

Toomey Family Reunion Newsletter

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Hello Again!!

Well here we are with the second edition of our Toomey Family Reunion Newsletter. Thank you to everybody who said the reunion was a great idea and have indicated they will be attending. It is going to be a special day for our family, so make sure you have marked it on your calendar or diary. I also apologise for getting Frank Toomey's address wrong and for the incorrect address of the reunion. Please note the venue is located off Spencer Street, Gatton, opposite Ballantine Street – check the web site for a map and updated newsletter #1.

About the Gatton Sports Centre...



As previously mentioned the reunion will be held in the Gatton Sports Centre (Spencer Street, Gatton) and Frank Toomey has generously provided some photographs of the venue.

The photograph at left shows the Gatton Sports Centre building with the parking area in the front.

The photograph at right shows the other side of the Gatton Sports Centre where the reunion will take place. The kitchen and scullery are closest to the steps and inside there is a large hall with seating and tables. All the seats in front overlook the Gatton Showground.



Who were these Toomey people?

In the 19th century, they were pioneers, counterfeiterers, farmers, war heroes, unionists, boxers and railway workers. Please let me know if you have found an ancestor with another occupation which we can add to the list.

Why Gatton for the Reunion?

Gatton is located 90 km west of Brisbane about 104m above sea level and was one of the earliest settlements in Queensland.

It was here in Gatton over one hundred years ago that Francis Toomey, son of John Toomey and Ellen (nee Duckworth) married 'Minnie' (Halruna Matilda) Baumann on Wednesday, 22nd July, 1908 in St. Stephen's Church of England, Ma Ma Creek.



*St Stephen's Anglican Church, Ma Ma Creek, Gatton Shire.
www.chapelhill.homeip.net/FamilyHistory/Photos/Ma_Ma_Creek/*



*Wedding Portrait of Francis
Toomey and 'Minnie' Baumann.*

All of Frank and Minnie's children were born in the Gatton area and the family remained there until after the 1930's when the children started moving away to other areas of Queensland and even to New South Wales.

Do you have any unidentified photos? Please send a copy to me and I will put them together into a photo album and hopefully someone at the reunion will know their names!

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