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### A Message from the President

The work of the Fellowship returned to full swing this month. It is very heartening to see so many enquiries coming in from prospective members, not only here in Australia but from overseas, particularly from England. Some of these have been directed to us by the High Commissioner, proof that our Fellowship is becoming very well known indeed.

On Thursday 11th March I visited Panania North School, to present prizes awarded in the Australia Day Competition, and was warmly welcomed. I addressed the Assembly, and it was wonderful, during question time, to realise the genuine interest the children have in the beginnings of our Nation. Unfortunately, very little is taught in the schools on this subject.

On 12th March our Secretary, Mrs Joan Ross, and I were received and entertained at morning tea by our Patron, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Roden Cutler. I feel that it is a compliment to the Fellowship to be received in this manner.

Our Lecture Night this month was devoted to slides on a visit to China, and all present voted it "fascinating" (details appear elsewhere in this Newsletter).

On Saturday 20th I addressed a seminar held in Bankstown Town Hall by "Women in the Community" on the subject of "The Hardships of Women in the Early Colony."

Sunday 21st March saw another milestone reached by the Fellowship when Mr Justice Else-Mitchell, President of the Royal Historical Society, unveiled the first plaque to be placed on a First Fleeter's grave, that of Henry Dodd, in St John's Cemetery, Parramatta. It was a lovely afternoon, and approximately 70 people, including representatives of Parramatta Historical Society, attended. I was pleased to also welcome Rev. Canon Loane, who offered a prayer of thanksgiving.

Mr Justice Else-Mitchell requested me to extend his congratulations to all members for this effort, and he hopes we achieve our goal of placing plaques on all "First Fleeter" graves. It was quite an honour to have him with us and to entertain him, together with our members, at afternoon tea at Parramatta Leagues Club after the unveiling. I extend sincere thanks to all who worked so hard on this project.

Beryl Lewis.

### William Broughton First Fleeter Prize

In the listing in the February Newsletter of the award winners in the 1976 Australia Day Schoolchildren's Competitions, Ruth Blair's name was omitted from the names of the donors of the William Broughton First Fleeter Prize (history quiz award). Mrs Blair's name should have appeared with those of Mrs Bailey and Mrs Maxwell. Editor's apologies, Ruth.

## New Members

The following new members have been welcomed into the Fellowship:--

Mr John Robert Norvill (Andrew Fishburn).  
Mr Raymond King, St Ives (Philip Gidley King).  
Mr Graham Ryce, Clunes, N.S.W. (Matthew Everingham).  
Mrs Alma Reynolds, Wahroonga (Anthony Rope).  
Mr Milton Clayton, Croydon (William Broughton).  
Mrs Jann McLennan, Coledale, N.S.W. (Eleanor Frazer).  
Mr Jonathon King, Balmain (Philip Gidley King).

## China

On Wednesday 17th March the second lecture in the 1976 series took place. A most interesting and informative address was presented by Mr John Barclay from the School of Librarianship, University of New South Wales.

Mr Barclay was one of a group of Sydney educators who visited China in January of this year. He presented a series of slides illustrating various facets of Chinese life, ranging from education and medicine through to political, historical and cultural aspects.

Of great interest were several slides showing operations performed with the assistance of acupuncture; the system of tunnels and shelters built under cities (Peking being able to be evacuated in two hours); and the beautiful buildings and monuments preserved from the past.

The next lecture will be given by Mr Dudley Oakes on 21st April. His topic will be "Anzac Day 1975."

Tric Cairns.

## Inaugural Get-together at Port Macquarie

Interested members are advised that a meeting of the descendants of Jeremiah Warlters will be held over the Queen's Birthday holiday weekend at Port Macquarie.

Jeremiah Warlters married the daughter of Charlotte Meredith at Port Macquarie, and thus all descendants would be eligible for membership of the Fellowship.

Any member interested is invited to contact Mrs H. Goodwill, 83 Savoy Street, Port Macquarie 2444 (telephone 831 248) before the end of April for further information.

## Bath and Arthur Phillip, RN

The following letter dated 18th February 1976 was received from Mr John Vivian, of Vivian & Mathieson (architects), of Bath, England, who was associated with the Bathampton memorial to Captain Phillip:--

"Thank you very much for your letter of 12th February.

"Your kind remarks are much appreciated, and I look forward to meeting members of the Fellowship whenever they visit Bath. If you have any kind of annual meeting or contact by post, please tell your members that I would be delighted to meet them if they wished to let me know perhaps a day in advance of their arrival.

"I will keep in touch on the possibility of an Australian Centre or other appropriate project in Phillip's last home at 19 Bennett Street. I have in mind that such a scheme should be completed by 1988, so that we in Bath can celebrate with you in Australia the bi-centenary of the Sydney Cove landing.

"May I take this opportunity of saying how sorry we are to read of the appalling floods in New South Wales and Queensland."

Mr Vivian's address is 1 Belmont, Bath BA1 5DZ, Avon, England.

### Argyle Annual Celebrations

A further reminder of a date to remember -- Saturday 1st May, date of the Argyle Annual Celebrations at The Rocks.

This year's Celebrations are the 8th, and it is a real fun day. The Argyle Place Village Green is the centre of activities, with some form of entertainment there from about 10 am until 5 pm.

The unique period costume parade, which will comprise about 80 sections and more than 1,000 people, and which will be led by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, begins at 12.30 pm at Circular Quay West, moves along Pitt Street to Hunter Street, thence back down George Street and will terminate at Argyle Place.

The 1976 Governor of the Rocks will be officially installed by the Lord Mayor on the Village Green, to the accompaniment of a cannon salute from Observatory Hill by the Colonial Re-enactment Society.

The Fellowship, of course, will once again have its own stall there. This is the only day of the year when we sell goods to help both the charities in The Rocks area and our own finances. We again ask members to donate anything saleable -- white elephant goods, jams, china, etc. (If possible, not cakes, as too many other stalls have cakes.)

Members are also asked to come along in period costume and take part in the procession, marching behind the Fellowship banner. This year we will probably be walking in the procession, although transport may yet be arranged.

See you all at The Rocks on the 1st of May!

### National Conference on Genealogy

The following letter has been received from D. W. M. Grant, President of the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies, of Hampton, Victoria:-

"It is the intention of the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies to hold a National Conference on Genealogy and Heraldry for three-four days, tentatively during Easter 1977 at a venue in Melbourne.

"All genealogical and heraldic organisations in Australia and New Zealand are being approached to take part in this conference, the first of its kind ever held in Australia. It is possible there may be some representation from the U.S.A.

"Your organisation is cordially invited to participate in this conference and we welcome suggestions as to the presentation you would like to make or on the format of the conference. For the conference, papers could be given on each Society's activities and/or include workshop, seminar or panel activities. We would appreciate an early indication of your ideas and the nature of your organisation's participation.

"Further advice will be forwarded as details of venue, exact date and costs become available, and we will naturally welcome members as well as official representatives of your organisation at what we hope will be a milestone for genealogical and heraldic activity in Australia and New Zealand."

Address of the A.I.G.S. is P.O. Box 89, Hampton, Victoria 3188.

### Tric Cairns as Lecture Convenor

This Newsletter omitted to mention previously the recent appointment of Mrs Tric Cairns as Lecture Convenor. Tric is already doing an excellent job. Her latest report is on the previous page of this Newsletter, and a list of some coming Lectures is on the next page. She is the daughter of Roy Kable, another hard-working member of the Executive. As may or may not be known, the previous Lecture Convenor, Mrs Val Ross, resigned the position to concentrate on writing her book on Matthew Everingham and the Hawkesbury District.

### Some Coming Lectures

- 21st April -- Mr Dudley Oakes, "Anzac Day 1975."  
19th May -- A/Prof. Cliff Turney, "Pioneer Teachers and Their Schools?"  
16th June -- Mrs B. Graham, "North Sydney."  
21st July -- Mr Vaughan Evans, "Early Colonial Craft."  
18th August -- Mr Bert Weston, "Nauru."

The lectures are held in the Fourth Floor Board Room of the Assembly Building in Margaret Street. For the benefit of new members, the entrance is via the lift at the Jamison Street entrance of the building. Lecture Nights are Wednesday nights, and lectures commence at 8 pm. Visitors are welcome. Afterwards we all adjourn for supper in the Fellowship's office, Room 312 on the Third Floor.

### Bookcase Wanted

The Fellowship is still in need of a bookcase for its office, Room 312 in the Assembly Building. An old-style bookcase is what is needed, and preferably should lock. Either as a donation or for purchase, if necessary.

### Onus of Proof

Potential members of the Fellowship should know that the onus of proof of lineage lies with them, not with the Membership Committee. In most cases, particular death certificates will give the information needed.

### "Horsley," New South Wales

Readers will recall that instalments of an article by Bert Weston on "Horsley," Surrey, appeared in the issues of April, June and July 1975. At the end of the July instalment, the property had been bequeathed to one Henry Weston in 1749 as a mark of admiration by its owner, William Nicholas, because of self-sacrifice on Henry Weston's part:

"When Henry Weston assumed ownership of the manor he was a bachelor aged 70, but soon afterwards he married wealthy Anne Copperthwaite, and fathered a son Henry and daughter Anne before dying 10 years later.

"The Westons then held ownership of "Horsley" for the next 170 years until it was bought after World War I by Lady Cooper, who sold it in 1931 to Lord Crewe. Lord Crewe carried out extensive restoration of the residence and grounds; his widow the Marchioness of Crewe is still the owner.

"Having established the connection between "Horsley" and the family of Weston, it is of interest now to follow their ancestry through and down to their connection with New South Wales. Once again the Norman Conquest in 1066 comes into the picture when one of King William's knights, Ralulphus de Weston, was granted 29 hiles of land (over 2,000 acres) in newly conquered England.

"Several generations later, through Ralph, Walter and Alan de Weston in turn came Sir William de Weston, who married Lady Joan de Pontisse; for the next seven generations a succession of William Westons carried the family on through the reigns of Edward I, Edward II, Henry V, Henry VI and Edward IV, most of them holding positions as High Sheriff and Escheator to the King for Surrey and Sussex.

"In 1483 died the first of a generation of six successive John Westons, each inheriting the estates of Ockham and Sende. The last in this line died in 1712, and was followed by his son Henry, who, as mentioned, was bequeathed "Horsley" by William Nicholas in 1749. (To be continued)

Coming Events: 21st April, lecture by Mr Dudley Oakes.  
1st May, Argyle Day, The Rocks.

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