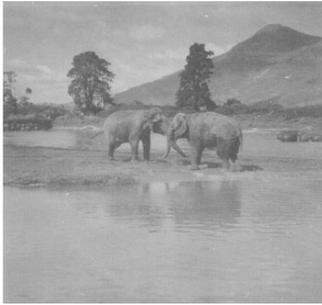


Profile

Mulgrave Settlers Museum M&GSQ Standards Program 2007



1939 Mulgrave River, Gordonvale -
Elephants from a visiting circus



Mulgrave Settlers Museum
Blacksmith Workshop (collection
donated by the Harris Family)



World War I wallet and memorabilia
from local Ken Alley

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'Did You Know' – intriguing facts about the Museum & its collection

- ◆ The Museum collection includes a soft drink bottle from the first soft drink manufacturer in Gordonvale (then Nelson). The bottle features the manufacturer's trademark *M.Muir Nelson Qld.*
- ◆ The Museum collection includes an early 1900s wages book, and mill ledgers showing farmers accounts, from the Mulgrave Central Mill.
- ◆ The Museum collection includes a girls' fancy dress costume from 1924 printed with the news of the day at the local Cairns Post Press. The calico dress began life as a suit printed for a gentleman for a special occasion, but during the Depression it was recycled into a dress, reflecting the ingenuity and skill of local needlewomen.
- ◆ The Museum collection includes a linen table cloth, embroidered with the signatures of the guests at an Anglican Church function in Gordonvale during WWII. The signatures include those of the 503rd American Paratroopers, who were stationed in Gordonvale during the war.

Our Profile

The volunteer operated Mulgrave Settlers Museum is set amongst the sugar cane fields of Gordonvale and displays objects and stories relating to settlers in the area. Displays include Aboriginal, miners, and timber cutters exhibits, realistically set against a rainforest backdrop, painted by a local artist; and, furniture and homemakers aides in the pioneer women's domain, demonstrating the ingenuity and craftsmanship of the era. A receiving store display relates to Packers, who transported supplies by mule train to early miners in the Atherton Tableland. Significant objects in the collection include: a fully equipped blacksmith's shop; a hundred year old gunpowder log splitter; a linen tablecloth bearing signatures of guests, including American 503rd Paratroopers, who attended a church function during the second World War; a collection of memorabilia and medals from first World War local identity Ken Alley; and, a newsprint calico dress. *The museum is located next to the Mulgrave Central Mill at 60 Gordon Street, Gordonvale, some 20km south of Cairns.*

What the Standards Program has meant for our Museum

- ◆ Participating in the Standards Program has increased our awareness of standards of museum work on a day-to-day basis. Now we often get together to plan our activities and improve communication.
- ◆ Recognition of the significance and value of objects and the museum collection. We have selected five objects of significance from our collection that will be of great assistance in promoting the museum in the future.