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FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the Annual General Meeting held at the Epping R.S.L. Club on Sunday, 19th November, 1989 I was declared eighth President of the Fellowship. I am very, very proud and honoured to attain this Office.

I am the second of James Squire's descendants, after the founding President, John Lavette and the first of Olivia Gascoigne, Nathaniel Lucas and Edward Goodin's to be the President.

I started out as a backbench member when Mrs. Beryl Lewis was President. Beryl, who is still a very active member, certainly impressed me with her leadership skills. Then followed Rod Best. Rod impressed me as an extremely professional person in all respects despite the fact that the task was voluntary. I later joined the Executive when Peter Christian was a incumbent of

this honoured Office. I certainly have to follow on from great people.

Peter Christian led the Fellowship to the 1988 Bicentenary and into it. My minor involvement supporting him, I thought, was overwhelming and demanding enough. Peter carried on regardless. His wife Joy obviously supporting him. Humbly this member of his Executive often raised himself to admire Peter's enormous efforts and achievements. I was proud to be a member of the Fellowship in 1988 particularly because of the dignity that Peter also contributed to his office during a trying time. On behalf of all of us in Fellowship I thank Peter and Joy for our past four successful years.

Your Annual General Meeting was a success. The mood of the membership was one of concern for those who lived outside

Sydney where the A.G.M. was held. I shared that feeling most sincerely. I propose to raise with the Executive the possibility of increasing interest in the Chapters and in our Family History Research. I will make every endeavour to help their activities and I hope to visit each of them and other centres where there are First Fleeter's Descendants.

Finally, Christmas is very near and accordingly I wish to thank the Executive for its outstanding support of the Fellowship during the year and express our appreciation to the magnificent help given by the volunteers who work in First Fleet House and those who lead our Chapters. I wish each and every member and their family a very merry Christmas and a prosperous, successful and most happy 1990.

**YOURS IN FELLOWSHIP
JAMES HUGH DONOHOE.**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1989/90

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James Donohoe

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(To be elected)

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Hugh Morgan

Suzanne Stanton

(Junior Newsletter Editor)

Wilma Townsend

**FIRST FLEET HOUSE WILL BE CLOSED
FROM 23rd-Dec-1989 TO 2nd-Jan-1990 inclusive.**

OUR NEW PRESIDENT

James Donohoe was born at Waverly, New South Wales, in 1941 and educated by the Sacred Heart Nuns in Bowral and the Christian Brothers at Waverly College. He is a graduate of the University of New England, Armidale, with Majors in History and Economic History. James has completed the Diploma of Family History Studies of the Society of Australian Genealogists.

James has spent thirty years in various areas of N.S.W. Public Service including Prisons, Emergency Services, Parliament House, Mining and the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

James is descended from First Fleet arrivals, Edward Goodin, Nathaniel Lucas, Olivia Gasgoine and James Squire. Indeed, James can assert that his family was among the first Christians in Australia. Nathaniel Lucas commenced the construction of St. Luke's Church at Liverpool and James Squire contributed land to the Church of England at Ryde for Church purposes. The Goodin family was instrumental in organising the Christian community there to establish a church. St. Anne's now stands as a tribute to their efforts. This fact is very significant in that St. Anne's was the first Church of England in Australia

established by the community rather than by the State.

James has written a number of works including "Norfolk Island 1788-1813 The People And Their Families", "The Catholics of N.S.W. And Their Families 1788-1820", "The People of Tasmania 1803-1820 And Their Families" and five stories included in "Nathaniel and Olivia - The Lucas Family"

James is married to Sandra and they have four children:-
Michael 25, Christopher 23,
Nicole 20 and Kirrily 15.

FROM THE MAILBOX

9-9-1989.

Dear Sir,

Sir Joseph Banks was known as the Father of Australia. While visiting England recently I stayed at Heston and regularly visited the local parish church where he is buried. It has a very small number of worshippers now and the church, with its 11th century Norman tower, is sadly in need of repair. I feel Australia should give financial support to the burial place of one of our greatest pioneers and would welcome any suggestions who I should contact for help.

From Margaret Clougher
F.F. William Nash.

4-9-1989

A Chance Encounter

I was one of the two ladies mentioned in Capt. S.R. Watts' letter (September/October 1989 Newsletter)

With my friend Brenda Henry, I was visiting Britain on a 10 week holiday in mid 1977 (not 1978 as Capt. Watts wrote). To see Capt. Phillip's memorial in Bathampton and to meet its architect were among the objectives of my trip.

It really is remarkable that, on our way there, we should call in at the Black Ox at Llandovery in South Wales, and there meet Captain Watts, who had, we learned and as he mentioned in his letter, prepared the design sketch for a bronze memorial honouring Phillip. Captain Watts stated in his letter that

the memorial, on a wall of St Mildred's Church, London, was destroyed in the bombing of London in World War II. I recall we had a very interesting conversation with him.

I have just finished writing an Airletter to him, and have promised to send him copies of September/October Newsletter and the issue in which this will appear.

One of two corrections to Capt. Watts' letter (though, for a 90 year old man, he has a remarkable recollection of a meeting more than 12 years ago):

1. I was the only one of the two ladies who is a First Fleeter.
2. The First Fleet flagship was, of course, the Sirius, not the Supply.
3. Also, the Flag was planted at Sydney Cove, not Manly Bay.
4. I am sure we did not go into the Black Ox just to check on the merits and demerits of English Ales!!

Joan Ross
Life Member #13.

16-9-1989

I am writing to you regarding the letter from Capt. S.R. Watts which you published in the last newsletter concerning the Memorial to Admiral Sir Arthur Phillip R.N. in London. It was especially interesting to me as I have one of the brochures that were issued at the time of the unveiling of that memorial in 1932. It is a booklet of about 14 pages and I will send a copy to the F.F.F. Office.

From
Marion R. Arnott
Sunshine, Victoria.

1-9-1989

Both my husband and I are saddened that Peter is vacating the position of President of the Fellowship and also the loss of Pam to the Fellowship as Secretary. No doubt they have personal reasons for stepping down and we hope that when the positions are filled the good standard which is evident through the Newsletter continues.

Over the years I have corresponded with the Fellowship and my letter were answered on two occasions by members Rod Best and Naida Jackson. I was impressed with these two people whose names have stuck out in my memory as being good people for the Fellowship and members alike. Naida reassured me and was most helpful and understanding when I joined as I had a problem with my ancestry which she assured me was not unique to me.

I have no doubt there are other Members who I have not had contact with who are probably equally as suitable for nomination as these two members. However, being in a rural area and having never met or visited the Fellowship in Sydney to meet members it may seem unfair for me to vote. I assure you we look forward to the Newsletters and know of many of the people involved, through the articles in the Newsletter.

Both of us wish Peter and Pam well and thank them for the contributions as

President and Secretary of the Fellowship of First Fleeters.

From
Shona Wise #3309
Wagaman N.T.

25-9-1989

It has come to our attention that many of the descendants of the First Fleet have formed associations/societies which organise reunions etc. and send out newsletters to members. Many First Fleet families settled in the Hawksbury district and therefore we would be very interested to make contact with these associations, so that we may be put on their mailing list.

Objectives of the Local Studies Collection of the Hawksbury City Council Library include: collecting and preserving for use, materials both historical and current relating to the Hawksbury district.

From
Hawkesbury Shire Council
George St.
Windsor, N.S.W. 2756

Further enquiries contact:
Michelle Nichols
Local Studies Officer.
(045) 773357

2-10-1989

I enclose a copy of the first issue of "Tritton Family History", and perhaps you could bring this new publication to your member's attention in case there are those among them who are members or relatives of the Tritton family. I would be interested to know if the name "Tritton" occurs in any of your records of early settlers in Australia.

Your members can take out subscriptions for the next two issues by sending 7 pound in pound sterling to me. Copies of the first issue can be supplied for 1.25 pound each, or eight International Reply Coupons. Bankers Draft etc should be made out to "Tritton Family History".

From
Paul Tritton
Tritton Family History
"Khanspur"
2 Salts Ave
Loose
Maidstone, Kent ME15 Oay
England.

BIRTHS

A warm welcome to the following New First Fleeters:

JESSICA MEG HORNE

16th September, 1989 F.F. William Eggleton/Mary Dickenson
First child of Jill (#4687) and David Horne.
First grandchild of Judy (#4686) and Ian Morrison

JACK VINCENT GOLDING

3rd May, 1989 F.F. Thomas Acres
Son of Wayne and Clare Golding
Fifth grandchild of Bert and Fay(#4420) Golding
Great grandson of Sarah Golding

BENJAMIN LAWRENCE MAHER

NICHOLAS MICHAEL MAHER
25th July, 1989 F.F. Andrew Fishburn
Twin boys for Jenny (#2140) and Garry Maher

LEWIN JAMES WILES ELLIS

2nd October, 1989 F.F. James Walbourne/Sophia Lewis
Son of Glenn and Louise(#3860) Ellis

OBITUARIES

Deepest Sympathy is offered to the families of the following:

AGNES GRACE CRAMERI.

Hon. Life Member(#4803)
F.F. Edward Whitton
Died 31st October, 1989 in her 102nd Year.

LEO WOODBURY

F.F. Matthew James Everingham
Died 11th October, 1989, Aged 94 years.
Also his wife: WINIFRED WOODBURY
Died 31st August, 1988, Aged 89 years.
Leo was a 4th Generation and they left 85 descendants.
Parents of Mary Theresa Cook(#4856)

DULCIE MERLE BULLOCK

F.F. John Small/Mary Parker
Died 4th March, 1989, Aged 88 years.
Mother of Valerie Sansom.

NELLIE JANE HUMBLE

Died 15th November, 1989
Mother of Marjorie Raven (#1079) past Fellowship Secretary
and Joan Stear(#1080) past Newsletter helper.

AIDA BERTHA RACKETT (#670)

F.F. Henry Kable/Susannah Holmes
Died 3rd November, 1989, Aged 93 years.
Life member of the War Widows Guild of Australia.
Mother of Mrs. Sadie Lock (#4319)

THELMA GUY

It is with deep regret that we report the death on 1st November, 1989 of Foundation Member #12 Mrs. Thelma Guy, wife of Des and mother of Roy. A proud descendant of F.F.'s Henry Kable/Susannah Holmes. Thelma was a foundation member along with her brother Roy Kable and sister Amy Peacock. She served continuously on the Executive Committee from the first meeting in 1969 until 1983 - a wonderful record of service to the Fellowship.

In 1979 she became an Hon. Life Member in recognition of that service.

Although not always enjoying the best of health, Thelma made a pretty picture in her old world gown and bonnet on our "special occasions".

Thelma and Des had moved to Coffs Harbour and were enjoying their retirement in this lovely spot.

Our sincere condolences to Des. and the family - we shall all miss a very special friend.

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

ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations on the announcements of the engagements of:

NICHOLAS STEPHEN CHRISTIAN
(#5691) F.F. Matthew Everingham/William Tunks).
Youngest son of Peter (#1881) and Joy (#4729) Christian to FELICIA MARYANNE WINDERS, elder daughter of Max and Glenda Winders of Newmarket, Brisbane Qld.

MEGAN QUINN

(#966) F.F. Philip Gidley King)
Daughter of Mr and Mrs P.J. Quinn of Coffs Harbour, NSW to JAMES ROUSE, son of Mr. and Mrs B. Rouse, Glenalpine, Bonshaw NSW.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

NONI STAGGS

(#4118) F.F. Elizabeth Pulley/Anthony Rope married Gunther Kaindl on the 5th November, 1988.

Noni and Gunther followed in the F.F. Tradition, by being the first couple to be married at Mt. Tomah Botanical Gardens, Bilpin NSW.

Congratulations on your 1st Wedding Anniversary.

Love from your family and friends.



AROUND THE TREES

WILLIAM NASH/MARIA HAYNES

Sunday, 11th February, 1990

A family service will be held at St. Phillip's Church, York St. Sydney, 10am, for the 201st Anniversary of the marriage of William and Maria. A picnic lunch on Observatory Hill will follow the service.

All enquiries:
Joan Rowe
(02) 4165423

ANN FORBES

Descendants of Ann Forbes, William Dring and Thomas Huxley are invited to a family gathering in 1990 (Date to be fixed). A book on the family is planned to be available at a reunion in August 1991. Material for the book is needed before or at the 1990 gathering. Phone or write with all enquiries as soon as possible.

To: Mrs J. Bigham
2/80 Dee Why Rd
Dee Why
NSW 2099.

BITS AND PIECES.

A BICENTENNIAL SNIPPET FROM THE NORTHERN TERRITORY.

F.F.F. member, Shona Wise, of Wagaman, N.T. has forwarded some N.T. News cuttings dealing with the epic Bicentennial Last Cattle Drive undertaken as a tribute to Australia's Pioneer drovers and as the N.T.'s major contribution to Australia's Bicentennial celebrations.

Led by 57 year old Pic Willets, Boss Drover, and a team of drovers of varying experience and carefully selected - the youngest being 15 - the mob of 1200 cattle left the ghost town of Newcastle Waters on May 1st, 1988, heading for Longreach, 2,000 kms away and farewelled by a crowd of 3,000, many of whom had travelled hundreds of kms for the start of this great undertaking.

After four months in the bush, two T.B. scares and the sudden, tragic death of the Droving Australia photographer, Peter Schoulal, the Drive arrived at Longreach on September 3rd to be greeted by an enthusiastic crowd, similar in number to that at the farewell. 1078 cattle, aged between 18 months and 3 years, fat and healthy, went to auction - in pounds, shilling and pence for old times sake. The Stockman's Hall of Fame at Longreach became \$307,000 richer as a result.

Can you help?

We urgently need the assistance of the following:

1. A Trained Librarian
2. A member to join the Executive Committee who can act as our Public Relations Officer.
3. Photographs which can be copied for any interested members of the First Fleet Memorial Service held at Brighton-Le-Sands, Botony Bay, 24th September, 1989.
4. Gallipoli 75 Years On

Any member who has a story and/or memorabilia about a First Fleeter Descendant in this campaign would you please contact Peter Christian at First Fleet House.

SPEECH BY MR. PETER CHRISTIAN

AT THE DEDICATION OF THE FIRST FLEET MEMORIAL, BRIGHTON-LE-SANDS, BOTANY BAY

ON 24th SEPTEMBER, 1989.

"Mr Chairman, Mr. Chief Justice, Mr. Mayor, Distinguished Guests, Members of the Fellowship of First Fleeters, Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of the descendants of those who founded this Nation, may I offer congratulations and sincere thanks. Mr. Mayor, to your Council and the Rockdale Bicentennial Committee for the erection of this most fitting Memorial. On it is inscribed the names of over 1400 men, women and children, two-thirds of whom were convicts, petty thieves, pickpockets and the like, not particularly skilled in any profession, save perhaps some "Ladies of Quality", all transported from one hostile environment to another, guarded by some 300 Marines who themselves became captives in a strange alien land....many of these freemen stayed. The convicts who settled, in the main, redeemed themselves and, indeed, were the first in our land to be hewers of wood and drawers of water and to place stone upon stone. Among their descendants, one became a Governor-General and another, the present Governor of this state of New South Wales.

The "thin red line of kinship which binds us all together" transcends race...colour...creed and politics and indeed many First Fleet families today could be described as a microcosm of ethnic Australia and speaking on behalf of the estimated one million descendants of those first arrivals, I hope and pray that future generations of our Nation will recognise with pride the part played by this group of outcasts whom we honour here today.

In conclusion, Ladies and Gentlemen, I leave you with a quote from Dr. Craig Smee, a genealogist of note, who wrote in his recent publication on First Fleet Families..... "Whatever the circumstances of their arrival, the First Fleeters planted the seed of the NATIVE BORN, who soon acquired a character which was both different in nature from their origins in England and similar to each other in their newly adopted land. A character with characteristics such as self-reliance, initiative and a sense of fair play" (end of quote).

Thank you again, Mr. Mayor, and our congratulations to Mr. Warren Bulloch for his concept of this fitting and lasting Memorial.

"TO LIVE IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF DESCENDANTS IS NEVER TO DIE"

BUY A BRICK DONATIONS

We wish to record appreciation to the following for recent donations to the Fellowship's "Buy a Brick" Fund. These names will also be recorded in our Donor Book in the Library at First Fleet House.

David and Ellen Hamilton, Magel E. Pearce, Alice and Ula Clarke, Judy Morrison.

ON SALE

Name bars may be ordered through F.F.F. Office with approx 3 weeks delay in delivery.

Members name and ONE First Fleeters			
Name	\$5.25	posted	\$6.25
TWO First Fleeters			
Names	\$5.75	posted	\$6.75
THREE First Fleeters			
Names	\$6.00	posted	\$7.00
FOUR First Fleeters			
Names	\$6.50	posted	\$7.50

Please add 50c for each additional name beyond FOUR names.
State choice of Blue or Black background (white lettering)

Members Badges	\$5.00	posted	\$6.50
Assoc. Badges	\$5.00	posted	\$6.50
Spouses	\$5.00	posted	\$6.50

Members Ties

Members Only	\$13.50	posted	\$15.00
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T.Shirts

Navy, White, some only in Yellow & Marine Blue.			
Childs	\$9.00	posted	\$11.00
Adults	\$12.00	posted	\$14.00
X.X.L	\$13.00	posted	\$15.00

Windcheaters

Navy, White, some only in Marine Blue.			
Childs	\$18.00	posted	\$20.00
Adults	\$23.00	posted	\$25.00
X.X.L	\$24.00	posted	\$26.00

Available from F.F.F. Office Only.

MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

FOR PERIOD 27TH SEPTEMBER TO 25TH OCTOBER, 1989

We extend a warm welcome to new members joined during this period 11 adult and 2 junior members, 2 spouse associates.

FF William Broughton:
Miss Margaret Anne Broughton.

FF Matthew Everingham:
Miss Clare Jean Crossley (JNR).

FF Frederick Meredith:
Mr Clifford William Mackie
(sp. Mrs Marie June Mackie)

FF Charles Peat/Hannah Mullens:
Mr Gary Paul Bowles; Mr Steven Warren Bowles, Miss Rebecca Susan Bowles; Mr Ian Alan Bowles.

FF Anthony Rope/Elizabeth Pulley:
Mrs Stella Minter; Mrs Lola Marjorie Hall; Mrs Beverley Anne Ratcliffe (sp. Mr Frederick James Ratcliffe).

FF James Shiers/Mary Smith:
Miss Gabrielle Amy Gatt (JNR).

FF William Tunks:
Mr Michael Timothy Cranfield; Mr Patrick Damien Cranfield.

Spouse Associates of Earlier Members:

Mr Toby H. Helmrich husband of 2517 Mrs Yvonne C. Helmrich.

Additional First Fleeters:

Henry Kable/Susannah Holmes added to Thomas Arndell - Elizabeth Dalton for Master David James Fitzsimon 2539 and Miss Elizabeth Jane Fitzsimon 2540.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 26TH OCTOBER TO 22ND NOVEMBER, 1989.

We extend a warm welcome to new members joined during this period 6 adult and 5 junior members, 2 spouse associates.

FF Thomas Acres:
Mrs Glenda Twemlow; Mr Christopher David Twemlow (JNR); Miss Katherine Janine Twemlow (JNR).

FF Ann Forbes:
Mr Alan Frederick Little (sp Mrs Lois Frances Little); Mr Jeremy Keenan Little (JNR); Mr Nicholas Mark Little (JNR).

FF Richard Partridge/
Mary Greenwood;
Mrs Janelle Clarice Kemp.

FF Samuel Pigott;
Mrs Brenda Ann Burke.

FF Anthony Rope/Elizabeth Pulley
Mr Kerry William Campbell (sp. Mrs Janice Margaret Campbell); Miss Melinda Gai Campbell; Miss Danielle Maree Campbell (JNR).

Spouse Associates of Earlier Members;

Mrs Lynne Margaret Waller wife of 1174 Mr Robert Keith Waller.

Australia Day Eve Dinner

Will be held on Thursday, 25th January, 1990, 7.30pm at THE REFECTORY, Reception and Conference Centre, within the HOLME BUILDING, THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY.

Cost of \$35.00 per head includes Pre Dinner Drinks, and a 4 course buffet dinner.

Dress: Lounge Suit

Free parking - enter via Parramatta Rd or City Rd.

Mark up the date and make up a table!!

Send cheque or money order with stamped self addressed envelope to the

Functions Committee,

F.F.F. 105 Cathedral St. Woolloomooloo 2011 with Stamped S.A.E.

Enquiries to Alice Clarke: Ph: F.F.F. Office (02) 360 3988 (Fridays) or Home (02) 428 4530.

A Moment Of Verse

The Clydesdale Horse

He was named "Good Worker" this stallion,
His stock was big, bold and strong,
And just with that bit of fire,
To pull that plow or wagon along.

He stood at stud in the Wimmera,
And travelled the black soil plains,
His offspring laid deep in the collar,
As they strained on the rusty chains.

They obeyed the commands of their drivers,
When he called "woo" they came to a stop,
If he yelled "Gee off" they swing to the right,
When he shouts "Gee up" they pull till they drop.

Ten abreast to the stump-jump plow,
Two abreast and four deep was the wagon team,
And the leaders plunged away in front,
As they crossed the trickling stream.

For there was wool and wheat for the siding,
There was hay to be stacked near the shed,
Dams to be scooped out in the summer,
And straw raked and stacked for his bed.

They are man's most noble beast of burden,
As pleased to give as to take,
Few, if any, were weak hearted or lazy,
Most choked down with the effort they make.

With the sweat caked around their shoulders,
Where the hames and collar took the strain,
With mud encrusted on hocks and forelegs,
And the hot sweat dripped off them like rain.

When the hard day's work is over,
And we give each a fresh sheaf of hay,
They stomp hard their feet with pleasure,
And greet you with a friendly neigh.

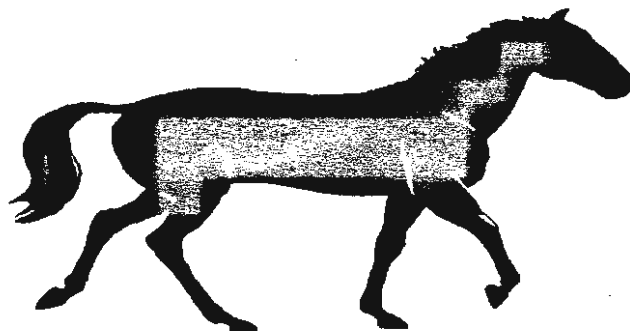
Now the brood mares come up to meet "Good Worker",
They have heard his shrill whistling love call,
And they willingly give themselves to him,
And bed down with him in his stall.

They loved his two great powerful shoulders,
Under a great arched neck so strong,
And he moved with well tuned rhythm,
Like the tune of a romantic song.

His back was the width of a wool bale,
His brown coat had a touch of red,
And his hind legs were like battering rams,
With fiery eyes set in a handsome head.

Now when his love life was over,
He was given a lush paddock on the rise,
And when at last he crossed the great divide,
He will be serving mares up in the skies.

From "Poems of Australia" written and published by Fred Wills.



FROM THE EDITOR

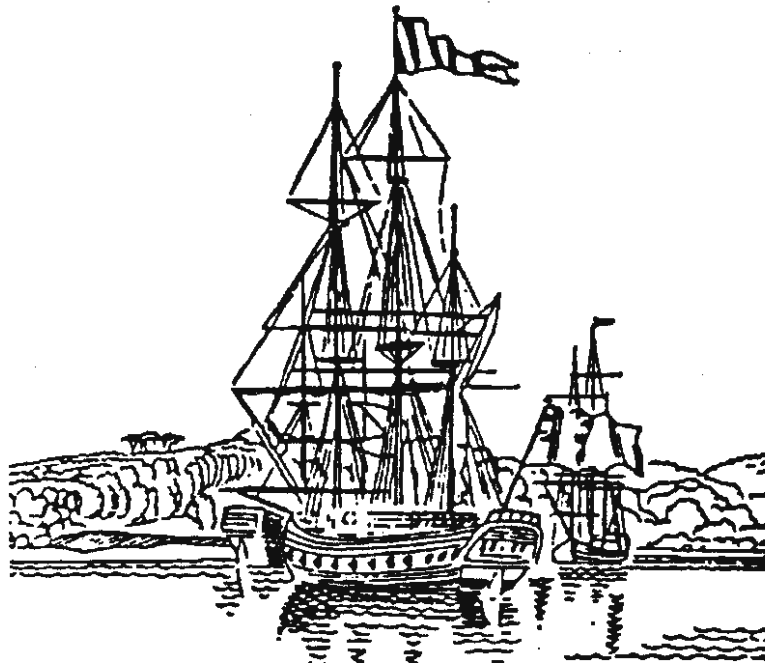
Closing Dates for 1990 Newsletters

Closing Date:-	In office for posting by:-	Newsletter Months:-
11th January	15th February	January/February
15th March	19th April	March/April
10th May	14th June	May/June
12th July	16th August	July/August
13th September	18th October	September/October
15th November	13th December	November/December

Please type or print any articles and enclose member numbers with all correspondence and First Fleet ancestors for "births", "obituaries" columns etc. There is no fee for any articles published in the newsletter.

CORRECTIONS

July/August 1989 p.5 Birth Column. "John Vincent Golding" should read "Jack Vincent Golding"
Sept/Oct 1989 p.5. Buy a Brick Column "M.L. & A.E. Webb" should read "M.L. & A.E. Ebb"
We apologise for any inconvenience.





Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year