

# Toomey Family Reunion Newsletter

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## *The Reunion is Nearly Here*

The Toomey Family reunion for the descendents of Jeremiah Toomey is now just four weeks away. This is going to be a wonderful opportunity to renew old friendships, reminisce with family, explore the family history and of course meet members of the family that you may never have had the opportunity to meet in the past.

The response since the last newsletter has been staggering. There is now a confirmed 118 people (including children and toddlers) coming which will make this a very special event for our family, and we know you will have a great time.

## *On the day*



The reunion will begin at 9:00 am on Sunday the 25th of April at the Gatton Sports Centre. When you arrive at the hall, please make your way inside where there will be a Name Tag waiting for you. At the same time you will be asked to pay for your Gatton Lions Club meal tickets - two tickets – smoko and lunch, \$12.50 per adult, \$8.00 per child between 5 and 12, and free for children less than 5 years of age.

This will cover the cost of both morning tea and lunch. Please bring along your own drinking water and soft drinks on the day.

The Reunion venue is being provided at a cost of \$210.00 for the day. To help recover this cost, a special donation bucket will be placed near the entrance and your small gift of a gold coin would be appreciated.



After receiving your Name Tag please make your way to where you will have your photo taken. Your photo with name tag will be used to boost the Family History archives and to help identify everybody for our large group photograph. If you have any photos or memorabilia that you would like to share with the family, a table will be set up where each photo, etc, will be scanned or digitised and again recorded for our family history. A Family History Chart will be displayed showing all the known descendants of Jeremiah Toomey and it would be appreciated if you would let us know at the time if you see any errors or omissions on the chart.



A CD of our reunion will be developed from the information gathered leading up to and during the reunion. The CD's will be available several weeks after the reunion. To purchase a copy of the Toomey Family Reunion CD, please pay \$5.00 and provide your mailing address at the Reunion.

## *Formal Events*

These will be kept to a minimum with our (flexible) timetable for the day:

1. 09:00 – Gatton Sports Centre Opens
2. 10:00 – Morning Tea
3. 10:45 – Days Activities – Allen McFadzen
4. 10:50 – Official Welcome – Shirley McFadzen
5. 11:00 – ANZAC Day Acknowledgement – Allen McFadzen
6. 11:05 – About our forebear Jeremiah Toomey – Rex Toomey
7. 11:20 – Other Speeches (Frank Toomey and Len Reisenleiter)
8. 11:40 – Closing – Allen McFadzen
9. 12:00 – Lunch
10. 16:00 – Day Ends

## *The Two Sons of Jeremiah Toomey*

Jeremiah Toomey surprisingly only fathered two boys, James Henry (born at Windsor NSW in 1835) and John (born at Wollombi NSW in 1838). James married Sara Jane Morton in 1862, the daughter of the manager of Grubbin Station.

They had six children but James died young in 1886 (aged 51 years) at Cootamundra NSW from typhoid. John married Ellen Duckworth at Singleton in 1866 and they were the parents of 13 children. They worked on the building of the Great Northern Railway and returned to Quirindi NSW where they spent the remainder of their days. John passed away in 1917 and Ellen in 1931.



Pattie Rowe from Bracken Ridge, Qld, has generously provided the above photograph of both John and Ellen Toomey taken around 1910.

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