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From the President

Arrangements are now well in hand for the Ceremony at Liverpool Memorial Cemetery. The date is Sunday 14th August, at 2.30 pm, and I look forward to seeing as many Members as possible on that occasion. As you probably know, the graves to be marked on this day are those of William Broughton, Frederick Meredith, Eleanor Fraser and Nathaniel Lucas. I sincerely thank all Members who have sent donations for this project, and a list of donors will be printed in next month's Newsletter.

It was my privilege to address Balgowlah School for Seniors during the past month. Such a happy group of people, all over 50, learning crafts to occupy their time, and very interested to hear about our Fellowship.

Those of you who watch "Monday Conference" on Channel 2 may have seen some familiar faces on 20th June. I had an invitation to take a small group to form part of the audience. It was certainly an interesting experience.

The Fellowship has received an invitation from the Kangaroo Valley Historical Society to attend the official opening by the Premier and Mrs Wran of the reconstructed George Walker Bridge at Kangaroo Valley on Sunday 31st July. A coach has been arranged, and tickets are available from myself (telephone 709 8974). Some Members have already booked their seats. Maximum cost is \$8 per person, but the more who come the lower the price. The coach will be leaving York Street at 9 am on the day. Incidentally, among the official guests will be Professor Cable, President of the Royal Australian Historical Society.

Dr Peter Reynolds was our guest speaker this month, and we are all much wiser now on his subject, "Balmain". It was a pleasure to listen to him and good to see so many present on a midwinter evening.

In conclusion, it is good to have our Treasurer, Mr Ray Meredith, back on deck again. We are all delighted with his recovery.

Beryl Lewis.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday 28th September 1977 at 7.30 pm.

Place: Usual Lecture venue - Board Room, 4th Floor, Assembly Building, City.

Nominations: Must be with the Secretary, G.P.O. Box 4441, Sydney, no later than Wednesday 31st August 1977 (Rule 15).

Notice of Motion: Must be with the Secretary no later than 15th August 1977 (Rule 35).

Membership Report

The Membership Committee are pleased to welcome the following new Members:

Mrs Wendy F. Brown, Como West. (Matthew Everingham)

Mrs Suzanne Wheatley, Seven Hills. (Joseph Hatton)

Mrs Christine Goodchild, Ryde. (Joseph Hatton)

Benjamin M. Wheatley, Seven Hills. (Joseph Hatton)

Note: The telephone numbers to ring for inquiries regarding membership are - Mrs Mary Bailey (43 4075); Mrs Naida Jackson (892 8014).

Archives

Many thanks go to Members who already have sent in contributions to the Archives. During the first years after the formation of the Fellowship, we received some well-documented "proof of eligibility" plus other interesting family matters. In more recent years we have had additions to these . . .

To Mr W. Fishburn, a descendant of Andrew Fishburn, we express thanks for his contribution. Andrew Fishburn died early, but we now have evidence showing his role in the earliest years, and from numerous certificates from the Registrar General's Department we learn so much about his son William and his descendants. A Family Tree is included among his papers.

Mr G. Squires is another Member who is to be congratulated and thanked also for his immense research. One of his ancestors, William Saltmarsh, who was a very young man, left the colony at an early date, and his son William married the daughter of another First Fleeter, Mary Phillips. This research involved prolonged examination of original manuscripts in the Mitchell Library, with a follow-up of research in Tasmania.

Mr Squires has also sent in a large amount of information concerning another First Fleeter who is not his ancestor but which is of great value to the Fellowship. Facts about any First Fleeters are most welcome.

You, too, will have information that warrants preservation, so please do not hesitate to send to our Archives any information, however small a snippet, which could help to build up the story of your family.

Proposed Archives Team. Volunteers do not need any experience in researching. Just some time. If you are interested in this aspect of the Fellowship's activities, please ring 969 2084.

Mary Thompson.

Plaques on Graves

As mentioned in the President's Report, the date for the marking of graves at Liverpool Memorial Cemetery is Sunday 14th August. Also well in hand are arrangements for plaques to be affixed to tombstones in St John's Cemetery, Parramatta. This will take place later in the year. List of names to be published later.

The "Old Concord" District

The Concord Historical Society, in tracing the history of that area, have asked for the Fellowship's assistance, as some of the first grants there were given to First Fleetres. Unfortunately the material in our Archives at the moment is too scant.

Below is a list of people in whom Concord Historical Society is interested, so that Members who can help in this matter can send in to us this information which can then be inspected by the Historical Society. Apart from the historical facts, they would like to have photographs of portraits of these people.

ROUSE, William	BRADBURY, Joseph	MILLER, William
HEWIN, Isaac	LANHAM, Charles	DAY, Thomas
BURN, Stephen	HUDSON, Sgt Major Richard	
HOTTEL, James	DAY, Sgt William	HARRISON, William
POWELL, Edward	FROSSER, Sgt John	WESTNEY, Charles
BRAY, John	BREWER, Henry	ROBERTS, John
MEREDITH, Frederick	BROUGHTON, William	TYLOR, Thomas
CREW, William	FERGUSON, Alexander	CRANE, Samuel
RILEY, Edward	URCH, Benjamin	FERGUSON, ?
MORGAN, William	COLE, William	WILLIAMSON, James
FRAZER, Eleanor	GREEN, Mary	TUCKWELL, Q/Master
MILLER, John	HUDSON, Richard	Richard
BUTCHER, Ben	BRAY, Mary	RADFORD, Sgt John
FLEMING, Joseph	DONALLY, Simon	WEST, Sgt John
BISHOP, Thomas	SHAW, Shadrock	WEBB, Thomas

"Matthew Everingham, First Fleeter"

Many Members have been asking when Val Ross's book "Matthew Everingham, First Fleeter (Including a Hawkesbury Story)" is likely to be published. Well, the book should be finished by the end of the year and published during next year. Notice will be given in this Newsletter, and order forms will be sent to everyone for whom the author has an address. Would anyone who has not yet sent full details regarding births, deaths, marriages and maiden names of spouses of all descendants, please do so as soon as possible. (Val Ross, 75 Douglas Street, St Ives 2075. Telephone 44 5941).

Book on Balmain

Any Member wishing to know something of one of Australia's classic historical mysteries should read "Half a Thousand Acres: Balmain, A History of the Land Grant," by P. L. Reynolds and P. V. Flottmann. This hard-covered book of 148 pages and 25 illustrations is available from the Balmain Association, P.O. Box 57, Balmain 2041 for \$9-95 plus \$1 handling costs.

Death of Prosper Kable

We regret to announce the death, at the age of 52, of Prosper Kable, Member of the Fellowship and brother of the former President of the Fellowship, Edgar Kable. Prosper Kable was badly injured in a car accident while on his way to Edgar Kable's funeral, and suffered a subsequent heart attack. The Fellowship extends sincere condolences to his family.

A reminder about the coach trip to the Kangaroo Valley on Sunday 31st July. See President's Report on Page 1 for details.

Inscription on Governor Phillip's Grave

Mrs I. Pogson, a Member of the Fellowship and an aunt of the President, received from friends recently a copy of the inscription on Governor Phillip's grave. The friends copied last year.

ARTHUR PHILLIP
1738 - 1814

Founder of Australia & First Governor NSW
Undeneath Lie the Remains of
Arthur Phillip Esq
Admiral of the Blue
Who died 31st August 1814
In his 76th year.

Alfo of Isabella
Relict of the above
Admiral Phillip
Who died 4th March 1823
In the 7First year of her age.

According to Mrs Pogson's friends, the unusual spellings in some of the words as given above are as appear in the inscription.

Heart Operation for Youngest Member

The youngest member of the Fellowship, Benjamin Mark Wheatley (Joseph Hatton), aged 10 weeks, has recovered from a massive heart operation at the Children's Hospital, Camperdown. It was only the fourth time this operation has been performed at the hospital, and Benjamin is the youngest child to have survived the operation. His parents and all his relations thank wholeheartedly the team at the hospital that made this possible. Benjamin's mother, Mrs Brian Wheatley (nee Higginbotham), is also a member of the Fellowship, as is his grandfather, Mr Arthur Higginbotham.

Derryn John Kable Tunks

The following has been supplied by Mrs Mary Caldwell, a descendant of Henry Kable:

The birth of my grandson may be of interest to First Fleeters. The details are as follows: Derryn John Kable Tunks, born June 18, 1977, to Mary and Phillip Tunks, both Members of the Fellowship.

Little Derryn, like his brother Phillip Jnr and his sister Rebecca, is a 7th-generation Australian on the Kable side and an 8th-generation Australian on the Tunks side.

Phillip is a descendant of Tunks (or Tonks) who came out in the First Fleet, and Mary is a descendant of Susannah Holmes and Henry Kable. In the manner of his forebears, little Derryn was born at home.

It may also be of interest to know that the name John has been in the family continually since at least 1780.

Coming Events

July 31st: Coach Trip to Kangaroo Valley.
August 3rd: Lecture, Dr G. Burgmann, "Earliest Years in the Colony."
August 14th: Ceremony at Liverpool Memorial Cemetery.
September 28th: Annual General Meeting.

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