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Taking a trip back in time

To get you in the mood to produce a holiday review, let me tell you about the exciting event I attended during the school break. As you have no doubt worked out from the accompanying photographs, I visited a farming estate.

In fact, I stayed there for several days with a large group of family members. We have an annual family reunion, and this year it was held at an amazing property in the Northern Midlands, not far from Campbell Town. The homestead you can see in the photo above has 10 bedrooms and is almost 200 years old. While 200-years is nothing compared to Tasmania’s Aboriginal heritage, staying on this property still felt like stepping back in time.

Portraits on the walls, the original stables, and even a blacksmith’s forge, all made me wonder about the people who had lived on the property and farmed the land surrounding it.

Enjoying the amazing view of the valley surrounding the South Esk River, and Ben Lomond in the distance, I also wondered about the connection of Tasmanian Aboriginal people to this land.

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