

Dear Sue,

We have received your letter re your inquiry of that of your grandfather, Kittles Johannes Tronerud. My husband Michael who is a keen photographer was fortunate to be given the photographic glass plates that were formally the property of your grandfather.

It was because of this we became associated with the name of Tronerud. On reproducing these glass plate negatives we soon discovered they covered a vital part of King Island, past, depicting the period between 1900 and 1911. the glass plates were given to us by Mr John Shipworth a farmer on King Island. John's father had bought your grandfather's camera and glass plate negatives. John Shipworth had sold the camera to another Island resident, but we have since been able to purchase it and it is now housed in the King Island Museum along with your grandfathers reproduced photos.

After reproducing the photos, mounting them and finding out the history of each plate, Michael held an exhibition of 100 of the photos on King Island. The exhibition later went on display in the Queen Victoria Museum in Launceston for two weeks. During the opening of the exhibition we did meet two ladies, who were daughters of Tronerud.

Your grandfather certainly left his mark on King Island, he was a superb photographer and the history recorded in his photos is priceless to the island.

Dorothy Crow