



**Pine Mountain & Districts
Historical Society Inc.**

History Happenings

Pine Mountain

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The year is progressing quickly, and the Historical Society is preparing for the Remembrance Day Service at the Monument at Pine Mountain on 11th November.

Also in November, the Annual Blessing of the Graves will be held at St. Michael's Church, organized by the Ipswich Catholic Parish. Members of the Historical Society will attend the Mass and the morning tea afterwards in the Pine Mountain Hall. The Historical Society will have a stall with items of historical interest for people to view.

The book being researched and compiled about the early settlers of Pine Mountain is almost ready for publication. Researching and writing several other books on aspects of local history and particular families of the district are continuing.

Mary Mahon

Memories

**Reminiscences by local residents about life in Pine Mountain in previous times.
Laurie Pointing and Nell Wiseman (Sherlock)**

Laurie Pointing

As a boy on the farm at Pine Mountain, my main interests were horses, cattle and cricket. In those days the Mountain had a very good cricket team: however, because the district was a farming community they were nearly always a player short each Sunday. Consequently, I nearly always secured a game. Pat, who is several years older than me, was a permanent member of the team and was the wicket-keeper and opening batsman.

Another benefit at the Sunday cricket game was a beer or two if I played well. Naturally this made me play and concentrate harder. There were some very good players at The Mountain in those days. To name a few: Billy Hill, Danny Sherlock, Len Russell, Tom Russell, Les Brockie and his brother Colin, and Jack Shepherd. Jack was a hard hitting right hand batsman who would just stand and deliver. He could belt a ball over the fence without moving his feet.

I have painful recollections of the follow-up to one Sunday's cricket game. I had been absent from school on the Friday through sickness. During the match, one of my schoolmates asked me if I had done the week-end homework. I informed him that I had not and added that, seeing that I was absent on the Friday, I had no intention of doing any week-end homework. On the Monday morning, I realized that at the time of making that statement, Mr Webcke, my school teacher, was sitting behind me. Six "cuts" with the can made me realize that you should look before you leap.

Excerpt from *When I Left the Dairy Farm* by Laurie Pointing AM – Retired Assistant Police Commissioner, Qld. Police

Nell Wiseman (Sherlock)

St Michael's Church Pine Mountain - Blessing of the Graves

*Near a quaint little church with its graves all around
Sits a Columbarium nestled on the ground.*

*No pebbles bought to scatter around
No pebbles to fall on the ground.*

*Established in 2015 there's no battle to keep it clean.
A wise and practical decision formed in year 15.*

*Come November it's our time to remember
How welcome all are,*

*As we open our books and assemble around,
Praying for all souls in St Michael's sacred ground,*

*With holy water sprinkled all around
It falls like dew drops sparkling the ground.*

*It's now just so right in everyway
For God's love to stay and stay*

*On our special November's Blessing Day.
Come what may.*

History Snippets

Origin of Place Names in Pine Mountain

Borallon



**Borallon C17 983 Steam Engine.
Photo by Graham Watkins**



**Site of Borallon Railway Station 2021
Photo by Mary Mahon**

Excerpt from a previous Facebook post in 2018.

Pine Mountain & Districts Historical Society Inc. Historian, John Rossiter has been working with representatives of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail (BVRT) to research the meaning of the name Borallon. The research led to St. Ives, Cornwall in the U.K.

Borallon was named by the former Acting Railway Commissioner, Mr. Francis Curnow, who was born in the locality of Borallon in St. Ives, Cornwall. He named the Railway station of Borallon in the Brisbane Valley after his birthplace.

The strongest reference to support this is the testament of Mr. J.T. Hill, whose family was one of the founders of the Borallon district. In an article published in the Queensland Times in 1915, Mr. Hill stated: "As regards the name Borallon, many people seemed to think that it was an Aboriginal word. That was not so. It was the name of the birthplace of Mr. F. Curnow (a one-time Railway Commissioner), Borallon in Cornwall."

J.T. Hill was a notable figure during his time, with many approaching him to document the history of early settlement of Borallon and Pine Mountain.

Author A.W. Reed's publication references "Borallin" as "plenty of prickly trees", which could refer to the local hoop pines. However, Reed states that "Borallin" is a Western Australian Aboriginal term.

The information that Pine Mountain & Districts Historical Society Inc. Historian, John Rossiter sourced from Cornwall in the U.K. indicates the origin of the former Brisbane Valley Railway Line/ District Name of "Borallon".

Past Times in Pine Mountain

Queensland Times, Ipswich Herald and General Advertiser (Qld. 1861 – 1908)

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IPSWICH POLICE COURT.

Friday, December 5.

(Before the Police Magistrate, the Mayor, and Mr. James Foote.)

ASSAULT.

Archibald McDonald appeared to answer a charge of having assaulted William O'Donnell, on the Pine Mountain Road, on the 25th ultimo.

Mr. Chubb for complainant, and Mr. Macalister for the defendant.

Mr. Chubb

William O'Donnell, farmer and mail-contractor, residing at the Pine Mountain, deposed that the defendant resided near the Pine Mountain; on the night of the 25th ultimo. Witness delivered the mails at the Ipswich post-office, and was returning home about 8 o'clock, in company with Patrick Gilshanen; when about half-way home overtook the defendant on the road; did not speak to him; Gilshanen, who was some ten or twenty yards behind, came up and entered into conversation with defendant; witness rode ahead by himself for a little more than a mile, when the defendant and Gilshanen came up; some conversation ensued.

Witness asked defendant to put his name to the hospital list, which was nearly closed; he told witness that he had subscribed otherwise, and that he had given witness money before, and had never received any account of it; witness told him not to use such insulting language to him, and added that if he had gone to the hospital he would have seen his name on the list; witness also said that he thought it was mean for a man to wish to have his name published in the newspaper for every trifle he gave in charity; he said he would let witness see whether it was mean or not, at the same time striking him on the shoulder with his fist, and attempting to pull him off the horse.

Witness got clear of him, and said, " McDonald, I don't want to have anything to do with you," and rode ahead ; defendant remained a minute or two, and then he shouted out, "You are gone, but I will soon pull you up again;" he then rode furiously

past witness, and stopped in front of him on the road; he drove witness back by rushing his horse against witness's, some eight or ten yards; witness got off his horse to lead him past defendant; the latter also dismounted; witness asked defendant, "How dare you stop me, McDonald, on the public highway?"

He received no answer, but got a stroke on the forehead with some heavy hard substance which, from the glimpse witness got of it, and the feeling caused by the blow, witness believed to be a stirrup-iron with the leather attached; witness was knocked down, and on rising again was unable to see from the blood flowing into his eyes from the wound, which bled very profusely; defendant then knocked witness down again; could offer no resistance, not being able to see; got up a second time, and was knocked down a third time; believed the second blow to have been done with the instrument, and the third was a blow from the flat; witness did not remember how he got on his horse, but remembered riding home.

He sent for Dr. Dorsey, who came and attended to the wound; witness was five days confined to bed; suffered a great deal of pain; the sight of the right eye was affected, but it was improving at present; witness gave defendant no provocation for the assault, further than what he had stated; the present was the second assault committed by defendant on witness.

Mr. Macalister

Gilshanen must have seen the most of the occurrence; I did not give my horse to anyone to hold; I think he was standing in the middle of the road; I got into town about 5 o'clock that day; it was half-past 9 when I got home; the place is called Brown's Camp where I got off my horse, about a mile and a half from my house; Gilshanen, defendant, and myself were riding in company; I never lifted my hand to defendant, save to push him off me; I did not strike defendant because I did not get the chance; I attempted to strike him, and he struck me with a stirrup-iron.

I did not try to strike defendant the second or third times on which I was knocked down; I thought it a fit reason to ask alms for the hospital at that time of night; I had some drink that evening; I do not know whether the defendant had any or not; there was no talk of a bottle on the road.

By Mr. Chubb: I was sober that evening, although I say I had had some drink.

By the Bench: I was quite sober at the time.

Dr. Dorney deposed that he was called on the night of the 25th ultimo to attend the complainant; visited him between 3 and 4 o'clock next morning; found him in bed with a wound on the right temple, two inches long, extending to the frontal bone, which had bled profusely; witness dressed the wound and stitched it; gave directions for treatment, and left; the wound was an incised one; most wounds are calculated to do bodily harm; a wound is more dangerous about the head than one of the same extent about the body; the bone was not exposed; the true skin was out; the appearance of the wound would not lead one to believe it to have been caused

by the fist; witness believed it was caused by something harder than knuckles ; the wound was gaping; it could not have been caused by a straight blow.

Patrick Gilshanen deposed to the circumstances of the case as related by the complainant. He did not see the first blow struck, but heard "the crack" of it, and saw complainant fall; advised the defendant to go home and not interfere with the complainant.

Mr. Chubb submitted that the case was one for a committal.

Mr. Macalister contended that the evidence did not show that the case was of such a nature as to be sent before a jury.

The Bench decided that they would deal summarily with the case.

Mr. Chubb then summed up the evidence, to which Mr. Macalister having replied.

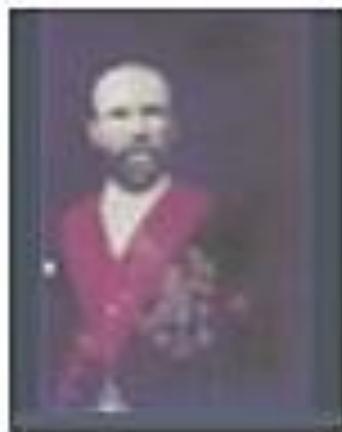
The Bench found the defendant "Guilty," and ordered him to pay a fine of £1 18s. 6d., with costs amounting to £3 1s. 6d. - in all, £5; in default of payment one month's imprisonment.

Pioneers and Early Settlers

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

JOSEPH MAYFIELD – 1853 – 1928

Principal of Pine Mountain School, 1883 – 1889



Joseph Mayfield

Joseph Ridley Mayfield was born on 11th October 1853 in Staffordshire, England. On 13th June 1856, Joseph married Eliza Atkiss, also of Staffordshire. They had three children. In 1883, the family travelled to Port Phillip Bay, Australia on the ship the "Altcart". Joseph and Eliza were unassisted immigrants; and his occupation was recorded as "schoolmaster".

Joseph and Eliza and family went to Queensland, where Joseph gained employment at the Normal School (all boy's school) in Brisbane. In 1st July 1883, Joseph was appointed to the position of Headmaster of the Pine Mountain School, where he worked for the next 6 years, before being transferred to Roma.

Eliza died on 21st April 1884 at her home at Pine Mountain, and was buried in the Anglican Cemetery, Pine Mountain. On 1st January 1885, Joseph married Rosina Harris at St. Peter's Anglican Church Pine Mountain; and they had nine children.

Ipswich Herald and General Advertiser (Qld: 1861 – 1908) Thu 29 Jan 1885 Page 2

On the 1st January, at St. Peter's Church, Pine Mountain, by the Rev. W. F. Clark-Kennedy Joseph Ridley Mayfield, head teacher Pine Mountain State School, to Rosina, eldest daughter of John Clark Harris, of Pine Mountain.

In April 1886, Joseph called a meeting at Pine Mountain School, where an association was formed – The West Moreton Teacher's Association (WMTA). John Scott was the President, and Joseph Mayfield was the Secretary. It later became known as The Queensland Teacher's Union.

In 1889, Joseph was transferred to Roma, where he remained for the next 31 years, retiring in 1920. Joseph retired to Brisbane where he continued to be a strong voice on educational and community pursuits.

Joseph died on 17th November 1928, aged 75 years; and is buried in the Toowong Cemetery. Rosina died on 26th May 1932, aged 95 years, and is buried with her husband at Toowong.



Membership of the Historical Society

New members are welcomed to join the Society.

Membership of the association is open to all persons aged 18 years or older, having an interest in the history of Pine Mountain and surrounding districts. Your subscription will help to support the Society research and document local history before it is lost.

In addition, we host the annual ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day Ceremonies and other events at the Cricket Pitch Park at Pine Mountain each year.

Meetings are held once a month in the Rural Fire Brigade Shed at Pine Mountain, where we exchange information and historical research. Afternoon tea is supplied.

Our newsletters are forwarded to all members, especially to members who do not live in the district or are unable to attend meetings.

If you enjoy these newsletters then we encourage you to support us by joining our Society.

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*)

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