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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Bicentennial year has certainly ushered in a new era for the Fellowship of First Fleeters. Two projects which I have personally nurtured over the past two years have come to fruition. These are: 1) A home for the Fellowship and 2) The incorporation of the Fellowship as a national organization. To top this off, during the week prior to our 200th Birthday, I received information from the N.S.W. Bicentennial Secretariat that our request for a Bicentennial grant had been approved, and that the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars would be given to us for computerization of our records.

What a wonderful start to the year! All of this augurs well for the future, and I feel that at last we have gained recognition as a relevant historical and genealogical organization. It is now up to each and every member to help consolidate our position. How about making a commitment now?

Incorporation of the Fellowship took place in January, and the Executive has now set the wheels in motion to incorporate in each state of the Commonwealth. The name "Fellowship of First Fleeters" and "First Fleet Fellowship" will, in future belong exclusively to our organization.

First Fleet House is now a reality and is situated at 105 Cathedral Street, Woolloomooloo 2011. Our phone numbers are 360-3988 and 360-3788. It is a two storey building, having a downstairs meeting room, annex and kitchen, whilst upstairs there are three good sized rooms, a bathroom and balcony. We have been able to purchase the property under the following terms. Purchase price was \$144,000, Westpac financed a loan of \$70,000 at Savings Bank Interest and the balance was paid in cash. A "Buy A Brick" Fund has been launched by the Executive in order to reduce our debt. Our current outgoings at the former premises were close to \$800 per month rental. Our repayments on our mortgage are \$933.00 per month, this now represents a challenge to the Executive and membership of the Fellowship as a whole, to substantially reduce this debt in the near future, thus putting the Fellowship on a sound financial footing in the years ahead. After all, each and everyone of us are shareholders in a valuable asset and it is now up to us to consolidate.

The Bicentennial celebrations got off to a good start on the 9th January with members participating in the Parade down Macquarie Street. Earlier in the day, pretty well at a moment's notice, the Premier agreed to unveil the first of our Bicentennial Plaques at First Fleet Park at Circular Quay. A number of members, suitably attired attended the A.J.C. Australia Day Racing Carnival at Randwick Racecourse on Monday 25th January. These members formed a guard of honour during the main race presentation ceremony and the President sashed the winner of another race. The Dinner Dance, attended by some 500 members was an outstanding success. The Prime Minister, the Hon. R. J. Hawke put in an appearance close to midnight to toast in our 200th Birthday, and placing all party politics aside, we were delighted that he, as elected leader of our country, chose to spend that moment with us. The 26th January was certainly a day to remember, right from the beginning of the Flag Raising Ceremony to the Fireworks display in the evening will live with us for the rest of our lives. I personally felt for those who missed out in receiving tickets for the day, but there was no conceivable way we could grant the requests of all of the 1700 members who replied.

Both National and International media singled us out for attention over the celebrations. A number of our members gave interviews to various T.V. and Newspaper chains. The B.B.C. gave us very good coverage, Japanese Television plus one of the Tokyo dailies, Sydney Morning Herald, Daily Telegraph and several interstate newspapers all received good stories not only about our pioneer First Fleeters but about our unique organization. Our message certainly went world wide.

The Newton Fowell Diaries received national attention when they came up for auction in the United Kingdom in December. The Executive felt that these documents should permanently reside in Australia and, as a tangible expression to these feelings, donated on your behalf, the sum of \$500.00 towards the cost of their successful purchase. It was good to know that one of our First Fleet Family Associations donated \$100.00.

One of the "By-Products" of our Incorporation is that a Certificate will have to be issued to all ADULT FINANCIAL MEMBERS prior to the end of our Financial Year in July. This new certificate will inform each member that he or she is a shareholder in the company. If you are uncertain re your current membership would you please contact Mrs Joyce Cowell by mail at our new address, 105 Cathedral Street, Woolloomooloo 2011.

A date for your diary to attend a lecture at First Fleet House on Wednesday May 8th, next to hear Dr Charles Nelson, a kinsman of Surgeon-General John White, speak on "Ireland's First Fleeters, John White and his Surgeon Colleagues". Dr Nelson is from Dublin and is making a flying visit to our shores and we are indeed honoured to have him speak to us. JPN

In February, a few members of the Executive entertained Mr Austin Spragg to lunch at the Pioneers Club. Austin, the President of the Portsmouth/Sydney Sister City Committee was out here for our Bicentennial Celebrations. We were indeed grateful to him for his gift of a photograph of the gig, which Portsmouth presented to Sydney as a Bicentennial gift.

There is an appeal for more office help in this issue. It is to be hoped that we can keep the Office open on Mondays as membership enquiries seem to be on the increase. It will take a few months to get the place ship-shape, but members are welcome to call in and make themselves at home. Moving day is the last Friday in February.

I have refrained from comment over the past few months on the proposed Grosvenor Place, Bicentennial Square development. Recently we received rather glossy submissions from two Government Departments, which come out heavily in favour of retaining the existing 1912 buildings and it seems certain that the Minister will prevent any demolition of these.

It was with regret that the Executive accepted the resignation of the Treasurer, Mrs Shirley Beale at the February Executive meeting. Shirley has had the interests of the Fellowship at heart for the past two years. With the Secretary, Pam Quick, Shirley had been, from the start, extremely keen to seek a suitable property as premises for the Fellowship, and with other members of the Executive, led us to our present premises. Her presentation of our finances to Westpac executives culminated in the securing of a loan under most favourable circumstances and we are indeed grateful to her for her past endeavours.

The Executive has appointed Mrs Jean Monk as Acting Treasurer, and we are grateful to Jean for stepping into a most exacting and arduous task. She deserves our appreciation and full co-operation in her work.

Our Bicentennial Celebrations are far from over, and may I draw to your attention coming events which are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

IN FELLOWSHIP,
Peter Christian.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES SERVICES IN TASMANIA

AAT Kings' has agreed to organise a special ten day tour for us through Tasmania which will include six plaque dedication services in 1988. The Itinerary is as follows:-

FRIDAY, 28th OCTOBER, 1988. Leave Sydney and fly to Hobart arriving early afternoon. Tour of the Huon Valley and Hobart generally. Stay at Hobart.

SATURDAY, 29th OCTOBER, 1988. Leave Hobart and travel north to Kempton. **First Dedication Service** St. Mary's Anglican Church, Kempton 11 am. Travel north to Campbelltown then tour around the famous Great Lakes. Visit Poatina Power Station and on to Devonport. Stay at Devonport.

SUNDAY, 30th OCTOBER, 1988. Leave Devonport and go to Launceston. **Second Dedication Service** Broadlands Park, Cypress Street, East Launceston — Noon. **Third Dedication Service** Christ Church, Longford, 3pm. Visit Entally House on return to Launceston. Stay at Launceston.

MONDAY, 31st OCTOBER 1988. Visit Cataract Gorge and Penny Royal Gunpowder Mill and then travel east to St. Helens. Stay at St. Helens on the east coast.

TUESDAY, 1st NOVEMBER, 1988. Travel south along the east coast visiting sea life, bird life and animal parks at Bicheno. Then through Richmond to Hobart. Stay at Hobart.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER, 1988. Tour Hobart and visit Mt. Wellington. **Fourth Dedication Service:** St. David's Park, Hobart 2pm. Stay at Hobart.

THURSDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER, 1988. Fifth Dedication Service: St. Matthews Anglican Church, Rokeby, 10am. Visit Port Arthur and return to Hobart. Evening we visit West Point Casino. Stay at Hobart.

FRIDAY, 4th NOVEMBER, 1988. Travel to Magra via New Norfolk. **Sixth Dedication Service:** Old Methodist Church, Lawitta Road, Magra, 10am. Visit New Norfolk, Mt. Field National Park, Russell Falls, Tarraleah Power Station and Lake St. Clair. Stay at Queenstown.

SATURDAY, 5th NOVEMBER, 1988. Travel to Strahan and take a boat trip along Macquarie Harbour and up the Gordon River to St. John's Fall and return. Travel to Ulverstone — Stay at Ulverstone.

SUNDAY, 6th NOVEMBER 1988. Visit apple orchard and ride in Granny Smith Express. Journey into Launceston and then fly home to Sydney.

Those wishing to join us, please make a booking on the coach tour with the Functions Committee on any Friday. People who are making their own tour arrangements, please note the locations, times and dates for each dedication service so that you may join us at these services.

To our Tasmanian members, we extend a special invitation to join us at these dedication services.

NEWS FROM B.D. & M. REGISTRY

The Principal Registrar, New South Wales Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Mr. Mark Bennett, has advised the Fellowship of an exciting new service available to Family History Researchers who wish to accelerate their research.

Many people who have researched their family tree by tediously applying for certificates one by one would be surprised to know that if the Registry actually has each relevant event a family can be traced through to a First Fleeter in three hours. A test was done on the possibility that one of the staff was of First Fleet origin. The trail led conclusively to John Gowen and covered every person through to him directly. Another recent experience led to Nathaniel Lucas and Olivia Gascoigne. The latter was a direct (not broad) search and was achieved in just over one hour.

The minimum cost of the single application method for a six generation search is currently \$234.00, allowing for the usual practice of a birth, death or marriage certificate. That figure can be quite higher than \$234.00 if a district search or a longer than five year search is sought.

For a fee of \$25 per half hour, a person can visit the Registry (including 4pm - 6.30pm weekdays) and work with one of the Registry's Senior Searchers.

At the session the relevant entries will be searched and the information sought passed on. The time span and district will also be searched on the spot and is included in the fee. The only extra charge will be \$11.00 for each certificate sought. (In these sessions the \$2.00 discount will apply to post-1905 certificates too).

Members wishing to use the service can contact Mr. Albert Younes on 228-8544.

PLAQUE SERVICE

SYDNEY TOWN HALL, Sunday, 27th March, 1988

Sir Eric Neal, Chief Commissioner for the council of the City of Sydney, has accepted our invitation to unveil the plaque to be attached to the Sydney Town Hall building on Sunday, 27th March, 1988. Sir Eric will be accompanied by Lady Neal.

Mr. Robert Irving, president Royal Australian Historical Society will also attend and participate in the Service. Suzanne Stanton, from the committee, has been nominated to read a lesson at the Morning Service at St. Andrews Cathedral on this day. The Dedication Service will follow the 10am Morning Service at St. Andrews Cathedral. The Very Rev. Lance Shilton, Dean of Sydney, will dedicate the memorial.

We invite the descendants of all First Fleeters to join us at this Dedication Service.

Plaques Committee

Doug Oakes,
Convener,

FROM THE MAILBOX

The Executive has received many letters of appreciation from members who were fortunate enough to have been allocated a ticket to the Australia Day celebrations and it was nice to know that members did appreciate, not only the extremely arduous task in the allocation of tickets, but the fact that we were given so many, when it appeared that we had been left out altogether.

Fay Golding, F.F. Thomas Acres summed it all up in the following letter

Dear Peter and the Committee,

What a wonderful memory we will all have of our 200th Birthday celebration. The sight of those wonderful tall ships, Re-Enactment of the First Fleet, Sydney Harbour in all its beauty and that never to be forgotten fireworks display will live in our memory forever, and we will be proud to have been part of all these wonderful celebrations.

I am writing to you on behalf of my husband, Bert, and myself, to thank you all sincerely for the work you did in obtaining special tickets for as many as possible descendants of the First Fleeters. We were fortunate to receive tickets for the Ceremony to commemorate the founding of the colony of New South Wales at the Customs House and later within the precincts of the Sydney Opera House. We left home at 5 am and arrived home at midnight, tired but so excited and happy to have been part of this wonderful day from "the best seats in the house". It was a wonderful week, the ferry cruise in Botany Bay was great, the organisation marvellous, the First Fleeters Australia Day Eve Bicentenary Dinner was fantastic and morning tea on THE DAY in Macquarie Place was much appreciated and the weather divine.

Our sincere thanks to you all for the work you did to add to the success of Australia Day and the pleasure, comfort and involvement for the descendants of the First Fleeters — we were more than grateful. Very best wishes for a wonderful 1988.

Yours sincerely,
Fay Golding

Roy Peck writes from Tasmania to inform us that some 300 First Fleeters gathered near Launceston to celebrate Australia Day together. Some 12 First Fleet Families were represented and the day was celebrated in a most fitting manner. Roy is to be congratulated on the work he is doing for the Fellowship in Tasmania.

Pat Jenkins No. 3432 would like to purchase copies of any photos which were taken of the Parade on the 9th January last. Her address is 36 Cabramatta Road, Mosman 2088.

Bev Young sent us a poem dedicated to convicts on the First Fleet, but due to problems of space it will have to be left to another issue. Bev, No. 4369 and a descendant of John Nicholls, is a proud member of the Fellowship and looks forward to some future date, when circumstances permit, to becoming more active a member.

John Gibbins of Brisbane sent us cuttings from the Brisbane Sun which contained not only his interview plus photos, but a well reported interview given by our President to a reporter from that newspaper. It was pretty well a whole page dedicated to First Fleeters and the Fellowship. All good PR work and John is to be congratulated for his efforts on the behalf of the Fellowship in Brisbane.

Marion Stuart No. 2880, and a very keen "genie" has sent an interesting paragraph which she came across in a magazine and we reproduce it here in full. Marion has also contributed some other interesting paragraphs

which will appear in another issue. The First Fleeter, John Archer has also the alias of John Forrester. Browsing through a magazine called 'Your Family Tree', Vol. 1 — No. 9, I found the following paragraph on page 5 under 'Seeker List' and thought someone in the Fellowship may be able to help this enquirer out.

"ARCHER, John. Came to Australia on the First Fleet. Convict. The Ship 'Scarsborough' (sic) left London 1787. D. 24th January, 1818, 71 years, registered at St. Phillips Church, Sydney. He was free. I think his son, William Archer — and I haven't a birthdate. He married Ellen Walsh 1844, N.S.W. They had three children, John, James and a female. I am seeking William Archer's birthdate so as to find the bond between William and John Archer. (Deirdre Oscari, 3 Victoria Street, Bulleen, Vic. 3105).

A number of letters were received re the dinner dance at the Wentworth on the 25th January. Any complaints about a speech, I feel, and I am not only writing as Editor, but also as President, should be made to the person who made the speech. All former Presidents of the Fellowship were involved, they had, in their own way made a contribution to the Fellowship in their time and I make no apology for inviting them to participate. Graham Freudenberg, regardless of his affiliations with a political party, had a message for us (not political) and I feel that it was a relevant message. We were honoured by the presence of the Prime Minister of OUR COUNTRY, and I don't care whether he was Liberal or Labor he is the leader of our country and he is an Australian.

PLAQUE DEDICATION SERVICES

The first of our Dedication Services was held on Saturday, 9th January, 1988 at First Fleet Park, Sydney. The plaque is on the stairway to George Street and is in memory of those who arrived here with Captain Arthur Phillip in 1788.

At very short notice, the Premier of NSW, Mr. Barrie Unsworth, agreed to unveil the plaque for us. The ceremony was conducted prior to the procession to mark the restoration of Macquarie Street and Circular Quay and the expansion of First Fleet Park.

Members of the Fellowship and their families, dressed in period costume, formed a guard of honour from a stand erected in the park to the stairway for the official party. Mr. Gerald Gleeson, chairman of the NSW Bicentennial Council also attended. Mr. Stephen Hall, general manager of the same council, was master of ceremonies, with our President, Mr. Peter Christian, also speaking at the service.

Vice President, Doug Oakes, dressed as Governor Phillip, welcomed the Premier at the site and with Mr. Unsworth, lifted the nation's first flag from the plaque thereby completing the Dedication Service.

It is fitting that our first plaque service should be dedicated at the site of the beginning of Australia and conducted by the Premier of New South Wales.

We then proceeded to Hyde Park, Sydney to join the procession. Members of the Fellowship, dressed as sailors mounted the replica of the gig belonging to Captain Arthur Phillip. Captain Arthur Phillip (Doug Oakes) and his first mate (Lloyd Alchin) standing in front.

The float was entered in the Parade by the Council of the City of Sydney — the gig is a gift to Sydney from the City of Portsmouth.

Behind the float, with the FFF banner in front, were over 100 descendants dressed in colonial costume. We were well received by the huge crowd lining the streets.

Doug Oakes,
Convenor, Plaques Committee

AROUND THE TREES



ARNDELL — Marjorie Raven's book "Asstnt Surgeon Thos. Arndell, The Man He Was" will be published next month. For details ring 587-0528. More details in next issue of Newsletter.

CROSS — "Cross: His Mark" is a welcome addition to the Fellowship library. Lorraine Prothero is to be congratulated for this statement of Australian History, spanning the years 1785-1900. Queries re the book to Mrs L Prothero, 7 Morshead Street, North Ryde 2113 NSW.

PALMER — Anniversary celebrations 18th-19th June next. Dinner at the Boulevard Hotel, William Street, City on Saturday 18th June, 1988. Church service at the Garrison Church, The Rocks on Sunday 19th June 1988 at 10.30am. Details Mrs Ian Palmer (02) 522-8317.

ROPE-PULLEY — 200th Wedding Anniversary on 14th-15th May next. There will be a BYO Picnic on both days, an Anniversary Dinner on the Saturday evening and a Church Parade the following day. It will be a complete Family Gathering of the numerous descendants of Anthony Rope and Elizabeth Pulley. Further details Barbara Drady, 86 Lethbridge Street, Penrith 2750 or ring Monday - Friday after 7 pm (047) 21 8544.

HERBERT — Descendants of John Herbert and Deborah Ellem are invited to a Family Reunion to be held in Parramatta Park, April 2nd next to commemorate the 200th Wedding Anniversary of this couple. B.Y.O. Details Robert Herbert Hon Sec. H.F.A., P.O. Box 312, Merrylands, NSW 2160.

WHITING — Descendants of William Whiting F.F. and Mary Smith's only known surviving child, will be held at Stuart Park, Wollongong on May 7th next. The daughter of this couple, Jane Whiting married Thomas Barrett and they settled in the Illawarra area. Details Dorothy Brown, 65 Mill Drive, North Rocks 2151. (02) 872-2425.

BOGGIS — "Where Honour Guides the Prow", a social history of early Australia, including William Boggis F.F. is a book written by G.E. Doyle and E.H. Curtis. Details Mrs Gillian Doyle, 45 Coronga Crescent, Killara NSW 2071. The price of the publication is \$24.50 plus post \$2.50.

DEVINE — Betty Duns has forwarded a report to us on the recent Philip Devine Family Gathering held at Warwick Qld, early in January. Space does not permit publication in the Newsletter, but those interested will receive a photocopy if they address their request to the Editor, and include a Stamped, Addressed envelope. Please remember our address is now 105 Cathedral Street, Woolloomooloo 2011.

FRIENDS OF FIRST GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Announce two lectures to be held in the near future. The first will be held on 21st April next at History House, 133 Macquarie Street, and is entitled "The Significance of Government House to the Female Inhabitants of the Colony". The lecturer will be Dr. Portia Robinson, Senior Lecturer in History, Macquarie University. Members \$2.00, Non-Members \$4.00. Refreshments. The second lecture will be on the occasion of the Foundation Day of First Government House and will take place on Monday May 16th at the State Office Block theatre, at 8 pm. The lecturer will be Assoc. Prof. K.J. Cable A.M., M.A. and the topic is "Why Celebrate Australia's Beginnings?" Details 524-4255 or 371-7868.

CORRECTIONS — In the September/October 1987 issue of the Newsletter, it stated that John Redman (incorrectly printed as RENMAN) was buried in the Old Sydney Burial Ground in 1839. John Redman died in November 1837. The Burial Ground in George Street was closed as a cemetery in 1821.

BI-CENTENARY CALENDARS — SALE!

1988 Calendars featuring FFF member Tom Silk's magnificent painting of the First Fleet entering Port Jackson, 6pm, 26th January 1988 — are now being sold at cost. A souvenir of the Bi-Centenary — these calendars are on sale now for \$3.00, \$3.50 posted. Write or phone the FFF office — 105 Cathedral Street, Woolloomooloo (02) 360 3788 or 360 3988.

BUSH DANCE

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Alice Mary Winning No 2779 F.F. Patrick Burn and Ann Smith.

Joan Margaret McLennan No 1797, F.F. James Ruse. June Blanch of Queensland.

"To Live on in the Hearts and Minds of Descendants is Never to Die"

MEMBERS' QUERIES

DO THESE NAMES APPEAR IN YOUR FAMILY TREE?

Speers, John or Alexander, Martha Irving, Peter or Mary Mitchell, Ann Rook and Olive Wallace from Whitehaven/Cleator, Cumberland, U.K. George Halliday, Joan Clark, David or Helen Ralston, Jemima Yetts from Dumfries and Motherwell, Scotland, John Mills, John and Mary Manning, Joseph Tuso from London, England, Margaret Beynon/Llewellyn from Llam-samlet, Wales, Jack and Sarah Tilley from Kettering, U.K., James George Wilson and Mary Ritson, Folkestone, Kent, Sebastian Hodge and Susan Austin from Barnstaple, Devon. Information is sought on these people and anything shared from their descendants would be much appreciated.

**Mrs. Jennifer Tilley,
131 Victor Road,
Dee Why, NSW 2099.**

Mrs K. Collins of 731 Henry Lawson Drive, East Hills 2213 would welcome information on James Bradley and his descendants, especially William Collins and Sarah Berringer. Willing to trade photos and information. "Care taken and all confidence". Also have any James Bradley's descendants found evidence that William Bradley (navigator) was his uncle and that both were descended from James Bradley (astronomer)?

Patricia Jenkins of 36 Cabramatta Road, Mosman 2088 seeks information on the following:

"If anyone has any information about the arrival in Australia of William Bell who died at Dingo Creek, NSW on the 15th October, 1882. His death certificate shows him as being born at Tottenham, Wiltshire, England in 1800 and resident in NSW for 53 years at the time of his death. However, on one of his children's birth certificates the dates infer that he would have been born about 1813/14 and that he came from Cambridgeshire, England. He married Catherine O'Donnell at Port Macquarie on the 25th October, 1853. Their children were Mary, Henry, James, Jane, Christina, William, Thomas, George and Catherine Agnes."

WEDNESDAY AUXILIARY MEETINGS

Our Christmas luncheon was held on December 2nd last at Grace Bros., Garden Court and was attended by some 60 members. A very happy occasion, fine food and good fellowship. The visit to Elizabeth Bay House on February 3rd last was a most interesting viewing of the elegance of this historic colonial mansion, in a magnificent setting overlooking the harbour.

Our A.G.M. was held on Wednesday, 2nd March last. Unfortunately the Newsletter missed this event. Details in next Newsletter.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday May 4th. As the next Newsletter will not be out until early May, please ring First Fleet House on 360-3788 or 3988 for details.

Mary Hope-Caten

HELP!!!

As we have now moved to our own premises we are asking for more help in the running of the Fellowship. For too long a loyal band of volunteers have manned the office from Tuesday to Friday, coping with extremely cramped conditions, constantly ringing telephone and unfortunately, sometimes very irate members who are inclined to forget that we are all members of this Fellowship and also volunteers giving their time and effort, particularly in the lead up to Australia Day.

We need ladies and gents who would like to help, one day a week or whatever you can manage, for general office duties, typing, filing, selling goods, answering the phone, etc. It is a great opportunity to meet other members, and share in research of First Fleeters and make new friends. We intend to have more social functions in our own premises, lectures, workshops etc. and perhaps you might like to help on these occasions with catering etc. and would like to add your name to a list of helpers for these occasions. We are also on the look-out for a budding journalist to take on the job as Newsletter Editor.

THE FELLOWSHIP NEEDS YOU! Please phone Pam Quick, 489-5772; Yvonne Bullock, 427-5937 or Alice Clarke, 428-4530, for further information.

SACKVILLE REACH

A large crowd was present on Saturday, 30th January, 1988 for the dedication of the Memorial Plaque installed at the Sackville Reach cemetery, Sackville.

Known First Fleeters buried there are Ann Forbes, d.29.12.1851; Owen Cavanaugh, d.27.11.1841 and Margaret Cavanaugh, m, d.24.9.1834. The Fellowship had placed a small plaque on the tombstone of Ann Forbes in 1985, the only First Fleeters grave there with a tombstone.

This day was chosen to be with the Anne Forbes and Lydia Monro descendants on their family reunion day at Windsor. Bruce Arnett, the convenor of the family re-union, gave a speech and the plaque was dedicated by the President, Peter Christian. We were pleased to see people who had come from interstate for the celebrations and had stayed over for this service.

The Fellowship is also grateful to the Hawkesbury Shire Council for repairing the memorial to the Church that stood in the cemetery, and installing our plaque on the memorial stone.

**Doug Oakes,
Convenor,
Plaques Committee**

BIRTHS

A warm welcome to the arrival of the following new First Fleeters

Stephen Mark Roberts, F.F. William Hubbard 20/6/87, son to Mark and Rosemary.

Louisa Sara DiPietro, F.F. George Johnston and Esther Abrahams, 19/11/87, a second daughter to Vince (Lieut. R.A.N.) and Sandra. (Congrats David and Susie!!!!).

Marcus Vincent Graham, F.F. Henry Kable and Susannah Holmes, 16/12/87, son to John and Vicki.

Jennifer Holmes Maclean, F.F. Henry Kable and Susannah Holmes, 2/2/88, granddaughter to Jim and Nada.

Ryan Leigh Fenton, F.F. Frederick Meredith, 1/1/88, son to Wayne and Lianne.

Elizabeth Anne Hook, F.F. Thos. Spencer and Mary Phillips, BORN ON THE DAY, January 26th 1988. Congratulations from all to Trevor and Gillian and the proud Webb Family of "Hadley Park", Tumbarumba NSW.

MORE ON FIRST FLEET FAMILIES

1. The Lucas-Gascoigne family has added their bid to the largest family with first fleet descendants. Nathaniel Lucas and Olivia Gascoigne.

Generation 1. 13 children

Generation 2. 115 grand-children (Nathaniel Junior not counted — unknown)

Generation 3. 1,023 Great-grandchildren so far found

Generation 4. Estimated 3,200

Generation 5. Estimated 6,500

Generation 6. Estimated 12,000

Generation 7. Estimated 24,000

Generation 8. Estimated 2,000

Generation 9. Estimated 50

Generation 10. None known

2. Edward Goodin's Family suggests that his was the largest first generation first fleet family with about seventeen children. Fourteen are evidenced by baptismal records but surviving family records suggest at least seventeen — only nine survived infancy.

The Lucas family appear to be next with thirteen children, Peck family with twelve and Squire with eleven appear to follow.

3. Descendant members of the Fellowship represent 190 first fleeters ancestors. Member Jim Donohoe has been preparing a family index from primary records on first fleet families. Sources from Norfolk Island, England, Ireland, Tasmania and Sydney have so far revealed 450 marriages and relationships. Three hundred of these involved children. Many have now been identified.

FIRST FLEETER EDWARD GOODIN OF RYDE, b.1762, d.1839

We met recently at St. Anne's to honour the five known First Fleeters buried in the cemetery here, among them my Great Great Grandfather, Edward Goodin.

Edward Goodin was born in England in the year 1762. At the age of 22 he stole two pieces of woollen cloth (13 yards in all) for which crime he was sentenced at the Old Bailey to seven years imprisonment. Part of this sentence he served in the hulks at Portsmouth, but when the First Fleet was assembled to leave for Botany Bay he was assigned to the Transport **Scarborough** and sailed on her to Sydney Cove, arriving with Governor Phillip in 1788. Four of his seven years' sentence had been served before arriving in this country. Nothing is known of his conduct on the ship beyond the fact that he was discovered playing cards at 2 o'clock in the morning on Friday, 23 October, with one John Pettit, and received 50 lashes only in punishment, it being a first offence!

In 1790 the **Lady Juliana** arrived in Sydney with 222 female convicts aboard, one of them being Ann Thomas, b.1769, and Edward and Ann were married by the end of the year. Gov. Phillip had made known in his inaugural address to the convicts that every encouragement would be given to those who worked hard and behaved themselves, and that he would welcome marriage among convicts and 'give every kind of assistance to those who, by entering upon that estate, should manifest their willingness to conform to the laws of morality and religion'.

A son, James, was born to the Goodins in 1791 but died in infancy, as did Edward, 1792 and Mary, 1794, but in 1795 another son (James) was born and survived. They had nine more children, Margaret 1797 (died the same year), Edward, 1800, Elizabeth 1804, John 1805, Margaret (my great Grandmother) 1806, Robert 1807, Mary 1810, William 1812 and Sarah 1814 — thirteen children in all.

In 1798 Edward Goodin received a land grant from Governor Hunter of "sixty acres of land to be known by the name of Goodwin Farm, laying and situate in the district of the Eastern Farms and bounded on the N.W.

side by Merion Hill". It is believed that after his 7 years' sentence expired the Goodins farmed this land by order of Governor Phillip, and that after Phillip's departure Governor Hunter made official grants to those who had worked the land well. The 1828 census of N.S.W. shows that the Goodins had sixty acres of land at Kissing Point, 26 acres of this was cultivated and 26 acres cleared. He owned 6 horses and 12 cattle and at that time employed 2 convicts. A letter from their granddaughter, Sarah Jane Lucas to her nephew, Vernon Goodin, mentions her grandfather's orchard in Ryde called "Goodinsdale", and we know that the old house called "The Downs" in Goodwin Street was built on the original land grant which extended down over Victoria Road east of the present Hermitage Road and roughly bisected by Falconer Street.

Edward Goodin and his son, James, are mentioned by Geeves in "A Place of Pioneers" escorting the preacher William Pascoe Crook on the perilous journey to Parramatta after the Kissing Point Praying Society's Sunday morning meetings in 1814. The main communication between Sydney and Parramatta was by river boat, though settlers had been called upon to develop roads through the bush. The High Road between Field of Mars and Parramatta was opened in 1813, but it was still a rough track with hazardous creek crossings. Later, of course, the Goodin family worshipped at St. Anne's.

Edward Goodin died on January 5, 1839 aged 77 years and his gravestone lies in the cemetery at St. Anne's Church. His wife, Ann, predeceased him and died in 1830. Her headstone is also lying in St. Anne's cemetery. From very shaky beginnings these two people carved a life for themselves in a hostile land and overcame many hardships to raise a family, farm, and help to provide the young colony with much needed produce in the early years. Truly two of the pioneers of Australia.

Betty Rowell.

ENGAGEMENT

Best wishes to Bob Bulloch F.F. Joseph Tusso on his engagement to Wendy, announced on his birthday, 26th January 1988.

WEDDING BELLS

The President, Executive and Members of the Fellowship extend very good wishes for the future to Past President Roderick Best on the occasion of his marriage to Louise Bauer on the 12th March at St. Aidan's, Annandale.

Congratulations are also in order to Alex and Margot Beech. Margot (Collins) is an eighth generation descendant of James Bradley F.F. and, after a civil marriage ceremony in Korea, a church wedding was held later at Holy Trinity, Panania. Alex hails from Devon U.K.

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

Two members were the recipients of honours on the 26th January last. In Brisbane Douglas Maclean, brother of Executive member, Jim, received the British Empire Medal for services to ex-servicemen and women. Doug is a descendant of Henry Kable and Susannah Holmes.

In Budgewoi, NSW, Alex Cooke F.F. John Small and Mary Parker, received the Medal of the Order of Australia for community service. Our warmest congratulations to both of these members.

BITS AND PIECES

Rod and Alatheia Bellette are to be thanked for offering to organize the transit of the Tasmanian commemorative plaques to our contact, Mr Monaghan in that State. It was just by chance that they, with their daughter Joyce, met Doug Oakes on the ferry trip to view the Re-Enactment Fleet. From that meeting, the very kind offer came to look after these plaques for us. Once again, many thanks Rod and Alatheia.

Lorraine Thompson No 2534 FF Arndell/Dring/Forbes let us know what a wonderful day she had at the Parade on January 9th last. Her mother, Dorothy Wall (associate) aged 82 and granddaughter, Katie, No 4639 must have been the oldest and youngest in the Parade. If any First Fleeter who participated, and would like a certificate to commemorate the occasion, would they please ring Lorraine on (02) 948-8443 after 3 pm.

Any ex-pupils of North Sydney Girls High School? If so, a group has formed to present the school with a Bicentennial gift, and your participation would be more than welcome. Contact Isabel Shirley Beale (Crockford) on (02) 489-5350 or at 4 Seaton Avenue, Wahroongah 2076. The presentation will be made at the Old Girls' Annual Dinner on the 20th April next.

Linda Pallett, FF Phebe Flarty, on her very first day at the old office as a voluntary assistant, received a very nice thank you in the form of a letter from Peter Ravenscroft who had made a flying visit to the office. He thanked Linda for her kindness and welcome and was amazed at being greeted by a long lost relative descended from Phebe.

Peter and his daughter Amanda Champion, accompanied by about 40 members of the Fellowship were guests of the A.J.C. at Randwick Racecourse on the 25th January last. The costumed members added atmosphere to the day which was a First Fleet race meeting, and indeed, formed a guard of honour during the presentation of the trophy to the winner of the main race of the day. Later the President of the Fellowship sashed the winner of the H.M.S. Supply Handicap.

Unfortunately we have had to raise the prices of Name Bars and T-Shirts. Name bars will cost ...

- Members's Name + 1 First Fleeter Name
\$5.25 plus \$1.00 postage
- Member's Name + 2 First Fleeter Names
\$5.75 plus \$1.00 postage
- Member's Name + 3 First Fleeter Names
\$6.00 plus \$1.00 postage
- Member's Name + 4 First Fleeter Names
\$6.50 plus \$1.00 postage
- Single Name Bar of Associate Spouse
\$5.00 plus \$1.00 postage

Would you please stage Blue or Black base. The new price for T-Shirts will be announced in the next Newsletter.

Whilst all who attended, acclaimed in one way, or another, the success of the Dinner Dance on Australia Day Eve, we must apologise to the descendants of Andrew Fishburn for the absence of his name from the list of First Fleeters, as printed on the Commemorative menu. To Marj MacPherson, in particular, our deepest regrets.

We had a query recently from one of our F.F. Family Associations re the cost of advertising in the Newsletter. There is no charge to the Family organizations, indeed, we welcome news of any kind from them. The Executive hopes in the very near future to announce plans which will involve F.F. Associations with the natural parent body, the Fellowship. After all, we represent the descendants of some 190 First Fleeters and we reach between 50,000 to 100,000 people, and that is no exaggeration.

Again, the past few months have produced a flood of mail to the editor ... and again some of that mail will have to be withheld to a later date ...

The Fellowship recently forwarded another donation of \$100.00 to the Goulburn Cathedral Bells Appeal. The money was sent on behalf of Mrs D. Bullock and Mrs V Sansom in memory of John Small and Mary Parker, and ear-marked for the bell "Charlotte".

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

For all of us it has been a pretty hectic 1988 so far. The President's January/February engagements tell the story.

- Jan 6th** Executive Meeting
- Jan 9th** 10.30am. Plaque unveiling at First Fleet Park noon, Parade through City streets. 5pm Opera in the Park.
- Jan 13th** Day at the F.F.F. Office
- Jan 18th** 5am. arrival at Kurnell for Botany Bay Arrival of the Fleet. BBC interview; Daily Telegraph interview.
- Jan 19th** Guest Speaker at Baukham Hills Rotary Meeting.
- Jan 22nd** 10am Attended Civic Reception at Town Hall to Tall Ships' Captains. Noon — Attended the Australia Day Luncheon. 2pm — Sydney Morning Herald interview.
- Jan 23rd** Manly Colonial Day Parade
- Jan 24th** Colonial Church Service Garrison Church. Read 1st Lesson. 1pm — Attended latter part of Lucas/Gascoigne Book launch.
- Jan 25th** Noon-5pm. Guest of the A.J.C. Committee at Randwick Racecourse. 8pm — Dinner Dance at the Wentworth until 1am.
- Jan 26th** Official guest of the State Government at the Australia Day Celebrations.
- Jan 28th** Represented the Fellowship at the unveiling and dedication of a memorial to Captain Arthur Phillip in the Palace Garden of the Royal Botanic Gardens.
- Jan 30th** A.M. — Attended part of the Anne Forbes Reunion at Windsor. 3pm — Sackville Reach Plaque ceremony. 6pm — Attended the Concert in the Park.
- Feb 3rd** A.M. — Office interview with the Editor of Kyodo News Service, Japan. P.M. — Guest Lecturer to the Auxiliary of the Royal Aust. Historical Society. P.M. — Executive meeting.
- Feb 7th** St Annes Ryde, Church Service and Plaque ceremony. Attended Picnic in Putney Park. Official Representative at St Philip's Church Hill for a Bicentennial Service of Thanksgiving.

OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR

We publish a further reminder of the timetable of events through the year which we as a Fellowship will participate in and/or organise. It is by no means complete, and we will be releasing more details in further Newsletters. Included are some events organised by local Councils for which we have had invitations to attend. Further details for these events — phone FFF office on Fridays, 360 3988 and 360 3788.

MARCH 1988

- 27th Sun** Sydney Town Hall — Plaque Service 10.00 am.
30th Wed Opening Bayview Park, Concord — Bicentennial Heritage Trail (Concord Council)

APRIL 1988

- 16th Sat** Hawkesbury Pioneer Families Day, Windsor
16th Sat Settlers Weekend, Blacktown Showground (Blacktown Council)
16th Sat Opening of Barrenjoey Lighthouse to public (Warringah Council)
17th Sun Settlers Weekend, Blacktown Showground (Blacktown Council)
17th Sun St. Matthew's Windsor, Plaque Service
23rd Sat Opening of historical "Thompson Square", Windsor, Restored houses, old river boats (Hawkesbury Council)
23rd Sat Community Festival, North Sydney oval 11.00-5.00 pm (Nth. Sydney Council)
30th Sat Opening Bicentennial Reserve — Street parade from Chatswood to Reserve. We join parade Cnr. Willoughby Road and Mowbray Road at 9.30 am and walk to reserve, Colonial costume. Mayor to open park, music, stalls etc. (Willoughby Council)

MAY 1988

- 13th Fri**
15th Sun WILTON WOOL SHED DANCE
 St Peter's Richmond — Plaque Service 10 am

JUNE 1988

- 5th Sun** St. John's Wilberforce — Plaque Service 3.00 pm.
26th Sun Botany Pioneer Park — Plaque Service 2.00 pm

JULY 1988

- Sun 17th** Lang Park, 10.00 am — Plaque Service
24th Sun Liverpool Memorial Park — Plaque Service 3.00 pm

AUGUST 1988

- 6th Sat** Tunks Bicentennial Dinner
21st Sun CHILDREN'S PICNIC — CENTENNIAL PARK

SEPTEMBER 1988

- 17th Sat** Family Reunions, Castle Hill Show-ground
18th Sun Family Reunions, Castle Hill Show-ground
23rd or 30th Sun FFF Annual meeting

OCTOBER 1988

- 9th Sun** Small Family gathering — St. Anne's Ryde
16th Sun Christ Church St. Lawrence, George Street for Plaque Service, Devonshire Street, 10.30 am
28th Fri Tour to Tasmania begins

NOVEMBER 1988

- 6th Sun** Tour returns from Tasmania
13th Sun St. Peter's Campbelltown — Plaque Service 10 am

DECEMBER 1988

- 1st Thur** Campbelltown — Re-Enactment of proclamation of Campbelltown by Gov. Macquarie (Campbelltown Council)