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### From the President

Quite the most exciting event this month has been the release of the book "The First Fleeters". Printed by the Australian Documents Library in co-operation with the Fellowship of First Fleeters and edited by Paul G. Fidlon and R. J. Ryan, with additional research by Mrs Joyce Cowell, Archivist for the Fellowship of First Fleeters. I was honoured to write the foreword. The book, a comprehensive listing of convicts, marines, seamen, officers, wives, children and ships, is a beautifully professional publication and we are delighted to be associated with it. Copies are obtainable from the Fellowship at \$4-50, or \$5 posted. We hope all Members will avail themselves of this offer, and it can also be invaluable to your friends doing research. I commend it to you all.

It was my pleasure to attend the Annual Pilgrimage to St Philip's, Church Hill, on Sunday 1st February, and as usual it was an inspiring service. On 11th February the Women's Pioneer Society were kind enough to entertain me as their Guest Speaker at Luncheon. Their beautiful clubrooms were well filled, and it was a pleasure to speak to them, as requested, on the Fellowship of First Fleeters and my recent visit to Portsmouth. Then on 20th February I addressed another School for Seniors, this time at Artarmon, called "The Friday Friends". They were a very interested group of ladies and I always enjoy these groups, they are vital people in search of knowledge, and from the Fellowship point of view I am bringing our Fellowship before many hundreds of people and new Members are the result.

During Heritage Week, 23rd to 27th March inclusive, our office will be open every weekday from 10 am to 4 pm and on Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm. A Membership Committee member will be in attendance each day to help prospective Members. Do tell your friends of this. Heritage Week will end on Sunday 29th March with a closing ceremony on Observatory Hill in the afternoon. This Fellowship will conduct a stall on Observatory Hill from 1 pm, and Members are asked to come along in period costume. Other historical groups will be represented on the occasion.

Members are requested to submit articles of interest for inclusion in the Newsletter. Family History or General History items will be most gratefully received. Even "Letters to the Editor" will be considered. A section on Members' Queries (involving family research) will be included if there is sufficient response.

I am pleased to report that our popular Treasurer, Mr Ray Meredith, continues to improve, and we all hope to have him back on deck in the very near future.

Beryl Lewis.

## Membership Report

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new Members of the Fellowship of First Fleeters:

NAME	SUBURB/TOWN	ANCESTORS	TYPE
Mrs Elsie Burgess	Ashfield	Eleanor Fraser	Full Membership
Miss Tara Chalmers	Artarmon	William Tunks + Hugh Hughes	Junior
Miss Kate Chalmers	Artarmon	William Tunks + Hugh Hughes	Junior
Mrs Pamela Drew	Dalby, Q.	John Small - Mary Parker	Full
Mrs Ann Frazer	Winston Hills	Nathaniel Lucas - Olivia Gascoigne	Full
Mr Edward Garth	Edenhope, Vic.	Edward Garth - Susannah Garth + Jacob Bellett	Full
Mr Stephen Garth	Hawthorn, Vic.	(As above)	Full
Ms Christine Garth	Glen Iris, Vic.	(As above)	Full
Master Jarrod Garth	Wantirna, Vic.	(As above)	Junior
Miss Alison Garth	Wantirna, Vic.	(As above)	Junior
Mr Gregory Garth	Wantirna, Vic.	(As above)	Full
Mr Cecil Herbert	Gunnedah	John Herbert - Deborah Ellam	Full
Mrs Carolyn Jeffriess	Baulkham Hills	William Nash - Maria Haynes	Full
Mrs Joan Moore	Cambridge, N.Z.	William Tunks + Hugh Hughes	Full
Mrs Rosemary McKinnon	Brookvale	John Small - Mary Parker	Full
Mr Peter Nash	Greystanes	William Nash - Maria Haynes	Full
Dr Oakley Small	Burra, A.C.T.	John Small - Mary Parker	Full
Mr Keith Small	North Turrumurra	John Small - Mary Parker	Full
Mr John Weekes	Newport Beach	William Douglas	Full
Mrs Betty Willison	Concord	Eleanor Fraser	Full
Mr Peter Southwell	Pacific Palms	---	Associate
Mrs Jennifer Cox	West Ryde	---	Associate

Mrs Joan Maitland, of Greenwich, and Miss Fay Douglas, of Wollstonecraft, previously accepted as Members through descent from John Cross, have now proved descent also from William Douglas and Mary Groves.

In the February list of new Members Mr F. Nathaniel Lucas's first name was wrongly shown as Francis. We have made the necessary correction to Frank in our records and apologise to Mr Lucas for the error.

Membership Committee.

## February Lecture Evening

The first Lecture Night for 1981 was a successful evening, with many of our Members attending.

The speaker, Mr Vincent Crow, History Master of St Mary's Cathedral School, and Research Officer for the Ashfield Historical Society, in 1978 wrote an interesting booklet, "Haberfield, the Development of its Character".

The lecture unfolded with the discovery and settlement of the area later known as Haberfield. In February 1788 Capt. J. Hunter and

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Lieut. P. King journeyed up the Parramatta River and discovered the inlet now known as Iron Cove. In 1803 the area was granted to Lieut. Nicholas Bayley of the N.S.W. Corps. The area comprised 480 acres and was then known as Sunning Hill Farm.

In 1826 Sunning Hill Farm was sold to Simeon Lord for £850. He renamed the property Dobroyde. Lord later gave the property as a dowry to his daughter Sarah Ann and son-in-law Dr David Ramsay. Their contribution to the area was the foundation of a Presbyterian community, and after Dr Ramsay's death Sarah carried out plans for the site of a church, manse, public school and family vault. In 1862 the school was opened named Yasmar (Ramsay spelt backwards). Years later Richard Stanton's Haberfield Estate had the strong impact upon the district's history in the 20th century.

Real estate agent Stanton bought 50 acres and named the estate after his wife's maiden name. The streets in this estate were Turner and Barton Avenues, Forrest, Kingston and O'Connor Streets and Hawthorne Parade, also Dalhousie and the southern side of Waratah Street.

Mr Crow brought slides of the old homes, and described the two major architectural designs of these houses: "The Federation Style" from the English Queen Anne Style revived in Britain in the 1870's by Norman Shaw.

These houses had these characteristics -- the roof gabled and high-pitched made of slate or terracotta tile; the use of casement windows and leadlight in the upper part of the door. The main materials were brick and wood, and the houses were asymmetrical with a complexity of design. In the late 19th century came nationalism to the Australian design.

The Rising Sun motif was used in gables: the Australian Army has used the "Rising Sun" emblem since 1904. The Australian Coat of Arms was sometimes depicted in plaster in the central gable. In some houses kookaburras and the waratah are centred in casement windows.

We were shown an A.B.C. film on the subject of the preservation of these historic homes. Mr Crow stated in an A.B.C. interview the importance of the conservation of Haberfield's character. This has been achieved in 19th-century-developed suburbs such as Balmain, Glebe, Hunters Hill and Paddington, where houses not much older than those in Haberfield have been restored.

We wish Vincent Crow luck in his Haberfield crusade, and thank him for giving us a most enjoyable and interesting evening.

Sally Kalina.

Notes from the Library

A recent popular song from Mr Peter Allen should have reminded many of the role of Rio in the early voyages to Australia. Whether to catch the trade winds or for reasons of provisions and health, it has been estimated that as many as 70 per cent of the ships on the United Kingdom - Australia run had Rio as a port of call prior to the first decade of the 19th century. From 1789 to 1802 over 2600 Australian "colonists" called at Rio. Dr Rudy Bauss has now examined the Brazilian Archives for the period up to 1805 and has published an article on his findings.

Included as an appendix to the article are translations of the reports and related documents of the Portuguese Board of Enquiry in respect of the First Fleet. This Board examined each foreign arrival, determined its intentions, collected maritime information and decided the duration of Port Liberty (in the case of the First Fleet, 15 days). It was recorded that on board the frigate ("Sirius")

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there were 209 rank and file, 20 commissioned and non-commissioned officers of the land forces, 600 civilians, 200 women, 160 sailors and 20 marines, and that the whole fleet was bound for "New Wales of the South Seas".

The records also reveal a further facet of the character of Governor Phillip, for Dr Bauss records:

"Phillip had the added advantage of speaking some Portuguese because he captained a Portuguese ship from Lisbon to Rio de Janeiro and took part in naval actions against the Spaniards in southern Brazil from 1774 to 1776. The future governor, therefore, had significant knowledge of the Brazilian coast and an excellent background in dealing with the Portuguese ... some officials knew him. The authorities clearly treated the captain with the utmost deference. The Portuguese were aware that he had fought for their cause a decade before and consequently extended many courtesies to his crew, very rarely granted to foreigners ..."

In addition to these references to the First Fleet mention is also made of a number of other Australian-bound vessels using Rio as a port of call. In particular the sojourn of Philip Gidley King from 25th May to 13th August 1807 is referred to.

As with all works in the Library this article: Rudy Bauss "The Critical Importance of Rio de Janeiro to British Interests, with Particular Attention to Australia in Her Formative Years 1787-1805" Journal of the Royal Australian Historical Society (December 1979) Vol. 65 Pt 3 pp 145-172 may be read in, but not removed from, the Fellowship's Room.

The following two books have recently been donated to the Library, for which we extend sincere thanks to the donors:

"The Mills Brothers of Port Fairy", by Allen Broughton. This book is of particular interest to descendants of Nathaniel Lucas and Olivia Gascoigne and of general historical interest to others. Members wanting copies should send orders immediately to our Hon. Secretary enclosing \$3-50 plus 70c postage. Orders close on 30th April 1981.

"They Came By a Road", by F. V. Kable (Membership No. 1054). This is a very well-printed book with delightful illustrations in sepia. Basically concerned with the first road over the Blue Mountains, the wonderful skills of the pioneers, the will of the early explorers and the sheer hard work of the convicts. Unfortunately no price was given. If Members would like copies we will arrange with Vivian Kable.

Publications and Souvenirs Available

Journals (5 editions), 50c each plus 40c postage.

Full set of 5, postage 80c in N.S.W., 90c interstate.

Compiling Your Family History, \$3 plus 50c postage.

First Fleet Lists ..... \$2 each plus 50c postage.

Teaspoons ..... \$2 each.

Sugar spoons ..... \$2 each.

Cake forks ..... \$2 each.

Tea caddy spoons ..... \$2-50 each.

Key rings ..... \$2-50 each.

Car stickers ..... 75c each.

Lectures for 1981

18th March	--	Mrs Thea Rowe (Hosking) (Well-known Australian actress and First Fleeter)	"The Songs They Sang"
15th April	--	Mr and Mrs John McClymont (Historical Society lecturers)	"Edmund Blacket, His Life and His Church Buildings"
20th May	--	Open discussion evening.	
17th June	--	Mr Max Gosewinckel (Australian artist, and story-teller of Australian history)	"Early Sydney"
15th July	--	Sister Catherine O'Carrigan (Resident historian for St Vincent's Hospital)	"Some Nineteenth Century Australian- Born Medical Men"
19th August	--	Mr J. E. Toghill (Marine Consultant)	"The James Craig"
16th September	--	General Meeting.	
21st October	--	Dr Hazel King (Written papers for R.A.H.S. and author of "Elizabeth Macarthur and Her World")	"Elizabeth and John Macarthur, the Story of a Marriage"
18th November		Mrs Beatrice Bradley (First Fleeter and historian. Has addressed Armidale Historical Society on this topic; the paper was published in their Journal)	"A Short History of the Milford Family and the Milford Diary"

These lectures are held in the Fourth Floor Board Room of the Assembly Building, York Street, Sydney, entered by the Jamison Street entrance. They are held on the third Wednesday night of the month at 7.45 pm. Afterwards we adjourn for supper in our office, Room 312, on the third floor.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Mrs Sally Kalina (tel. 337 2499) for any further information.

Coming Events

Mar. 18: Lecture Evening, Mrs Thea Rowe, "The Songs They Sang".

Mar. 23-29: Heritage Week.

Mar. 27 (Fri.): Colonial Ball, Sydney Town Hall (7.30 pm - 1 am). A Heritage Week function. Organised by the Bush Music Club. Enquiries: Helen, tel. 630 1144 or Pat, tel. 569 7244. Tickets (\$12; pensioners \$8) from Henry Lawson Bookshop.

Mar. 29 (Sun.): Stall held by the Fellowship from 1 pm on Observatory Hill, as part of Heritage Week closing ceremony. Members please come in period dress.

Apr. 11 (Sat.): Lecture by Mr Keith Johnson, President, Society of Australian Genealogists, "A Study in Genealogy". 2.30 pm at the Amaroo Hall, Civic Centre, MacMahon Street, Hurstville. Further information: Dr D. J. Hatton, PO Box 104, Sans Souci 2219 (tel 587 9970).

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