

FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER

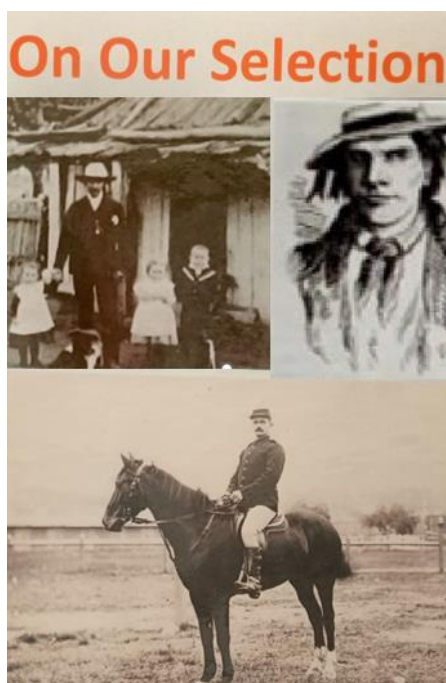
ACT FAMILY HISTORY – SPECIAL EVENT

On our Selections – District Life of the 19th Century is now open for viewing at the Cook Community Hub. Volunteers from the Hall Heritage Centre, Peter Browning & Alastair Crombie have curated this exhibition which is an insight into the life of European settlers on the Limestone Plains from the 1820s to Federation.

By the 1850s an increasing number of free settlers and pardoned convicts created a need for land. The exhibition explains the changing land selection processes including land grants, conditional purchases and Federal Capital acquisition and rural leases.

The exhibition will be launched on Tuesday 7 February at 7pm at the Family History ACT monthly meeting. Peter Browning will speak about the exhibition and a selection of early pioneering families. Guests are welcome, but seating is limited, so if you wish to attend, please register through their website:

<https://www.familyhistoryact.org.au/eventspublic>



NANCY TINGEY VISIT



Nancy Tingey & Alastair Crombie with donated items

Nancy Tingey was a mover and shaker for Hall history and heritage way back in the seventies and eighties, setting up the Hall Historical Society as a branch of the Canberra and District Historical Society. The Society laid the groundwork for eventual heritage listing of the Hall precinct, winning a grant to carry out a heritage assessment.

Nancy called by on January 3 to donate to the Centre a number of books and drawings of, or inspired by Hall. The books included copies of the 'classics' - Smith, Gillespie, Winch, and the authoritative book on Australian quilts and quilting which included information about a number of local examples. Our warmest thanks to Nancy for this gift. When the items are accessioned they will be kept in the Library.

Back on the job for 2023

Looking for a rewarding volunteering
experience?

Come along & join the troops at the Centre on
Thursday mornings and/or Sunday afternoons