



# MUSEUM WITHOUT WALLS

## MANDURAH COMMUNITY MUSEUM

### Edward Henry and Henry Hastings Hall

#### 1830

Edward Henry Hall arrived in Western Australia aboard the *Protector* in February 1830. With him was his wife, Sarah Theodosia and their six children, a seventh child was born after arrival. He also brought servants and a shipload of stores and equipment. His servants included a carpenter-wheelwright, a blacksmith, two female servants and six apprentice boys. He arrived well prepared with a range of trade tools, household equipment, plants and livestock.

#### 1831

Initially, the Hall family lived in the hulk of a wrecked ship which they bought in Fremantle and stored everything in. He wrote to the government requesting land allotments in Fremantle and Rottneest. Later Henry built a house in Fremantle and experimented with vegetable gardening.

#### 1832

In June 1832 he took up a land grant totalling 16 720 acres; 16 394 acres were situated four miles south of the mouth of the Harvey River; 200 acres on the western bank of the inlet opposite 'Peeltown' and the remainder being small blocks in Fremantle. He took with him eight staff to start building, fencing, roadmaking and clearing and cultivating the land. His wife, Sarah, remained in Fremantle.

Mrs Hall returned to England with their two elder children so that they could go to school and she could sort out family finances.

#### 1834

By 1834 Edward Hall was living in Mandurah on his 200 acre property across the Estuary at a place we now know as Hall's Head. Sarah Hall returned to Western Australia and joined her husband.

#### 1836

With eighteen members of his household to look after and a lot of bad luck, Henry Hall ran into financial trouble. Word of his financial situation spread and all those that had extended him credit summonsed him. He left Mandurah and went to Perth. He put his land up for auction so that he could pay back those he owed money. He also dismissed servants and sold all equipment, but retained the 200 acres at Mandurah.

While living in Perth he brewed beer, acted as an agent for persons in the colony and practised medicine. It is believed that he had some medical training from England. Sarah Hall ran the Perth Hotel, which was in St George's Terrace until 1843.



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Henry Hall returned to England to release money from his estate. While he was gone, he appointed Sarah his legal agent and she stayed in Perth with her five youngest children. Within that year she was engaged in a legal battle over the Mandurah property. When Captain Stirling left the colony, Governor Hutt took over and he began reviewing land to determine whether individuals had developed the land according to the agreement. He deemed that Henry Hall had not done so and Sarah fought a hard battle to keep the property which she eventually won.

#### 1843

Henry Hall puts his family property in England up for auction. Sarah Hall advertises the Perth Hotel for sale. Their son, Henry Hastings Hall and daughter, Sarah Louisa return to Perth. They brought with them a number of packages of goods to sell in the colony. They set up a shop.

#### 1844

Henry Hastings advertises that he intends to leave the Swan River Colony and requests that all outstanding accounts be settled. He returns to England.

#### 1846

Edward Edward and Henry Hastings return to Perth. Henry Edward purchases the property, *Wungong*. They established the property with an extensive orchard of 40 different fruit trees including olives.

#### 1852

William Shakespeare, Anderton and Henry Hastings went to the Victorian Diggings. Anderton did not stay for long, returning to WA to take up farming at *Wungong*. William stayed in Victoria for eight years.

#### 1858

Mrs Hall died.

#### 1859

Henry Hastings Hall returned from the Eastern States. Henry Edward and his sons continued to develop Dedallah, the 200 acres at Mandurah and moved there around this time.

Henry Edward Hall died.



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#### **1860**

Henry Hastings sold *Wungong* and moved to Mandurah to live at Dedallah. He farmed the property with his brother, Shakespeare. Anderton moves to Byford with his wife.

#### **1862**

Henry considered the idea of salting, pickling and smoking mullet, snapper and herrings for the Eastern Colonies, but the market was not large enough and Mandurah was too remote from other markets to make it viable.

#### **1864**

Henry had bad luck when his timber station was robbed and a hut was burnt down.

#### **1867**

Henry Hastings married Dora Peel.

#### **1869**

A fire destroyed Henry and Dora's house and most of the contents.

#### **1870**

Henry Hastings purchased a 10-ton boat for trading to and from the Murray. The sand bar closed in winter 1870 and he leased the craft to someone in Fremantle who wrecked it on the bar at the mouth of the Swan River during its first trip.

#### **1870**

Leslie Peel Hall was born.

#### **1871**

Henry Hastings goes bankrupt and is forced to sell *Dedallah* to Henry Sutton. He stays on at Hall's cottage until 1872 when they build a house near the ruins of Thomas Peel's house.

#### **1879**

Henry Hastings Hall died.

