

History Happenings

Pine Mountain

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REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY



The Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Cricket Pitch Park on 11th November was well attended. About 50 people were present and a large number then enjoyed the morning tea in the park. Thank you to those who helped set up the marquees and the chairs before the event and assisted in clearing up afterwards.

On 26th November, there was a Mass held at St. Michael's Church for the Annual Blessing of the Graves. A large crowd attended and morning tea was held in the hall. The Historical Society showed items of local interest on their stall and sold books and maps.

2022 has been a busy and productive year for the Historical Society. We are lucky to have such a committed group of researchers and helpers.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mary Mahon

Pine Mountain Veterans

Following on from Remembrance Day Ceremony, the Historical Society is paying tribute to two young men from Pine Mountain who served their country, one who served in the First World War, and one who served in World War II.

Sergeant John Pacey BARNES



John Barnes known as Jack was born 30 January 1889 and his parents were John Barnes and Mary Ann nee Pacey.

His brother, Private Edward Patrick Barnes also served. John's occupation was a drover and his marital status was single.

John enlisted as a Private on the 31 August 1914 in Brisbane, Queensland and served with the AIF unit 2nd Light Horse Regiment, A Squadron.

The 2nd Light Horse Regiment embarked from Brisbane, Queensland, on board Transport *A15 Star of England* on 24 September 1914. John's age at embarkation was 25 years. His Regimental Number was 124 and his War service was in Egypt, Gallipoli and Palestine.

Fate: Rank appointed Sergeant, 10 August 1916; Wounded in Action Gallipoli, 21 August 1915; Killed in Action Rafa, Palestine, 9 January 1917; Burial Kantara War Memorial Cemetery. His name is recorded on the Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial Panel 3.



Ken struggled to find work but eventually found employment with the Ipswich Railway Workshop, he cut firewood on weekends to supplement his income but had a work accident and was unable to work. Ken passed away on 28th January 1982 in Hervey Bay, age 67.

Lest We Forget

Memories

Reminiscences by local residents about life in Pine Mountain in previous times.

Pat Devin (Doyle)

In 1950, Mum, Dad, my older brother John and I arrived in Pine Mountain.

I had never seen a phone before, so imagine my excitement when I found a phone on the wall in our new home. A couple of winds on the handle and Mrs. Sherlock would put you through to who you were after. She became very familiar with my number.

Watercress Creek flowed through our property. In places, the water was crystal clear, and in others, water lilies grew. I liked to sit and watch the Jew fish (Eel-tailed Catfish) heaping up pebbles to make their nests.

The power came through to our home in 1953, but before that, we carried around hurricane lamps and had kerosene lamps hanging from the ceiling. The wood stove kept us cosy and warm in winter, not just with its warmth but with the delicious food and beautiful cakes that Mum would make. To wash our clothes, the copper's fire was lit and stoked up – the hot sudsy water left in the bottom was great for scrubbing the outhouse and cleaning the verandas. Dad passed away when the power poles were being erected. It was hard to get excited about the electricity without Dad, but with the help of our friends and family, we managed. The biggest decision when the power was connected was what appliance to buy first; a fridge, a washing machine, or some milking machines would all be a great help.

We grew lots of things on our farm, including pumpkins and corn. In the drought, corn stalks, grass and other roughage were put through the chaff cutter and mixed with molasses to feed the cattle. Some of the cattle ate out of the troughs and others needed to eat out of nose bags to protect them from being pushed out of the troughs by the more aggressive and greedy cattle.

I had a pet pig once on the farm. It was the runt of the litter and was tiny enough to fit within a shoe box – which was where I kept it in front of the wood stove. I fed it with a baby bottle until it was old enough to drink out of a mug.

He surprised me one morning when I found him out of his box and sitting in front of the fridge, waiting for his morning milk. When he got a bit older and stronger, he slept downstairs with our dog. The pair were so cute together, both black and white. Eventually he was big enough to go back down to the pig sty. He cried down in the sty, and I cried in the house.

For school, I rode my horse and then eventually the train, I rode my horse to the Pine Mountain State School, and then rode to Borallon Station to catch the rail motor to Ipswich to go to St. Mary's when I was in high school. I had to catch and saddle my horse rain, hail, or shine for school.

Sitting on the lawn, Betty Edbrooke (Sherlock) and I would play our favourite records on our wind-up gramophone. We were known as blue-eyes and brown-eyes of Pine Mountain, and we could call up the radio station and request songs, all under our whimsical aliases.

I made my first communion in St. Michael's Church. Mass was held at St. Michael's late on a Sunday once a month after it was held at St. Joseph's in North Ipswich. As we had to fast from midnight the night before, everyone was hungry by the time Mass started, so after, we always had something to eat while we sat around and talked. St. Michael's Church is very well maintained and always beautiful.

Just down the hill, dances were held at the Pine Mountain Hall. Everyone rocked up well dressed and ready to dance the night away – hopefully with some good dancing partners. Supper was served at 10 o'clock and tea was brought around in a big steel tea pot. As well as the dances, there were the highly anticipated balls. That was when we really dressed up in our ball gown and stiletto shoes – the higher the shoes the better.

I enjoyed my time living in Pine Mountain and the friends I made there have been life-long. Some of my family still even live there. Every-time I go to Mass or visit my family, I am reminded of these events and the memories I made in Pine Mountain.

History Snippets

Origin of Place Names in Pine Mountain

Goodin's Gate

Joseph Goodin was born 30 Jan 1842 Cambridgeshire England to Joseph Goodin and Mary Ann Webb. Joseph married Mary (Polly) Bull (1849-1895) in 1873 Landbeach, Cambridgeshire. Joseph, Mary and their children Walter, Annie, Edgar

and Harold emigrated to Australia arriving Moreton Bay 6 Apr 1888 on the vessel *Merkara*.

The family took up land at Muirlea close to the Muirlea Railway Station. An unnamed laneway (now called Costello Court) ran beside Goodin's property from Pine Mountain Road and crossed the railway line. The gates where the laneway crossed the railway line were known as 'Goodin's Gate'.

The Goodin children attended Pine Mountain School. Later, Joseph's son Walter Goodman was Treasurer of Pine Mountain School Committee in 1914 as well as the secretary of the Pine Mountain Progress Association.



Pine Mountain School, 4-2-1930
Several of the boys in this photo are from the Goodin family.
Photo from Don Goodin

Walter lived at the farm at Muirlea for 23 years then took up the trade of boilermaker in the Ipswich Railway Workshops until he retired in 1939. Walter was also the Ipswich Secretary of the State Committee of the Workers' Educational Association and Secretary of the State Committee. His daughter Isobel was a teacher at the Ipswich Technical College. Mary died on 8 Oct 1895 Brisbane and is buried in Toowong Cemetery. Joseph died 31 August 1919 Eumundi on the Sunshine Coast aged 77 years and is buried at Eumundi where his son Edgar lived. His death is also noted on the gravestone of Mary at the Toowong Cemetery Brisbane.

Past Times in Pine Mountain

Qld Times, Ipswich Herald and General Advertiser (Qld 1861 – 1908) Sat 8 Sep 1906 Page 14

A GRAND SOCIAL will be held in the Pine Mountain State School on this

*Friday, the 21st September, in aid of St. Mary's Bazaar.
Gents, Is. 6d; Ladies. 1s.*

Pioneers and Early Settlers

Information about a resident of Pine Mountain who has made a mark on the district.

JOSEPH (JOE) RUSSELL 1818 – 1900

Joe Russell was born on 8th November 1818 at Bulwell, Nottingham, England. In his youth, he worked as a pit sawyer.

He arrived at Port Jackson New South Wales on 25 Oct 1837, on the convict ship *James Patterson*. Joseph was sent to Port Macquarie and then in 1837 to Moreton Bay where he was issued his Ticket of Leave in 1846 and a pardon in 1848.

Joseph engaged with a number of the early pioneers and explorers including Colonel George Barney, George Thorn, Andrew Petrie, Dr Steven Simpson, Ludwig Leichhardt, the Leslie Brothers Patrick and Leslie, Sally Owens, Rev. Dunmore Lang, James Warner and others.

At times, Joe assisted with tribal conflicts with the Aborigines. He took part in the return of Durrimbi (Duramboi) from his fourteen years with the Fraser Island Aborigines, accompanied explorers, was a timber cutter, pit sawyer, a shearer, a prospector, bush carpenter, butcher, bullock driver, fencer and splitter.

As a sawyer, Joseph helped cut timber at Woogaroo which was used for the Queen's Hotel on the corner of East and Brisbane Street Ipswich and Dr Simpson's house (Woogaroo Cottage).

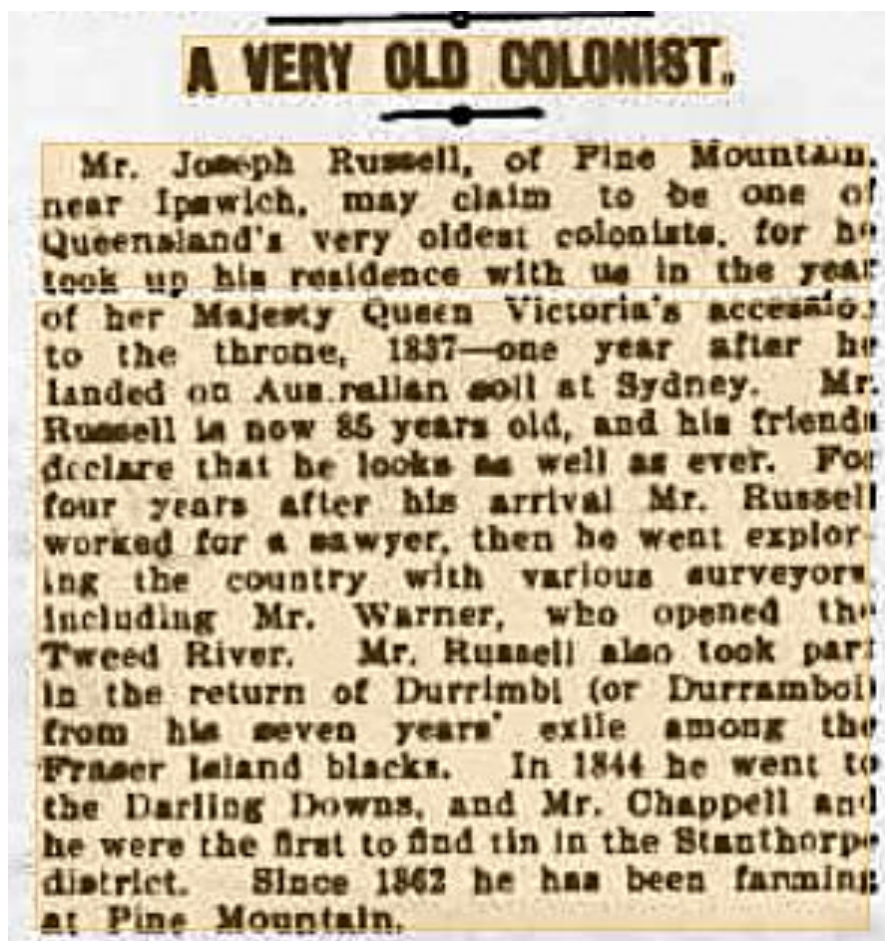
Joseph came to Pine Mountain in 1862 aged 44, where he took up shingle splitting until the land was opened up for settlement.

Joseph married Catherine Geary, an Irish orphan who had arrived in Australia in 1850 after her parents died in the Potato Famine. They were married at the Drayton Courthouse in 1851. Catherine was 17. They had four children, William, Harriet, Joseph and John.

Joseph is listed as a farmer in Pine Mountain in 1874. He stayed on the farm for the rest of his life. In his retirement after 60 years of service, Joseph was nominated to receive state aid (pension) 'for his hard pioneering service to the state.'

A VERY OLD COLONIST

Mr. Joseph Russell, of Pine Mountain, near Ipswich, may claim to be one of Queensland's very oldest colonists.



Joseph died 21 Sept 1900 at his home at Pine Mountain. One of his sons took over the running the land after his death. Catherine died on 15th Oct 1920 aged 85. Both Joseph and Catherine are buried in St Peter's Anglican Cemetery, Pine Mountain.

Russell's Road Pine Mountain was named after Joseph Russell. His home where he lived, worked and died is still standing today but the property has been sold.

Research by Colleen Engel

Membership of the Historical Society

New members are welcomed to join the Society. We host ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day Ceremonies at the Cricket Pitch Park at Pine Mountain each year. The rest of the time is taken up with exchange of ideas and historical research.

Meetings are held once a month in the Rural Fire Brigade Shed at Pine Mountain.
Afternoon tea is supplied.

Membership Form

Membership of the association is open to all persons aged 18 years or older,
having an interest in Pine Mountain history.

I would like to become a member of the Pine Mountain & Districts Historical
Society Inc. I understand that as a member I am bound by the Rules and
Constitution of the Society.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

My connection with district is _____

I would like to receive information on upcoming events and
Publications. **Yes** **No** (*Please Circle*)

Forward to: **The President**
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