst Free Press* on 14 December 1893. ([Read the full story here](#)) and it is considered an astonishingly good piece of local history, thoroughly researched, and efficiently structured in its presentation of information and lucidly written.

When you read it, you can imagine how she methodically went about Tambaroora interviewing people for their knowledge of the community. Keep in mind, this fifteen year old schoolgirl couldn't just jump on the internet for her research in the way of present-day students and adult local historians.

Her persistence in interviewing townsfolk allowed her to collect the information she needed for her essay. Well, almost all the information she needed, for she reports at the end of her essay, "... I have spared neither time or trouble in endeavouring to get authentic facts, but at the same time must apologise for the absence of dates relative to certain important appointments with regard to commissioners and other officials, the records of which I applied for, but for some unknown cause or reason was unable to procure." You can picture government clerks in Sydney dismissing out of hand schoolgirl Selina's letters, undoubtedly politely written in her very best handwriting.

Even with this setback, one cannot but be impressed with the thoroughness of Selina's research, a skill she would take into adulthood when it came to finding the facts on social issues, be it working conditions in the cardboard box making industry, or the need for child endowment for large families.

Understandable in the context of the times, her essay is mainly about the activities of men. But one can also catch a glimpse of her view of women being the equal of men. She tells of the first bullock team to reach Tambaroora after the

discovery of gold being driven by a woman, who, quoting Selina, “to judge by her style was no amateur in the art of driving, for it is said her vocabulary in adjectives was inexhaustible”.

She ends her essay with a note of appreciation for her education, to quote, “The education I have received is due to our Public School system, and for which I am very thankful”. This is the same Selina who went on report the year before for being sulky and uncommunicative in class.

By 1903 we find her working in Sydney and involved in the local labour movement, mainly through the Pyrmont branch of the Women’s Political Labor League. This is an exciting time for women in Australia’s political history, as federation in 1901 extended the vote to women, followed in 1902 with their right to stand for federal parliament.

Selina Anderson was one of four women who nominated for the 1903 federal election. Three of them stood for the Senate, as did Selina Anderson initially. But she later decided to run for the House of Representatives in an eastern Sydney seat. She was in her mid-twenties.

She stood as an “Independent Labor” candidate, reflecting her tenuous relationship with the established Labor party. Her particular focus on women’s issues might in part account for her independent labour stance. Here is a line from a newspaper interview, where she outlined her principal position, namely “...having woman placed on an equality with man. That is, if she is able to do the same kind of work, with the same ability, she should get the same pay. That’s what I think, and that you may call the chief plank of my platform.” This was a radical platform for the times. Indeed, the issue of gender parity is still being debated today, more than a century later.

Selina Anderson did not win a House of Representatives seat in the 1903 election. The sitting member was returned, but Selina took 18% of the vote. It would not be for another 40 years, 1943, before the first women were elected to both houses of parliament. Enid Lyons would be the first woman elected to the House of Representatives.

However, to our Selina Anderson, the former Tambaroora school girl, goes the honour of being the first woman in Australia to seek election to the House of Representatives. This is not just a first for Australia, Selina Anderson was among the very first women to seek election in any democratically elected parliament anywhere in the world. She was well ahead of her time.

She was a tireless campaigner for social justice causes, and Mr. Google will bring forth many mentions of Selina Anderson. After the 1903 election she became ever more active with labour and trade union bodies in Sydney. In 1906 she became the only woman on the New South Wales Labor Council’s executive and one of a handful on the Australian Labor Party’s state executive. Selina failed to gain the party’s support for her candidacy in later elections.

She soon drew apart from the Labor party, but her commitment to fighting for community needs did not diminish. In the company of her husband, Christopher Siggins, (they married in 1908), Selina took this commitment to New Zealand for a few years and on their return in 1918, to live in South Australia, Selina stood, if unsuccessfully, as an independent candidate in that state’s parliamentary election. She was one of the first two women to stand for election to the Parliament of South Australia.

There is so much more that might be told of Selina Anderson’s life, including her last attempt to win a parliamentary seat in 1922 and it was for the Bathurst electorate of Calare. Living then in Wellington, Selina stood as a representative of the Country Party, the forerunner of the present day National Party. In that election, Selina became the first woman to stand for the Country Party in a Federal election. She didn’t win, in fact she received only a tiny number of votes. Her commitment to social justice issues though had not diminished; her concerns were much as they had been back in 1903. Selina Anderson was still way ahead of her times.

Selina looks to have largely retired from active politics after the 1922 election. Mrs. Selina Siggins went on to be a racehorse owner and trainer on a property near Sydney’s Canterbury Racecourse and died in 1964 at Ashbury, aged 86.



*Selina’s Pillar plaque*



## Hill End, - a description from 1947...

During our research for "Strive with Honour" we came across some interesting primary source material. The following letter was written in reply to correspondence sent to the school by Mr. Ashton. School Principal William Albert T. Nicholson was at Hill End in the post WW2 years, between December 1946 and February 1949. Some of the names mentioned will be familiar to a few of our members.

Hill End,  
15th July 1947.

Dear Mr Ashton.

At last, I am managing to reply to your letter of the 27th of May. I'm hardly as prompt in replying as I should have been, considering that you have sent me an airmail stamp for reply. But a teacher's life is life is a busy one at times.

This is my first year at Hill End. Your letter is a very interesting one, and I have shown it to quite a few of the residents including George Denman who remembers of you. We have recently had a visit from another Westralian, formerly a resident of Hill End, namely, Mr. Walter Graham, who says that he first attended this school in 1879. He has just returned to his home at Greenbushes, WA. He is an enthusiastic tonette player and came along to play some tunes for the children.

You would find Hill End a mere skeleton of the town it possibly was when you left here. There are two of us at the school, with an enrolment of 55 pupils. Only one hotel remains, the "Royal", now owned by Mr Oswald Eyre. We cannot boast of a bank and only two stores remain. The one opposite the Royal is owned by Mr. Lamb and the other owned by William Whittaker. The Post Office and Police Station both good buildings, would be the same as in your day. Quite a lot of the old gold mining landmarks you mentioned would still remain, but most have been neglected for years. There would be no more than about a dozen men in the town now whom you could say depend on gold for a living. They work mainly in pairs, down in some of the old workings, hoping to strike a rich patch someday. With the increased price of gold, much ore formally abandoned, should be just about payable. Many still believe that Hill End will have its revival someday. Even since I've been here, there have been rumours of the Broken Hill Proprietary being interested in spending a lot of money here, but nothing has yet eventuated.

You mention that Eyres kept the Royal Hotel even in your day, so you may be interested in their family history. They have two daughters; the elder one, Gwen, helps in the management of the hotel. The younger one, Betty manages a fruit confectionery, etc. shop across the road. The Marshalls, Carvers, and Denmans are still here. Mr. William Marshall who owns many of the mining leases and is still quite an energetic old man lives on his own in Beyers Ave up towards the junction of the two roads. The double storied house opposite is occupied by Miss Marshall (over 80 years of age) and her two younger sisters, Mrs Watts, and Mrs Oliver. Ab and Cecil Carver still live here and do a bit of fossicking. George Denman runs a dairy on the top of the hill on the eastern side of town. The Fred Hodge you mention, I think would be the father of a family of boys still living in the district - he is dead. Ron Hodge runs a carrying business between here and Bathurst. The other two boys, Bert and Roley, have farms.

Hill End is still an isolated place. Bathurst -53 miles. - Mudgee 45 miles, but we have a bus service. A double decker bus runs on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to Bathurst, and a smaller bus runs Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday to Mudgee. Sofala, now a settlement smaller than Hill End, lies halfway along the road to Bathurst. On the Mudgee Road, the only tiny settlement is Hargreaves, about halfway in.

There is practically no farming done in the district. Most of the land is used for sheep raising. The chief source of income for most of the men in the winter time is rabbit trapping. They reaped a great harvest last year. This winter the rabbits are not so plentiful, and the prices are not so good.

The Presbyterian Church still stands. The Minister comes out from Mudgee once a month. A Church of England rector is resident in the town. Wife of one of Mr. Flynn's sons is in charge of the Post Office. You had better come over and find out about your old cronies at first hand though I doubt if you would find many of them here now. It should be interesting for you to get in touch with the Mr. Walter Graham I mentioned earlier.

Cheerio to you till you make that visit.  
Best wishes from yours sincerely  
W. Nicholson.



Lincoln's "piggyback" bus, 1940s. (Carol McCance collection)

## More work at Hill End & Tambaroora General Cemetery.



As reported to the Rural Fire Service Facebook Page, the Hill End & District Volunteer Bushfire Brigade and the Hill End & Tambaroora Common Trust have organized the building of a picnic shelter next to the Hill End & Tambaroora General Cemetery. They are using funding provided by the Bathurst Regional Council's Village Improvement Grant for the 2021 financial year, with additional funding being provided by the Trust.

A new picnic table was delivered and assembled on site by RNR Timber Outdoor Furniture in mid-April 2021 and a rainwater tank has been ordered to provide water for those wishing to place flowers etc. or tidy up gravesites.

## Here's a question for previous residents! or photo detectives...



This classic photo from the NPWS photo collection is taken from the verandah of the Royal Hotel and shows Clarke Street but when was it taken? **Can you help us date it?** Here are a few hints:

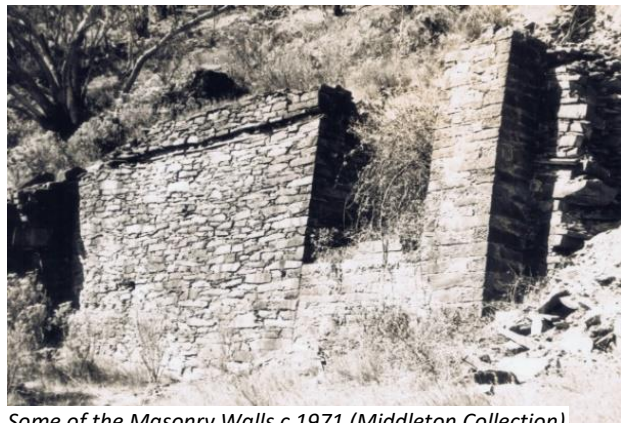
- It was taken after Manson/Beech's store (Opposite Northeys Store) burned down in January 1936. Only chimney and a tank are still standing.
- Weirs Hotel (opposite the Sydney Hotel/Lyle's store) was demolished in July 1937. Just a little bit of rubble is left on the site.
- Blitz trucks were in production 1930–1975, so probably after WW2 – post 1945.
- Australasian Joint Stock Bank building is still standing next to Beyers Cottage in the distance. When was it demolished?
- Sign for W.H.Warry on the side of Northeys Store is above the Shell sign. Walter Warry operated the shop from 1925 until ? But sign may have been there well after he left.
- Bruce & Betty Goodwin purchased the dilapidated Warrys/Northeys store in the late 1950s. When did that wall get a makeover?

**If you can help then send us your thoughts via our [Contact Us](#) page on the website or ring Lorraine on 0408117784**



## Hawkins Hill Mining Relics

Around 2 years ago we were made aware that two very precious & iconic mining relics situated on the western slope of Hawkins Hill were in danger of collapse. They are the Flying Fox and some amazing Masonry Walls situated on what was locally known as the Krohmann Amalgamated lease. The area has been “out of bounds” for some time as it is on an active mining lease. Despite repeated attempts to negotiate access with the then current leaseholders, Peak Minerals, this permission was not forthcoming.



Some of the Masonry Walls c 1971 (Middleton Collection)

The lease now has new owners as of mid-August and we are happy to say that we have reinstated

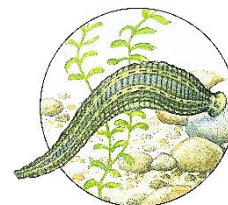
discussions with a company representative and are hopeful that a positive outcome will be forthcoming. Stabilization of the sites is our priority and then conservation & preservation will be the next step. This has the potential to be a BIG project requiring expert advice and so a Heritage Assessment needs to be carried out next. Hopefully this can be achieved before further deterioration happens...Watch this space!



The Flying Fox c 2006 (Helen Wood)

## Don't try this at home...

Many a child growing up in Hill End, whose parents took them down the Bridle Track for a swim in the Turon, may recall one of the hazards of this otherwise pleasurable activity....Yes, Turon leeches.



It seems as if the Turon may have produced more than gold in the first 30 years or so that it was worked. Advertisements in newspapers placed by chemists & druggists applaud the benefits of “Turon Leeches” and they were keenly sought after. Patrons could be assured that they were of the best quality and a plentiful supply was held.

The benefits of using these vampiric worms in the medical arena has long been known. Their first recorded therapeutic use dates back to ancient Egyptian treatments for ailments like nosebleeds and gout (Chinese, Arabic, Ancient Greek, and Roman medical records also contain references to leech therapy). In the centuries that followed, physicians used the bloodsucking powers of leeches in an attempt to remedy everything from haemorrhoids to headaches, depression, and even deafness.

It was even seen as a “most remunerative employment to many men and also to the women and children in the country districts. They were sent to London & Paris where Australian Leeches were preferred to others”.

Thankfully once medicine abandoned the concept that most diseases were caused by an excess of blood, leech therapy fell out of favour. They still have a place in modern medicine, but they are no doubt collected under more sterile conditions. Contemporary use of leeches is mostly limited to microsurgeons who reattach body parts

like fingers, toes, thumbs, ears, lips, noses, or even bits of scalp.

**SPLENDID Turon Leeches.**—A large supply at  
**WATSON'S Drug Stores, Brickfield-hill.**

**LEECHES, Leeches, Leeches.**—Just received, a large  
supply of fine healthy Turon Leeches. **J. Henry and Co.,**  
chemists, 754, George-street South.

**JAMES MOORE and SON, Family and Dispensing**  
Chemists, Colonnade Dispensing Establishment, 34,  
South Head Road. Physicians' prescriptions faithfully  
prepared and copied. The purest drugs and chemicals,  
pharmaceutical preparations, patent medicines, &c., &c.,  
always on hand. Regular supplies of finest Turon Leeches  
received.

Just a few of the  
advertisements for this valuable commodity.

If you were having problems making them bite  
then the *South Australian Register* newspaper had  
a great hint in their 16 July 1850 issue...

”Put the leeches that you are going to use into some warm porter [similar to stout beer] and directly they kick about in it, take them out, hold them in a cloth and they will bite instantly without fail.”.....EEEEKKKKK!!!!

## Hill End Arts Council Gallery

The latest art space in Hill End, run by volunteers from the Hill End Arts Council, is their Gallery & exhibition space located in the old CWA building, right opposite the Royal Hall. This Gallery, opened by Bathurst Regional Art Gallery Director, Sarah Gurich, on the June Long Weekend, is a showcase of local artists' work. It has brought new life to the old cottage which had previously held the NPWS Discovery Centre and booking office which had been closed for some time.

It will be open on weekends once the Covid restrictions allow people to travel and is definitely a "must see" venue when visiting the town.

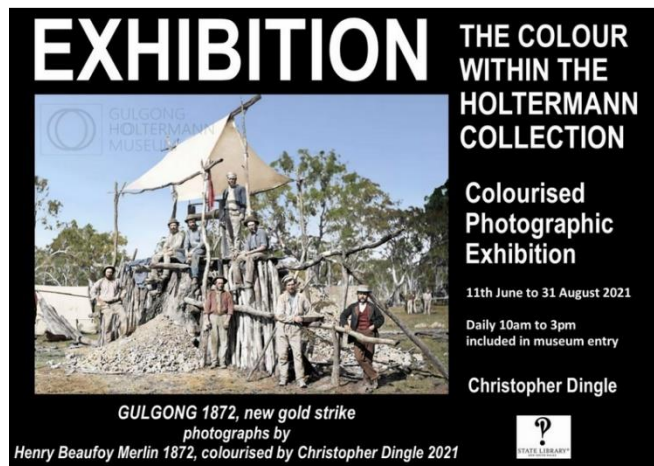


## Our volunteer projects.

When the world gives you lemons...make lemonade! Stuck at home with nothing to do....in my dreams!

Over the past 3 months some of our volunteers have been putting their lockdown time to good use. Being cooped up inside other than for the obligatory exercise regime, has meant that there were hours that needed to be filled. Fantastic! So, what have they done?

We proudly "loaned" our volunteer, Chris Dingle, to the Gulgong Holtermann Museum earlier this year for his exhibition "The colour within". His talent for colourizing the Holtermann photographs, pixel by pixel, had been recognized and he was commissioned to prepare selection of images showcasing the Gulgong and nearby goldfields. Regrettably, this successful exhibition was cut short due to Covid lockdowns, but he is now working on a similar exhibition revealing a selection of Hill End images in full colour and we look forward to being able to display this in the village when tourism and visitors return to Hill End.



Verna, our typist extraordinaire, has been beaver away retyping a number of documents so that they can be sorted and indexed. As a result, we will soon have a keyword searchable record of the landowners of Hill End & Tambaroora from the 1860s or so, right through to the 1980s. This 300 page document, compiled by Cec Bartlett back in 1988, was originally a photocopy and it has been of great use when locating properties owned by the ancestors. However, it did rely on knowing the first landowner or Section, lot, or portion to start the search. Verna has retyped it all, and Karen has now completed indexing all the names and once the documents are combined and the index formatted this will prove to be one of our greatest resources. Not only does it record the original landowner, but all subsequent owners wherever known.



In early 2013 HEATGG volunteers Jenny Tomlinson and John Tutty took on a mammoth undertaking involving the Holtermann Collection at the State Library of NSW.

We had discovered that the printed copies of the Holtermann collection, for public use in the Special Collections area of the Mitchell Library, had been annotated by library staff over the 60+ years that they had been on display. Not every photo had handwritten notes on the back but so many did! These notes may have just been a line or two, while others had complete family details, locations, or comments. Over time these notes had been added to, corrected, or replaced, with the old information simply crossed out. Many of the notes were also verified by descendants who owned original copies of the photos. Some, but not all these notes appear in the "Comments" section of the State Library of NSW online catalogue, but other references are only available by visiting the library and sighting the hard copy of the photo.

Within the 3500 images that make up the Holtermann Collection, there are around 1300 portraits. These were taken at either the Hill End or Tambaroora branches of the American & Australasian Photographic Company studios. The system used by the A&A Photographic Co. was to then write the name of the sitter in the emulsion on the reverse of the glass plate negative. Each image was also given a running number, within a couple of series.



Naturally, there were some names that were hard to decipher, and some where the emulsion had flaked away or cracked etc and it was hard to read. Overall, there were only about 100 that were catalogued as “unknown” or “unidentified”. But the rest, what a goldmine of information! At least a photographic record of around 1200 images of people who were living in or around the area between 1872 – 1875.

With the blessing of the State Library, John & Jenny visited once a week over more than 2 years until they had photographed the reverse of all these portraits. Then came the challenging task of transcribing the information into an Excel database against the corresponding library call number & box number with the subject’s name and the image number. Even the information that had been crossed out has been included, so that future researchers can make use of this to eliminate questionable leads when following a family line. Painstaking and tedious to say the least.

Regrettably, part way through this process John was diagnosed with a brain tumour and passed away in April 2015. A tragic loss to Jenny and us all. With an analytical mind, John had been able to envision what was needed to make this information accessible to the family history researcher and had left us with a legacy that has finally been completed 8 years later. We were able to retrieve John’s files and with Jenny’s help were able to determine what was needed to complete the project. Volunteer Brad Chappell then took over the transcribing and completed this part early 2020 as a “Covid project”. Excellent use of lockdown time!

With 2020 – 2021 being so disrupted, a further effort was made to finally put this project to bed. These transcriptions were then handed over to Alison Briggs, our queen of Excel. Alison is another volunteer with a logical mind, and a knowledge of what essential information would be of value and how it should be arranged. She was able to meld all the previous records, get them in order and the result is a remarkable listing of around 1200 alphabetically listed records, with all the information provided from the back of the printed collection. This listing is also keyword searchable so that the family historian can search in a variety of ways.



The A&A Co office staff, charged with labelling the negatives were sometimes inaccurate in recording the names too, so a variety of spellings appear for some families. The benefit of this list is that it can be browsed so that these various spellings emerge, and researchers may be able to identify family members this way.

I have had access to the original uncorrected file for some years now and have found it an invaluable working tool when answering enquiries from members of the public about their families and providing them with access to their ancestors’ portraits at the State Library. No doubt, as time goes by, further details can be added to these listings as people submit information to the library.

Many thanks must be given to those who worked on the project over the past 8 years or so. Without their commitment and perseverance, we would be without this fantastic resource. As this newsletter goes to press there is still some final tweaks required to make these databases ready for general usage...but watch this space. “Coming soon” tells it all!

## **Order now for Christmas! Hill End & Bridle Track Calendars for 2022.**



As mentioned earlier, we have set up a Family History Centre in the old Northeys Store in Clarke Street, Hill End. We have 2 small unconnected shopfronts and have set up a portion of our Family History research material in one side and in the other side we have been fortunate enough to have our member, Sharon Shelton, set up a Gallery of her mixed media artworks. When we were open (pre Covid), she was a great supporter and travelled each weekend and during the school holidays from the “other side” of the Bridle Track (about 1 hour each way) to volunteer there. In the Gallery we also have our HEATGG books for sale as well as a small selection of Hill End souvenirs, maps, mugs, postcards, greeting cards etc. All profits from these sales at the Centre go to funding our work.

During Covid, Sharon has been busy and has produced some new items which will be available at the Centre once we are open again, but in the meantime, they can be ordered online through her [Facebook Page](#) or by using the order form on the last pages of this newsletter. Of special interest to our members are the Hill End & Bridle Track 2022 Calendars and the all new Bridle Track Activity Pack. The Activity Pack is designed to keep the young (and the young at heart) busy when visiting, and they can’t get reception on the electronic gadgets. Check out the Order form for more details as to what is included.

Only a limited number of the Calendars have been printed so get in early and sort those Christmas presents for family members who have everything.

## Coming events ...

As I write this, lockdown continues and while there is light at the end of the Covid tunnel it seems like it is still the steam train heading our way! I would love to be able to have a list of coming events but until we know that travel and group outings and meetings are to be allowed, this space remains blank!

Our October Long Weekend Community Market & Sausage Sizzle has been cancelled. This is unfortunate as we really rely on the funds raised at this event to help towards finance our newsletter production and postage. However, we hope to be back, bigger & better at Easter 2022.



For August Family History Month, we had 2 fantastic weekends planned in Hill End. These have only been “Postponed” and not “Cancelled”. To whet your appetite Here is what we had planned:

### **“Bew Chips Register – a Chinese perspective on a Tambaroora resident of 72 years.”**

This Register is a rare, early primary source of evidence of remittances to China by Chinese goldminers on the Western Goldfields of New South Wales. Over a period of twenty-five years between 1865 and 1890, Bew Chip gave his countrymen on the goldfields gold dust and gold sovereigns to carry back to China. The Register is a record of the names, dates, and other important information of those who carried the remittances on his behalf.

Presented by Dr. Juanita Kwok, PhD, Historian & Heritage Consultant. Hear Dr. Kwok recount the fascinating tale of how this aspect of Chinese/Australian history has been revealed through translation & meticulous research. Juanita is also in the process of preparing a publication encompassing her research,

**“Researching your goldfield ancestors – with special reference to the Hill End & Tambaroora District”.** Grab a glimpse into the lives of our goldfield ancestors and be directed to a variety of unusual resources to find out more about their everyday existence.

Presented by Lorraine Purcell, Convener of the Gathering Group. Lorraine’s experience, after 40 years as a librarian, has been gained by researching and sharing all aspects of family and local history around Hill End & Tambaroora, for more than 20 years. In those heady days miners regularly moved from one field to another, so some areas of research have been expanded to encompass these outlying villages as well.

As soon as we feel confident in setting a date, we will let you know. We will be holding the talks on a Saturday and then will be encouraging people to stay over in Hill End so that they can take advantage of our newly opened Family History Centre and spend some time using the resources and expertise there. If you would like to register your special interest in attending, please register via the [“Contact us”](#) page on our website or phone Lorraine on 0408117784 or keep an eye on our Facebook Page.



## NSW Births, Deaths & Marriage Records

Searching the Registry’s Public indexes is free. The Registry’s online index search is a free search tool and [can be accessed here](#).

Birth, Death and Marriage records can be searched for the following time periods:

**➤Births over 100 years ago ➤Deaths over 30 years ago ➤Marriages over 50 years ago**

Records are updated daily so as an example, if you are searching for births today on the 13 August 2021 you will be able to search birth records that the Registry holds up until the 12 August 1921. If you locate a birth, death or marriage record via the online search and would like to purchase the corresponding certificate, you can have this either posted or emailed to you for a cost of \$35.

### Searching Registry Historical Indexes

A helpful Family History Search Guide containing tips for searching the historical index can be found on their [website here](#). Some registrations appear more than once in Registry indexes because of the process of registrations prior to 1856, when registration of births, deaths and marriages became the responsibility of the Registrar-General.

From 1825 to the early 1860’s, church records of baptisms, marriages and burials were submitted by religious ministers/priests. Copies of records created were also sent to another department, who issued certificates. Later in the 1860’s and 1870’s these church records were forwarded to the Registry, in addition to records from other registering bodies such as the Supreme Court and the Archdeacon’s Court. Some of these records were duplications of each other and, as a result have been entered into the indexes more than once, with identical information.





## Where there's a Will...

If a person dies without a Will, then they are Intestate. The Index covering Case papers 1821-1913 is available on the State Records website. [View the online index »](#) for all the names recorded.

These papers may show the amounts of money owed by the deceased and paid from the estate to individual creditors. Within the papers there are petitions from the Curator of Intestate Estate to the Supreme Court that relate to the administration of the deceased's estate as well as orders to collect and affidavits of death. In certain cases, there could also be circulars from shareholders, certificates, newspaper cuttings and personal correspondence.

The following people in the Hill End & Tambaroora district died intestate at between 1851 and 1913. Each entry gives the file number, the year & place of death. These names have been extracted from the main Index using the search terms Tambaroora, Hill End, Lower Turon, or the Dirt Holes and may not be complete. Copies of the documents are available from State Records.

AH, Get, GET Ah, 485, 1903, Lower Town near Hill End Turon River, Gardener Native of China, [10/27659]  
ANDRINGA, Reinder, 2006, 1859, Tambaroora, [6/3554]  
BARNETT, Thomas, 3413, 1871, Hill End, Gold Miner, [6/3596]  
BIDDERS, Joseph, 1680, 1855, Tambaroora, [6/3541]  
BIGLAND, William, 388, 1909, Hill End, Gold miner; died Hill End District Hospital, [10/27820]  
BROTHERTON, James, 4380, 1877, Hill End, [6/3621]  
CARE, George, 160, 1903, Hill End, Miner, [10/27647]  
CARTER, John, 373, 1901, Macquarie River near Hill End, Gold miner, [10/27613]  
CAVINS, James, 4344, 1877, Hill End, Also Cooins, [6/3620]  
CLARKE, Joseph, 140, 1907, Bald Hill via Mount Drysdale, Miner, [10/27743]  
CLEMENTS, William, 380, 1913, Hill End, Miner; contains BDM certificates; native of England, [10/27975]  
COLLUM, Mary, 192, 1899, Hill End, Widow, [10/27560]  
DARNELL, John Bulinan, 3620, 1873, Hill End, [6/3600] 3880, 1874, Hill End, [6/3606]  
DIECKMANN, Johann Wilhelm, "DIECKMANN, John William", 272, 1896, Golden Gully Hill End, Miner [10/27507]  
DONSON, Benjamin, 213, 1912, Hill End, Gold miner; contains BDM certificates; died Hill End Hospital, [10/27916]  
DOYLE, John, 535, 1912, Bathurst, Labourer; formerly of Hill End; died Bathurst Hospital, [10/27936]  
EVANS, William, 2665, 1865, Lower Turon, [6/3574]  
FLEMING, John, 1427, 1853, Tambaroora, [6/3530]  
FORRIESTIER, Jean, 59, 1885, Hill End, Miner, [6/3692]  
GAIN, Michael, 1189, 1852, Tambaroora, [6/3523]  
HALGAND, Jean Marie, 259, 1897, Turon Junction near Hill End, Miner, [10/27523]  
HERRING, Morris, 4278, 1877, Hill End, [6/3619]  
HIBBARD, George, 93, 1912, "Newmans Gully, Tambaroora", Miner; native of England, [10/27909]  
JENDON, James, "JENDER, James", 1592, 1854, Tambaroora, [6/3537]  
JOHNSON, Alfred, 2042, Tambaroora, Shop keeper, [6/3555]  
KUNTZE, Charles, "KUNTZE, Theodor", 380, 1908, Hill End, Old age pensioner; gardener; native of Germany, [10/27786]  
LATCHFORD, David, 3789, 1874, Tambaroora, [6/3604]  
LAWLER, Charles, 346, 1905, Tambaroora near Hill End, Miner died Hill End Hospital, [10/27704]  
LAWLER, Charles William, 386, 1913, Hill End near Bathurst, Miner, [10/27976]  
LAWLER, Michael, 499, 1903, Wickets Creek near Hill End, Miner Contains BDM certificates, [10/27659]  
LEE, James, 2046, 1859, Tambaroora, [6/3555]  
MACE, Robert, 250, 1897, Hill End, Carter Died Parramatta Hospital for Insane, [10/27523]  
MAHER, Christopher, 1255, 1852, The Dirt Holes, [6/3525]  
MCKANGHAN, Alexander, 199, 1886, Hill End, [6/3714]  
MILLER, John Henry, 50, 1885, Hill End, [6/3691]  
MORRIS, Emanuel, 283, 1905, Hill End, Miner old age pensioner suicide died Hill End Hospital, [10/27701]  
MURRAY, Rosanna, 25, 1882, Hill End, [6/3650]  
OLIVER, William, 3661, 1873, Hill End, [6/3601]  
PAULL, James, 4054, 1876, Hill End, [6/3613]  
PETERSON, Charles, 231, 1887, Hill End, Miner, [6/3730]  
REED, John, 676, 1912, Hill End, Miner; old age pensioner, [10/27942]  
SANDERSON, William, 3350, 1871, Tambaroora, [6/3594]  
SCHOBBER, Ludwig Frederick, 298, 1891, Hill End, Barber and Music Instructor, [6/3805]  
SCHOT, William, NULL, 1507, 1854, Tambaroora, [6/3534]  
SCOTT, John, 3785, 1874, Hill End, [6/3604]  
SHAW, Thomas, 359, 1897, Green Valley near Hill End, Miner, [10/27527]  
SMITH, John Henry Senior, 4033, 1875, Hill End, [6/3611]  
STACEY, George, 1213, 1852, Turon, From California, [6/3524]  
VETZNER, John, 1335, 1853, Tambaroora, , [6/3528]  
WARREN, Richard, 1065, 1851, Turon, Drowned, [6/3520]  
WEBLIN, George, 74, 1911, Parramatta Asylum, Patient; former miner; late of Hill End, [10/27873]



## Research queries

Since our last newsletter we have had enquiries about the following families or subjects come through our website Contact Us page. If you can assist or are connected with any of these families then those researching will be happy to hear from you.

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Bruce Webber	<a href="mailto:b_webber@bigpond.net.au">b_webber@bigpond.net.au</a>	Cocks, Wood, Davidson
Elizabeth Elwell-Cook	<a href="mailto:Bess.ElwellCook@gmail.com">Bess.ElwellCook@gmail.com</a>	Robert Casson (1872-1953), and Emma Jane Wardman (1876-1912)
Rebecca Evans	<a href="mailto:bec.evans@outlook.com.au">bec.evans@outlook.com.au</a>	Edward Dunne (c 1863- 1911) Wattle Flat, parents Catherine/Kate Fitzgibbons and Robert Dunne
Louise Roberts	<a href="mailto:louroberts03@gmail.com">louroberts03@gmail.com</a>	Josiah Edward Roberts, born in Tambaroora on 20 August 1874.
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Simon Heath	<a href="mailto:simonjohnheath@gmail.com">simonjohnheath@gmail.com</a>	Les Hamilton, and brothers were mining in Hill End in the 1940s.
Wendy Pickering	<a href="mailto:wendall25@bigpond.com">wendall25@bigpond.com</a>	Beacham, Beecham (probably a Chinese store) Sofala?
Linley Webster	<a href="mailto:Special7@live.com.au">Special7@live.com.au</a>	Webster, Lack, Newstead, Marshall 1850's-1950's
Neil & Margaret Cole	<a href="mailto:oldcoles@iinet.net.au">oldcoles@iinet.net.au</a>	Shervey, (Capertee, 1856) Shumack (Sunny Corner, from 1845. Possibly Tambaroora), Cole (Sofala, Turondale)
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**Website: <http://www.heatgg.org.au>**

For enquiries in Hill End and to visit our Family History Centre out of normal hours  
please contact Daphne Shead

to make an appointment as she may be able to help you.

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Phone 0429 335 627

For further information check out Hill End Family History website at

<http://hillendfamilyhistory.com>



# BRIDLE TRACK NEW RELEASES

Here are some ideas for Christmas or just to enjoy!

- 1. THE BRIDLE TRACK ART & ACTIVITY PACK**  
(Suitable for ages 8 – adult, Word Finds, Fun Facts and Tall Tales, colouring copies of original artworks to colour in)
  - Booklet only. (\$20 + \$5 p & p)
  - Booklet, 24 Coloured Pencils, 10 Connector Pens, pencils and sharpener. **STANDARD PACK** (\$35 + \$10 p & p)
  - Booklet, 12 Watercolour Pencils, 24 Coloured Pencils, 10 Connector Pens, pencil, and sharpener in zip bag. **DELUXE PACK** (\$45 + \$10 p & p)



- 2. AUSSIE SANTAS of BATHURST Book 2**  
20 cm x 20 cm, Paperback, 72 pages, \$25 + \$5 p & p.



The tradition of Aussie Santas of Bathurst began in 2019, with residents of Duramana Road and the Bridle Track embracing the Christmas Spirit in a tough, drought-affected year. The rain came but 2020 was another tough year with fires, floods, then the COVID-19 pandemic. Christmas 2020 saw even more Santas at gateways. With true Aussie humour, many roadside Santas appeared for Christmas along Duramana Road, Turondale Road all the way to Turondale and along the Bridle Track once more. Each Santa was recorded in this book with a short rhyming verse.

- 3. AUSSIE SANTAS (Special editions)**



Special enlarged 30cm x 30cm Hardback Editions with 100 pages in each book. **Book 1 (\$50) & Book 2 (\$50) plus \$20 p & p or included if both volumes purchased to 1 address.**

Using images from the paperback Aussie Santa books, two beautiful hardback volumes have been produced for that "special present". With full colour photos and quirky rhymes "Aussie Santas of Bathurst" is becoming a tradition in this area.

- 4. THE BRIDLE TRACK TO OLD HILL END**  
20cm X 20cm Paperback 32 pages, \$20 + \$5 p & p.

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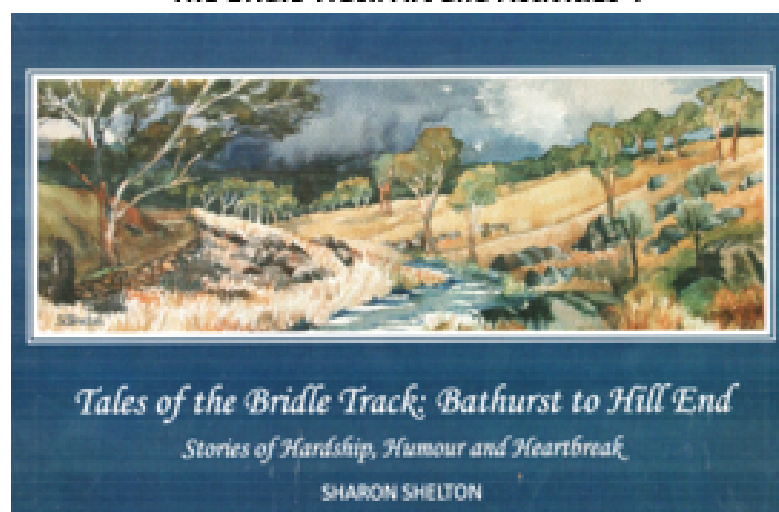


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