

Sweet memory^s of friendship.
M^{rs} ^{To} ~~Kelly~~ and M^{rs} Tom Haddleton

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
No. — never while we^{er} here.
For ties of friendship top the lot
And is forever dear?

We have two special friends right here.
Both were the first born whites
They^{re} grown up here and pioneered
And battled for lifes rights?

Thank for these brave old pioneers
Whose work has been well done
And helped to make our Township
A pride to look upon?

Thus with their work and courage shown
Despite the ups and downs.
We still extend, though time has flown.
Our friendships goodly crowns?

by
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on behalf of all old acquaintances.

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Dear Muriel,

I've often heard Rol speak about Tom Haddleton, "the first White baby to be born in Katanning..." If it's the same Tom as in this (after-dinner?) testimonial, you might find it of interest.

Just how it came into my hands shows just what a big village WA is.

About twenty years ago I was helping demolish an old residence in Mt Lawley to make room for a row of smaller town houses. Evidently a deceased estate and, I guess, the heirs had taken everything of value except for some tatty old books which were in a bin ready for the tip...I picked 'em over and found an elderly art book which I brought home for Val.

Years passed until a couple of days ago I was looking for some information, hunted around her half of the library and took down this volume. Opened it up and found a reference to Tom, evidently written towards the end of his life - the late 1920s?

Whatever, it may be of interest to you. Failing that, perhaps the Katanning archives/Historical Society collects such things?

As ever,

Mike

Rol knew Tom was alive
in the late thirties.

Muriel