



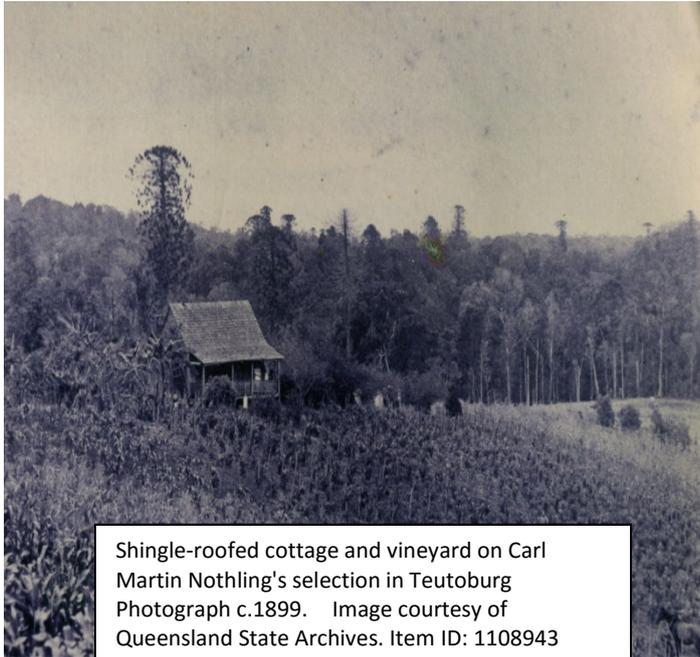
FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

07 October 2016

Return to Teutoburg Wald

Noosa Parks Association Friday Environment Forum on October 7: **Steve Chaddock** is the guest speaker, when he will discuss a unique cultural heritage event, **Wittafest**. For the last two years the local community of Witta has held Wittafest, and this year they are focusing on local historical stories about 'Teutoburg to Witta' – the first generation of the 20th Century 1900 up to 1929.



Shingle-roofed cottage and vineyard on Carl Martin Nothling's selection in Teutoburg
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Steve is an archaeologist and anthropologist whose career in cultural heritage in the UK and Australia spans three decades. He is currently a PhD candidate in Heritage Studies at the University of Queensland.

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German immigrant families settled part of the Sunshine Coast Region west of Montville around 1887.

They called the hamlet Teutoburg, possibly referring to the Teutoburg Forest area in Germany. The town was renamed Witta in 1916 during World War 1 due to anti-German sentiment.

The town and locality of Witta had a population of 1,230 people in the 2011 census. The locals boast that the town has the best view of the head of the Mary Valley that gives rise to the Mary River. However what has really put Witta on the map is the history.

Join the audience on 07 October at the Noosa Parks Association Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive Noosaville this Friday to find out about pioneer life in Witta illustrated with historical photographs. Friday Environment Forum commences at 10.30am while coffee and a chat are on offer at 10.00. For those interested in an interpretive birding walk before the forum, meet Valda in the Environment Centre car park at 8.30am.



Wittafest

All welcome.