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13th Annual General Meeting

The 13th Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship of First Fleeters was held on Wednesday 16th September.

The President, Mrs Beryl Lewis, sent her apologies for her absence. She is currently enjoying, with her husband, Howard, a holiday in the United Kingdom. One of her activities during her holiday is to represent the Fellowship as Guest Speaker at the Celebrations for Governor Phillip's birthday in St Nicholas' Church, Bathampton.

In the absence of the President, Vice President Roy Kable took the chair.

The following office-bearers were elected:

Vice Patron: Mr A. Ingham-Myers.

President: Mrs Beryl Lewis.

Vice Presidents: Mr Roy Kable, Mr Roderick Best.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs Anne Campbell.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr Ray Meredith.

Executive Committee: Miss Alice Clarke, Miss Ula Clarke, Mrs Joan Cox, Mr Lance Devine, Mrs Thelma Guy, Mrs Naida Jackson, Mr Ken Meredith, Mr Douglas Oakes, Mrs Enid Reynolds, Mr Geoffrey Squires. Nominated and elected from the floor: Mr Keith Lehane. (To replace Mr Len Chalmers, who resigned from the Committee for family reasons).

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm, and was followed by a talk prepared by Mrs Nell Sampson on James Bloodworth and read by Miss Alice Clarke, Mrs Sampson having sent her apologies.

From the President

On Saturday 8th August I attended the Ward Havard Memorial Lecture at Liverpool. Mr Vaughan Evans presented a particularly interesting talk, and an enjoyable afternoon tea was served. This Lecture is something to look forward to each year.

Mrs Anne Campbell (Hon. Secretary) and I were received by His Excellency the Governor at Government House, Sydney, on Monday 17th August. We were made most welcome, and I'm sure Sir James Rowland is a worthy successor to Sir Roden Cutler as our Patron.

It was good to have a member, Mr Keith Thompson, to present our August Lecture. Keith's talks on the outback, accompanied by really beautiful slides, are always a delight.

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During the past month I was a guest speaker for the New South Wales Justices Association, Bankstown Branch.

I hope many members saw the segment in "Four Corners" on Saturday 22nd August. Although the Fellowship was only featured for a few minutes it proved to be quite interesting.

I draw members' attention to the notice on Page 3 of this Newsletter re two stalls to be held in the near future. I appeal to all for your help, both for goods for sale and for help in staffing on these days.

Beryl Lewis.

### Membership Report -- September 1981

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new members:-

NAME	SUBURB/TOWN	ANCESTOR(S)	TYPE
Mr Bruce ARNETT	Girraween	Ann Forbes	Full
Mrs Jean M. BRADLEY	Girral	Nathaniel Lucas - Olivia Gascoigne	Full
Mr Raymond S. COLHOUN	Cronulla	James Squire	Full
Mr Peter G. CHRISTIAN	Cheltenham	William Tunks	Full
Mr Ian A. DONALDSON	Currabubula	Caroline Laycock	Full
Mrs Mollie L. HANSEN	Killarney Heights	James Bloodsworth - Sarah Bellamy	Full
Mr David M. HALLIDAY	Woollahra	Henry Kable - Susannah Holmes	Full
Mrs Helen M. HILDEBRAND	Beechwood	John Gowen	Full
Miss Kim HILDEBRAND	"	"	Junior
Mr Anthony LUCHETTI	Lithgow	James McManus - Jane Poole + James Bradley	Full
Mrs Valerie M. J. MURRAY	Briagolong, Vic.	Nathaniel Lucas - Olivia Gascoigne	Full
Mrs Mary B. COLHOUN, wife of Raymond S. COLHOUN			Associate (Spouse)
Mr Arthur S. JACKSON, husband of Mrs Eileen JACKSON			"

Mrs Joan ROWE has found a third First Fleeter (Thomas Acres) to add to her F.F. ancestors, William Nash and Maria Haynes.

Mrs Olive O'REILLY and her daughter, Mrs Pamela TRACEY, have also found a third First Fleeter (Ann Forbes) to add to their F.F. ancestors, Owen Cavanough and Margaret Darnell.

Membership Committee.

### 103rd Birthday

The Fellowship's oldest member, Mrs Ethel Hope Carruthers (Hugh Hughes), will celebrate her 103rd birthday on 28th September. Mrs Carruthers, nee Hughes, has lived in the same house in King Street, Eastlakes, for some 70 years. She will be celebrating her birthday with her family on the Sunday. On behalf of the Fellowship, the Executive Committee will be sending her a telegram of congratulations.

### Foreword to "The House That Were Built"

In the August Newsletter mention was made by the President to "The House That Were Built", by Eric Were, described by the President as "the most remarkable Family History". Printed by Lutheran Publishing House, Adelaide, the book is available from the author (\$14 per copy) at 116 Hancock Road, St Agnes, S.A. 5097. Here is the foreword to the book, printed by kind permission of the author:

Each one of us is an omnibus and the passengers we carry are the genes of our ancestors. Every person has two parents, four grandparents, eight

great-grandparents and so on. Go back for 20 generations and we each have more than 2-million forebears who have contributed to our heredity. The mind boggles, for it would be impossible to tabulate and study this vast ancestral army fanning back into the mists of time.

Ever since ancient man raised his first marker stone, painted his first cave picture, or made his first impression on a clay tablet, Homo sapiens has sought to say, 'I was here'. With hammer and chisel, artisans long since forgotten have recorded the nobility of kings and the exploits of mighty men. Papyrus and parchment have yielded their cryptic secrets, and out of the misty past those who have helped shape history make their short appearance on life's fragile stage.

Before the age of photography only the wealthy left their likenesses painted on canvas for posterity to gaze on and ponder. Their wills

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### Two Forthcoming Stalls

As mentioned in the President's Report, the Fellowship will be conducting stalls at two forthcoming events, details of which follow. Assistance from as many members as possible would be appreciated by your Committee. Those who can assist, please contact Mrs Naida Jackson (tel. 982 8014).

Bush Music Club Festival. The Bush Music Club is holding its 1981 Festival at the Addison Road Community Centre at 142 Addison Road, Marrickville, from Friday night 23rd October to Sunday 25th October. The Fellowship will have a stall, and we look forward to seeing lots of members there. The Committee would like members to help swell funds by contributing to the stall by providing goods to stock it (jams, sweets, novelties, etc; anything saleable) and in the way of helpers to man it. There is a very interesting programme for the Festival, including old Australian films, folk music, folklore, fancy dress, damper-making, face painting, picnic races, pony and coach rides, and a children's parade. Sounds good. Exact times not yet known; they will be given in the next Newsletter.

Heritage Week 1982. Heritage Week will be held from 22nd-28th March, 1982, at Observatory Hill. Unlike this year, we have plenty of notice, so we hope to have lots of support and contributions for our stall. We did very well this year at almost a moment's notice, so here's hoping for a good response, so that we can make piles of dollars for the F.F.F. Hopefully we will have many members to help sell all the goods. Don't forget it runs for a week.

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and other documents left a record of their social standing and way of life. The poor passed off the scene with perhaps an entry in a church register and in a generation or two they were barely a memory.

But there came marching into history a Frenchman with his magic box and his chemicals. Soon the local gentry were flaunting Louis Daguerre's photo-portraits on metal plate -- the 'mirror with a memory'. Then glass-plate negatives and improved cameras brought a spate of 'photographic artists' creating reasonably-priced portraits for the man on the street -- pictures fancifully mounted on cardboard to display on the what-not shelf, or to be carefully stored in leather-bound albums.

Now after several generations these ornate photo-albums are a treasure-trove of family history. Our 19th Century forebears stand or sit in serious pose with their Victorian dress, their side-whiskers, and their buttons and bows. They emerge from the past, ageless and serene, and our hearts stir a little, for are not their genes mixed with ours, and has not their pioneering given us roots in our land and influenced our life-style?

Aided by fading written records, these tantalizing pictures which tell

us so little and yet so much, come alive. Men and women with hopes and heartaches, and courage most of us know little of, step out of dusty frames to become flesh-and-blood people laying the foundations of family and of nation. It is to these forerunners -- these pathfinders in the maze of life -- that this book is dedicated.

#### For Family Research

The State Archives have published a series of guides to the archives to assist in original research. Also, they have published facsimile posters and maps and collections of historical documents. This should prove of considerable help to those doing family research. For more details, write to or call in at the Fellowship's office.

#### Donation of Bookcase

A "thank you" to Mr Jack Meredith for his generous donation of the bookcase for the Office.

#### Christmas Party

The Fellowship's 1981 Christmas Party will be held at the Weinkeller, Pitt Street, Sydney, at 6 pm on Friday 4th December. Numbers strictly limited. Bookings with Mrs Barbara Townsend (tel. 631 5339).

#### July and August Lectures

For the July Lecture we had as guest speaker Sister Catherine O'Carrigan, resident historian for St Vincent's Hospital.

Sister Catherine, an inspiring speaker, gave us another one of her most interesting lectures, the topic "19th Century Australian-born Medical Men". The lecture featured three outstanding doctors -- Dr Michael Clune, Dr George Lang-Mullens and Dr Frederick Milford.

These men were truly dedicated to their profession and gave so much of their time and worked with selfless dedication to the sick. They were idealists, often working in an honorary capacity without regular income from the Government.

Dr Clune, a graduate from Sydney University in 1868, introduced a method of treating spinal curvature. He tirelessly worked in treating smallpox victims and left his practice to attend to smallpox patients at Manly Quarantine Station, where conditions were hard, working under a tin roof which was an inferno in summer.

To obtain a medical education in those early days in Sydney was a great achievement, and Clune was an inspiration to all in the medical profession.

Dr George Lang-Mullens was born in 1862 and educated at Sydney Grammar, and was a student at London Hospital, a work-dedicated man. His Masters in Arts helped his ability to write valuable research work. Later, in 1888, he was appointed to the staff as physician at St Vincent's Hospital. He also lectured for St John's Ambulance, and he enjoyed the respect of patients and friends. Lang-Mullens wrote a famous book on anaesthetics, and was also a "systems" man, being the first doctor in Australia to use statistics.

As well, Lang-Mullens studied cancer causes and thought heredity was the chief reason for cancer. He donated many books and had a terrific scope in his research, including TB and public health. An exceptional man who wore himself out in his fight against many odds -- striving to help the sick. He died at 56.

The third doctor, Frederick Milford (1834-1902), was the son of Mr Justice Milford who, in the early years of the colony, filled the post of Chief Judge in Equity and the Supreme Court.

Milford studied medicine in London and on the Continent, where he obtained the M.D. of the University of Heidelberg. He was a member

of the College of Surgeons in England, as well as the Licentiate of the College of Physicians. At 24 he became a member of the staff at St Vincent's. He was an original member of the New South Wales Branch of the B.M.A., and in 1883 he was appointed lecturer on surgery in Sydney.

He campaigned for a better water-supply for Sydney, and spoke out about the inept drainage system where untreated sewage drained straight into the Harbour. He advocated getting water from outside the city instead of from the Botany Swamps. To aid the fight against typhoid fever he put forward a suggestion. Instead of allowing sewage to flow into the Harbour, he thought it should be temporarily deposited on the empty, rocky sandstone of Long Bay, and that before long the nightsoil might be carried out by tunnel reaching from Sydney to the ocean, and no longer contaminate Sydney's streets or the Harbour.

How prophetic these medical men were, and how devoted to the welfare of the citizens of Sydney! All the hours of research that Frederick Milford put into these problems certainly brought him no financial gain. The absence of fear was a leading feature of Milford's character. Quick-tempered and obstinate, he was nonetheless an honourable and gallant man, true to his friends, true to his convictions.

There could be so much more written in this report about these three medical men and their co-workers. Sister Catherine quoted at the conclusion of the lecture, saying: "The profession is the poorer by their death, and their compassion and zeal was a form of patriotism".

We thank Sister Catherine for coming to speak to us on this fascinating subject, and I feel I do not give the lecture justice in this brief report. A further thanks to Sister Catherine on the score that, by her dedicated research, she has made these honourable men live on in medical history.

August Lecture. Thanks, Keith Thompson, for coming to the rescue when Jeff Tognill (marine consultant) could not attend the August lecture.

Keith Thompson is no stranger to the Fellowship, and although very busy packed up all his paraphernalia and at little notice entertained and delighted us all. On Channel 10 on Sundays at 10.30 am he has a Bible programme which is for children from city to outback. This programme is called "Sing Me a Rainbow". His book, "Sketch and Tell", has been published on three continents.

He is one of us -- a First Fleeter -- and is dedicated to teaching outback children of Australia the stories of the Bible. With his intriguing sketches and magic writing, children and adults are fascinated by his charm and skill. We enjoyed the slides of the outback people and towns, which are a totally different world to city life.

Thank you, Keith, for coming, and we appreciated the sketches and the interesting slides.

Sally Kalina.

#### Publications Available

Journals (4 editions only), 50c each plus postage. Four sets, postage 80c in New South Wales, 90c interstate.  
First Fleet Book, \$4-50 (\$5 posted).  
Compiling Your Family History, \$3 (postage 50c).  
First Fleet Lists, \$2 each (50c postage).  
The Mills Brothers of Port Fairy. (2 copies only).  
They Came by a Road, by Viv. Kable. (Of special interest to the Kable family). \$5-50, posted.

#### Fort Denison Excursion

The Society of Australian Genealogists has organised an excursion to Fort Denison on Saturday, 3rd October. Cost: \$3 per person. Information on this and later excursions from Pat Gordon (tel. 27 3953).

Next year's Manly Colonial Day will be held at St Patrick's College, Darley Road, Manly, on Saturday 30th January.

A feature of the Day will be a prize of an inscribed Silver Salver for the Most Authentic entry depicting early Colonial dress by a group or an individual. The winner will retain the prize, and there will be a special personal award for the successful entry.

Tickets for entry to the ground will be available from the Office for \$1-50. The grounds of the College will be open from 11 am to 9 pm. Judging of Colonial gear will be at 2.30 pm.

#### Lucas Family Get-together

On Sunday 4th October this year the descendants of Nathaniel Lucas and Olivia Gascoigne are invited to a family get-together at Warragamba Dam.

The get-together will commence at 10 am. Please bring your own lunch. Barbecue facilities and hot water are available. All welcome.

For any enquiries, please contact Rhonda Kroehnert, 14 Fitzpatrick Crescent, Casula 2170. Telephone (02) 602 4657.

#### Small Family Annual Service and Gathering

All members of the "Small Family" are invited to the 10th Annual Gathering of the Family of First Fleeters John Small and Mary Parker, celebrating the 192nd anniversary of their wedding (12th October, 1788). Venue is historic St Anne's Church, Ryde, and the date 12th October. Service at 2.30 pm, with gathering in Church Hall afterwards, tea and coffee provided (families to bring a plate). Further information from Mrs J. Hooke, 14 Chisholm Street, Turramurra 2074. Tel 44 6675.

#### Name Bars, Souvenir Spoons, Etc.

Name Bars are available from Mrs Thelma Guy, Lot 14, Wallgrove Road, Horsley Park 2164, at the following rates:

Member's name and one First Fleeter's name	.....	\$2-75 each
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On blue or black background, please add 50c for packing and postage.

Souvenir spoons, sugar spoons, cake forks, \$2-50 each.

Tea caddies (spoons) and key rings, \$2-50 each.

Car stickers, 75c each.

Packing and postage charge of 50c for each order. These items may also be bought from the Fellowship's Office.

#### Obituary

We regret to announce the death on 19th August, 1981, of one of our members, Mr Neville Frost, of Dubbo. The Fellowship extends sincere sympathy to his widow, Mrs Joan Frost, and family. Mr Frost's First Fleeters were Anthony Rope, Elizabeth Pulley and John Summers.

#### Lord Howe Island Commemoration

In May, 1982, it is proposed to commemorate, on Lord Howe Island, the first survey of the island's resources and prospects carried out in 1882. Further details in a coming Newsletter. Further information at this stage may be available from Mrs W. Flint, "Congwarra", Tharwa, A.C.T. 2620.

#### Some Coming Events

Oct. 3: Fort Denison Excursion (Society of Genealogists).

Oct. 4: Lucas Family Gathering, Warragamba Dam.

Oct. 12: Small Family Annual Service, St Anne's Church, Ryde.

Oct. 21: Lecture, Dr Hazel King, on Elizabeth and John Macarthur.

Oct. 23-25: Fellowship Stall, Bush Music Club Festival, Marrickville.

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