

## **William Piquenit**

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William Piquenit. We have one of his paintings in the Hunters Hill Community Art Gallery. "Fishing on the River"

He is a well-known Australian artist and his works are displayed in major state galleries around the country.

William was born in Hobart 27 August 1836. His father had been transported and his fiancée, that's William's mother, followed him to Hobart.

William became a cartographer working for the state government. Eventually, he left to become a full-time artist. His paintings in oils and watercolours received many favourable reviews. He is looked upon in some circles as the painter of Tasmania although his paintings are in major state galleries across Australia.

In 1880, William moved to Sydney to live in Hunters Hill where he lived for the rest of his life. He is noted in our historical walks booklet and there is a brass plaque on the ground outside his studio and dwelling in Avenue Road.

Williams Piquenit's subjects included the Darling, Nepean, Hawkesbury and of course the waterways and bush around Sydney. In particular he was interested in painting around the Lane Cove River area.

William died 17 July 1914 and he is buried in the Field of Mars cemetery.