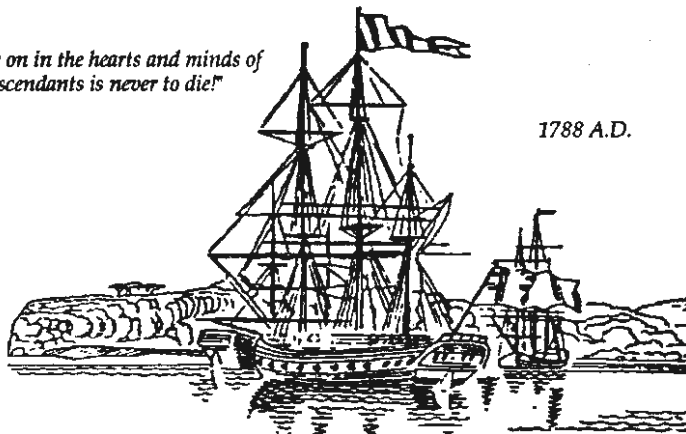


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Descendants is never to die!"

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have such a poor singing voice that I am banned from singing in the shower, and, even at Church. Well that's my excuse. I watch television and see the French sing their national Anthem with dignity and enthusiasm. The Americans well no more to say. Yet Julie Anthony seems to be the only Australian who sings "Advance Australia Fair". Our National Anthem is one of the top three musically and the words emphasise the positive spirit of the people better than all others. If I continue to hear only Julie Anthony's voice, excellent as it is then watch out, world, I start singing seriously, though, we should stop mumbling our great National Anthem and sing it with the pride we Australian's deserve to express.

The Committee has resolved the problem regarding associate members. Further information concerning some worthy prospective Associate Members has been provided and the matters generating problems have been clarified. A motion to the A.G.M. will not now be required.

I was disappointed to be informed that the Wednesday Daytime Auxiliary has ceased. This group of wonderful members raised money through many of their activities which helped finance First Fleet House and meet some of these expenses

over the years. Mary Hope-Caten, Norma Cunningham, Wynne Anderson, Joyce Prigge, Judith Strickland, Bernice Smart, and Dorothy Williams are just some of the many members who have contributed their efforts to the Auxiliary. Many many thanks. The demise of the group has left a void and the Committee is most concerned about this. The Committee has therefore decided to have regular functions at First Fleet House, such as mid-week luncheons with guest speakers to provide some way of keeping the fellowship that former members of the Auxiliary enjoyed among themselves and to extend it to other interested members who could attend.

My wife Sandra and I attended the Canberra Chapter's Annual Dinner. Mrs. Joyce Cowell, Miss Alice Clarke and Miss Ula Clarke of the Executive Committee accompanied me. We were certainly most hospitably treated by President Laurie Copping and helped by John Gooch and Marion Bachelor. It was a wonderful evening. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting the members there.

The Guest Speaker was Robert J. King, Secretary of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade. Mr King is also the author of "The Secret History of the Convict Colony". This book

delves into the pre 1788 intrigue in Bourbon and Spanish courts concerning British security and their threats to the Spanish supply of silver from Peru from which the Spanish military machine of the time was being financed.

The Spanish were aware of the Botany Bay plans and, at the time, even speculated on the use of the "Brigando" from the colony being deployed against them in Peru.

As one who is not convinced that the colonisation of Australia was mainly to dispose of convicts, I found Mr. King's material revealing of much evidence to show Britain had other reasons.

The Fellowship is organising purchases of this hardcopy book which is recommended for sale at #29.95 plus \$1.50 postage. (Please address orders directly to me, cheque though, made payable to the Fellowship).

I must apologise to the King researchers for the information on Ann Innett and the Crossland's connection. Following further enquiries from King descendants, I carefully examined the actual documents. The Wentworth papers have now been checked and were found to have been wrongly indexed. The faulty index should have been for Robinson not

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Crossland as shown, as the documents do not support the index reference whatsoever. The Mitchell Library is being contacted to make the appropriate corrections.

The response to the proposal for a Brisbane Chapter has been very good and one can now be started. I propose to visit Brisbane in September to inaugurate the Chapter. All local members will be personally invited by mail to attend the meeting.

In the near future I also hope to visit Moroya to commence a Chapter there.

I have been looking at the petition to sack William Bligh before the "Rum Rebellion" and the endorsement of Col. Johnston's actions later. I have substituted their wife's names in lieu of the signatories. I am not finished yet but a pattern is shaping up. Seventeen (of the 130 wives) were first fleters (so far) with fifteen from the "Lady Penrhyn" which carried Esther Abrahams, Col. Johnston's wife. They have so far though, been out done by the women off the "William Pitt". This was an Irish female transport. Col. Johnston's assigned convict was James Sheedy whose wife, Jane Black, came from that ship. The power of the Colonial women may have been much greater than recorded at the time. Perhaps it was Mrs Bligh who was meant to be deposed!!

We all know the Raj was in Ceylon but it

seems that Britain used part of the N.S.W. Corps to take it.

First Fleeter James Walbourne and his Colonial born son appear to have been among those sent. Perhaps the Battle of Kandy was Australia's first military involvement. More work though is needed to verify this.

I was most saddened to learn of the recent death of Associate Member, Chris Cacouris. Chris was a Greek-American who served with distinction as an Officer in the United States in Korea. Later he migrated to Australia where he met and married Audrey. Audrey is a descendant of First Fleeter's Mary Spencer and James Squire and Thomas Smith and Ann Colpits.

It was Chris who tracked down evidence of Francis's service in the Army commencing at the age of 1 year 5 months. (Lieutenant Ross was only 9 years old), proved his service in the 11th Devonshires and his marriage to Jane Mary Smith, proved Governor Arthur Phillip's records were faulty on Squire and tracked down Squire's original conviction for highway robbery in 1774 (not 1784). The leap in data on Squire was tremendous. Chris donated his evidence to the Fellowship. Thank you Chris. Members of the Fellowship, join me in expressing our deepest sympathy to Audrey.

If the Newsletter advises of "coming"

events after they have happened, please do not jump on the Editor. Every effort is made to give advanced notice of forthcoming activities but delays are occasionally possible due to equipment problems as has happened recently or the posting could not be completed in time. There is a very big team behind the scenes to despatch the Newsletter. They do really try their very best.

I visited Lismore and attended the July meeting of the Northern Rivers Chapter. Host and Hostess of the meeting was Chapter President Lionel Phelps and his wife Lenore who made the meeting, which followed a wonderful barbeque, a very special event for the 28 members who attended.

I presented a certificate of Life Membership to the Chapter's founder, Hilda Jackson, whose tremendous efforts in uniting the First Fleters on the North Coast have been so successful.

The Chapter is holding its next meeting in Maclean and hope to foster a new Chapter in that area.

There were many "badin's" in the First Fleet, but I am here because there was one "Goodin"

Yours In Fellowship
James Hugh Donohoe

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1989/90

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship of First Fleters will be held on:
Sunday 11th November, 1990 in the Penrith NSW District
All Welcome

Notice is hereby given for the calling of Nominations for:

President 2 Vice Presidents Hon. Secretary Hon. Treasurer 15 Executive Members.

BITS AND PIECES

COINCIDENCE sometimes plays a strange part in a Family Tree. In four generations of Peter Christians family tree there is a gap of four days in July between the birth of each generation...July 10,14,18 and 22. On July 6th last, Peter's granddaughter, Amelia Victoria Christian was born!!!

GATHERING OF PIONEER FAMILIES, 1990 CASTLE HILL, NSW

At Castle Hill Showground on Saturday and Sunday 15th and 16th September, 1990 from 10am to 4pm.

Organised by the Rotary Club of Castle Hill.

A huge gathering of approximately 70 Pioneer Families and Historical Societies will be attending including the Fellowship of First Fleeters.

The attractions will include:

Items on sale, photocopying services, N.S.W. State Archives Dept. will have a mobile display on the grounds, free minibus transport, if needed, from Showground carpark to village, food and drink stalls, family church service on Sunday Morning.

Come and visit the First Fleeters tent and meet other members, who will be able to help with any enquiries. Fellowship of First Fleeters goods will be on sale.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

the following who were honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours List:

Mr. Laurence Henry Copping (FF Henry Kable/Susannah Holmes) of Torrens, A.C.T., Medal of the Order in the General Division (OAM) for service to children's literature.

Chief Superintendent James Roy Rope (FF Anthony Rope/Elizabeth Pulley) of N.S.W. Police Force, awarded The Australian Police Medal (APM).

SYDNEY CUSTOMS HOUSE

Sydney's Customs House closed its doors for the last time following a colourful decommissioning ceremony on June 15 this year. For 145 years the sandstone building has occupied the site where it is believed Arthur Phillip and his party of First Fleeters raised the British Flag at the head of Sydney Cove. But the grand old building, officially opened by Governor Gipps in April 1845, had another link with the First Fleet. The prime-mover of the project to build Sydney's first permanent Customs House was

Colonel John Gibbes, Collector of Customs for N.S.W. from 1834 to 1859. Gibbes' son William was married to Harriet Jamison (1819-1896), the daughter of Sir John Jamison of Regentville and granddaughter of First Fleet surgeon and pioneer, Dr. Thomas Jamison (1745-1811). Coincidentally Dr. Jamison had occupied in 1808 the position of Naval Officer of the Port and among his duties was the administration of customs tariffs. Stephen Gibbes, #4025.

WEDNESDAY DAYTIME AUXILIARY.

This is to advise all those who may have been interested that the Wednesday Daytime Auxiliary has been disbanded owing to the lack of interest by all concerned. Authorised by the Committee.

FAMILY CONTACT REGISTER.

A member of the Fellowship, Mr. G. Hunt has suggested that we produce a register setting out names and addresses of people together with name/s of their ancestors, to whom other family members could write seeking and giving information about their early forbears. This correspondence could save many people time, cost and duplication of effort in expanding family records.

The family contact would need to answer correspondence, giving the best information available to enquiries who should provide a S.A.E. The names of enquirers would remain confidential.

Have we any volunteers who would be prepared to be a "Contact"?

The proposer of this scheme has volunteered to be such a contact for descendants of Thomas Spencer, Mary Phillips and James Freeman.

He is:
Mr. G. Hunt
160B Terry St,
Connell's Point. N.S.W. 2221.

A STORY OF INTEREST.

FIRST FLEETER JOHN MCCARTHY (circa 1758-1846)

Our thanks go to Joan Schoch #5744 for supplying the following information on FF John McCarthy as requested in the May/June issue of this Newsletter.

From early church records, 1835-1854, comes the following notation: "McCarthy Jno died Kinlochewe 1846, age 100 years, number in register 40382".

Kinlochewe was surveyed in 1839 and

took the aboriginal name for the parish, Kalkallo, meaning "tall trees". The original road through Kinlochewe followed much the present line taken by the Hume Highway through Kalkallo.

One notable variation was the site of the settlement. A village reserve was set aside embracing the Merri Creek where it crossed by the summer settlement of Kinlochewe, which initially was of more importance than the scattered settlement further north.

In 1841 Francis and Kenneth Murison opened Kinlochewe Inn. In 1844 the Inn was purchased by John McCarthy's son-in-law, William Hartley Budd.

The Inn was described as of 14 rooms, partly wood, partly brick. It stood on 160 acres of land, 50 acres planted with fruit trees and gardens, and the remaining 100 acres of grazing divided into six paddocks.

Kinlochewe depended for its existence on a flow of travellers across its ford, a passage sustained only easily in summer or dry times. Gradually the alternative route through Campbellfield was favoured by both travellers and road builders.

The fires of Black Thursday, 1851, devastated Kinlochewe, including total destruction of the Inn. With traffic utilising the permanent though difficult Sydney road in preference to the seasonal vagaries of the Kinlochewe ford, rebuilding was not an economical proposition and the village was abandoned.

By 1853, only farmers were listed. Two dwellings survive in Kinlochewe and they are classified by the National Trust.

Father Geoghegan, who conducted John McCarthy's service, was the first Catholic priest in the Port Phillip district. He conducted masses in a house in central Melbourne before building St. Francis's Church in Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. The nearest Catholic Church to Kinlochewe in 1846 would have been at Pentridge (present day Coburg).

Joan Schoch was not able to identify John McCarthy's actual burial site, but we are grateful for the information she was able to send us. The Argus newspaper in which John McCarthy's death was reported went out of publication in the 1950's.

Compiled by Doug Oakes



AROUND THE TREES

NATHANIEL LUCAS/OLIVIA GASCOIGNE

We have recently acquired a photograph and further information on Ann Lucas eldest child of FF Nathaniel Lucas and Olivia Gascoigne from Mary Ormesher of Victoria. Mary is a descendant of Frances Faro, only child of Ann's second marriage to Thomas Faro in Launceston V.D.L.

Ann Faro (previous Williams, nee Lucas) died on 15th July, 1864 at Dunedin Hospital, New Zealand.

We now have all the birth, marriage and death details of the first generation Lucas family and photographs of Ann the eldest child and Thomas the youngest child.

Please also note on Pg.75 of the book "Nathaniel and Olivia", the incorrect details of the marriage of Nathaniel

Jnr. where published. The correct marriage is to Ann Jane Young at St. Johns Church of England, Launceston on 1st August, 1845. No issue to the marriage is known. Nathaniel being 52 years old and Ann 44 years old.

JAMES BLOODWORTH/SARAH BELLAMY/JAMES LEE

Saturday 15th September, 1990
Sunday 16th September, 1990
10am - 4pm

The Bloodworth Association invites all descendants of the above to visit the Bloodworth tent at the Gathering of the Pioneer Families at Castle Hill Showground.

Join in a picnic lunch, view the Family Tree, exchange news.

Contact: Alice Clarke
P.O. Box 328
Lane Cove
NSW 2066
Phone: (02) 428-4530.

WILLIAM ROBERTS/KEZIA BROWN

Sunday 14th October, 1990,
11am - 4pm

In order to commemorate the bicentennial of the arrival of our ancestress, Kezia Brown to the colony in 1790, we invite you to join us for our big reunion and book launch.

To be held at the Community and Cultural Centre, Corner Dight and Macquarie Streets, Windsor NSW

Programme:

10.00am
Morning Service at St. Matthew's Anglican Church

11.00am
Registration

12noon
Public Welcome and Book Launch

12.30pm
Picnic Lunch (BYO)

2.00pm
Honouring the Oldest and Youngest descendants present.

3.00pm
Churchyard visit

4.00pm
Annual General Meeting
(please note only financial members may vote)

To assist with our costs of hall hire etc. there will be a small admission charge of \$2.00 for all adults over the age of 15 years.

All welcome
Any enquiries:
Shirley Harper (Secretary)
P.O. Box 558
Matraville NSW 2036
Phone: (02) 3448437

6th AUSTRALIAN CONGRESS ON GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY

PRESS RELEASE

With less than one year to go, detailed planning for the Congress is now well in hand. The title of the Congress is "Our heritage in History" and the programme, featuring 35 distinguished speakers from most states of Australia and 10 overseas speakers from England, Ireland, USA, and New Zealand, has now been finalised. Prominent among the overseas speakers are Colonel Iain Swinnerton and Mr. Colin Chapman, President and Vice President of the Federation of Family History Society.

The programme, containing 70 sessions, caters for both amateur and advanced genealogists and papers covering a broad range of topics will be delivered. Areas covered will include genealogical information sources, genealogical research techniques, local and social history, computers in family history, conservation of records, methods of publishing your research, calligraphy, and the value of family history research in medicine.

The registration brochure which contains details of the speaking programme and the registration form is now available. A number of Pre and Post Congress tours have been organised so that delegates from interstate and overseas can turn their visit to the island state into a holiday to remember. Autumn is one of the best times to see Tasmania. Any prospective registrants who has not yet received the registration brochure can obtain one from the Congress Convenor.

Further information can be obtained from:

The Congress Convenor
P.O. Box 60, Prospect, TASMANIA, 7250.



Ann Faro Formerly Williams nee Lucas
1789-1864

FIRST FLEETERS ON ACTIVE SERVICE

They shall grow not old as we
that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them
nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
we will remember them.

Written by Laurence Binyon who was a poet, keeper of paints and drawings of the British Museum, an authority on Oriental Art and a stretcher bearer in France during World War 1. He was born in England in 1869 and died in 1943.

March\April 1990 Pg7.

"GALLIPOLI"

Correction of information on Percy Morrisby:-

PERCY FRANK (not James)
MORRISBY

enlisted in the 1st A.I.F. in Tasmania
(not South Africa).

Registration Number 1625, a private the 15th Battalion 1st A.I.F. He joined the services on 10-12-1914 and was killed at Lone Pine on 8-5-1915. He has no known grave on Gallipoli, and is said to have been buried 'ina'mass grave' on Lone Pine with other servicemen.

Supplied by:
Victor Morrisby
Westmead NSW.

JACK WARNER. FF John Nichols

Registration Number 1305, joined up 15-9-1914, was in the first landing at Gallipoli being evacuated on medical grounds, returning to Anzac Cove on 7-11-1915. He was wounded twice in Belgium and twice in France being discharged on 20-2-1919. He then joined the 2nd A.I.F (NX16673) 15-5-1940 aged 51 showing his age as 37 years. He served in the Middle East and Syria being discharged medically unfit, he then returned to his love of the sea as he was on windjammers before and between both wars. He served in the merchant navy till the end of the war passing away in 1964.

His father, John Warner served in the Sudan War, Boer War and 1st World War.

Supplied by:
Wally Warner #5300
R.S.L. Welfare Officer.

LETTER FROM DOUG MACLEAN #548

To His Brother Jim MacLean #2571 (FF Henry Kable/Susannah Holmes), 3rd June, 1941, written with a lead pencil, when he was hold up in Tobruk during the Siege. The Battalion later returned to Australia after El Alimein to be trained in jungle warfare. They were at the landing of the troops at Lae and Finch Haven.

Doug lived in Cairns where he was the Northern Qld. Secretary of the R.S.L.

QX 7689
D.MacLean
2/15 BN
3-6-41

Dear Jim,

Well old boy here is Tobruk calling from amid the dust, and a far from cheerful place it is believe you me, and I'll bet your much more comfortable in your quarters in Darwin than we are here, this underground living is no where near as nice a place to live in as it sounds.

Tomorrow, makes my twelve months service in the Army and what changes I've been lucky enough to have seen. My travels have taken me into Libya as far as any of our troops have ever been and there is not much of it that would be worth a square foot of North Qld. In our mad scramble back from Mersa Brega, we were unlucky enough to loose quite a number of men and among them was Alf Potter, whom you will probably remember as the big chap who was master of ceremonies at our hectic party at the canteen in Darwin, last October, all this happened about seven weeks back. After about 13 days of it, to use his own words, he got a bit sick of "working for nothing" so he walked out and two days ago he walked into our HQ after having been some five weeks on the road, complete with beard that would be a credit to Buckley of "Buckley's Chance" fame. Despite his hard trip he was in the best of spirits.

He received a grand welcome, as you may believe, and is quite the hero of the town because wandering 100 odd miles in behind Jerrys Lines is rather a grand feat. They packed him off for a few days spell but it won't be long before he should be back with us.

Miller another one who was at our night out was also reported missing believed killed in an air-raid in

Tobruk, and on the same day as Alf Potter came back we had a surprise letter from him and he was in a Base Hospital some where in Egypt so it was a good day all round for the Sigs.

Next Day

This letter was interrupted while I went and patched up a phone line hence the delay in getting it finished. I saw Bunny Hoskins two or three times last week, and he looks very fat and well, and seems to have filled out a lot since I last saw him. He has had a grand time since leaving Australia and reckons England is quite a bit on Libya. Ernie Lee is also here, or so I am led to believe but as you probably guess I have not seen him yet. Mick Peel, I am told is missing, and Ernie Lavell is wounded but all the rest of the boys are all fit and "Rarin to go".

During our trip up to Marsa Brega we passed Bengasi and though I had read about the 60 planes destroyed on the ground there, I had not taken much notice of them, but what a sight, planes in all stages and positions of ruins you never saw such a mess in all your life. There is one thing I'm glad your job keeps both your feet on the ground, I have seen a couple of good Dog Fights, one on Easter Monday, especially, and believe me it was rather hectic and in about five minutes seven planes were crashing. They would just have no chance of persuading me to put myself in one of those crates.

The two Gearys Rusty Martin and young Chuck Robersts are all OK and none the worse for the desert life. As I told you earlier the Sigs are all OK - Oh No! you remember the fellow you met in Darwin who directed you to... to find..... Well he left the Sigs and went to the Coy store well he is a P.O.W. Jock Stevens was the name.

Well paper is getting scarce and I've got to keep within the bounds as to the letters I write and beside I'm not to sure if it isn't a wasted effort writing you as I much doubt getting a reply. Give my regards to Bill also to Dora if your still the man that comes around though if you run true to form she is well and truly forgotten.

*Cheerio old chap
All the best from your brother
Doug.*

LETTER TO MRS CLARKE

FROM BETTY JEFFREY about the disappearance of her daughter Mary Clarke FF James Bloodworth.

Mary and Betty Jeffrey were Nursing Sisters attached to the 10th Australian General Hospital, at Singapore, 1940-42.

At the fall of Singapore the nurses were evacuated. They left Singapore on the "Vyner Brooke" together with a number of civilians, including children, bound for Australia.

Just off Banka Strait the small unarmed ship was bombed by the Japanese. Passengers and crew had to abandon ship, but there were not sufficient life boats or rafts.

Mary, unfortunately could not swim. Those who could swim were able to get ashore but the raft Mary was on was swept out to sea and lost. Some of the nurses who did get to the shore were shot in the back by Japanese soldiers. The only survivor of this group was Sister Vivian Bulwinkel. Her amazing story was portrayed on T.V. last year.

Ailsa Avenue
East Malvern
Victoria, 23rd January, 1947.

Dear Mrs Clarke,

At last I have been able to get hold of your address as I would like to tell you that I was a friend of your daughter Mary - travelled to 10th A.G.H. Malacca with her, and was with her when she was last seen. I would like to tell you what happened.

Sixtyfive nursing sisters from Singapore 13th A.G.H., 2/4 c.c.s. and us (10th A.G.H.) left Singapore in the "Vyner Brooke", a tiny ship not much bigger than a Manly Ferry, on Thursday 12th February, 1942. We slept on the floor of the deck and lived there too until Saturday 14th February, when we were found by Japanese Bombers, who did their best to sink our ship, and, after a while, succeeded. Some sisters and many wounded civilians and sisters were able to get away and ashore in two life boats - there were girls in Sister Bulwinkel's party - thirty one sisters swam, and after many hours landed on Banka Island, while some of the girls were drowned owing to the rough seas, strong currents and the blackest night on record. Our ship sank at 2.30pm and just before darkness came, I swam to a raft where I could see grey uniforms. Mary was there - cheery as ever and greeted me as if we had met in the street. You

could imagine that. There were many civilian women, two Eurasian children, two wounded (not badly) Malay sailors, Matron Paschke and six of our sisters - far far too many for such a tiny raft.

Before long we soon had it organised as we were quite ten miles from land and had a long way to go. Sister Ennis sat on the raft and held the two children - two slightly wounded but very dazed sisters were also on the raft. Matron, Sister Harper and I took it in turns all that terrible night with the tow tiny paddles - just pieces of packing case and very rough. The remaining sisters, women and two sailors were in the water and hung on to the rope at the sides and kicked their feet to help us propel the awkward raft and all its weight through the very strong currents. All through the night we kept changing positions with those in the water to rest them. On many occasions we nearly got to the edge of the breakers but each time we were carried swiftly out to sea again, and it was hopeless. We nearly reached a wharf and later, a lighthouse, but currents would drive us away again. We even ran into part of the Japanese fleet who refused to pick us up as they were about to attack Muntok. At 4 a.m. we saw them take Muntok.

When daylight came, we were many miles out to sea once more and much further down the coast and could not see a sign of anybody or anything but the Jap ships away in the distance. Shore was just visible, not beaches, but trees. Something had to be done. We had wasted all our energy and were further away than at 6 p.m. the night before. As I had burnt my hands very badly getting off the "Vyner Brooke", rowing for twelve hours with a piece of packing case had worn my fingers and palms until the bones were exposed and they were so painful I couldn't row any more. So I got off the raft. I couldn't even hold the rope so I just floated alongside the raft. Sister Harper was so tired after her long effort at the other paddle, so she got off too. We also made the heavy Malay sailors leave the raft as they wouldn't help at all and they also swam with the two sisters. This is much better for those on the raft. It then was able to float on the surface instead of just below the surface. Mary and Sister Ennis took over the paddles and Matron took the children in her arms. Everybody changed over and we set out once more. The sailors, Sister Harper and I slowly swimming a few yards ahead to lead the way while the raft followed. We were very

happy about this and our chat was very bright although we were all desperately tired and longing to sleep. We made good progress for a long time, then suddenly the raft was caught in a current that missed us, as they were carried out to sea again and as we had lifebelts on, we could not catch them - only try and keep waving, but they went further away from us each minute. The currents separated us four swimmers; after a few hours we didn't see the Malays again and, after a long long gruelling swim in the sea and mangrove swamps, Sister Harper and I finally reached shore two days later. We were rescued by native fishermen on the following Tuesday morning. That is the last any of us saw of Matron Paschke, Mary and the other four sisters and all through those long years as a prisoner I felt sure they would turn up again, perhaps in Singapore, as the raft seemed to be going towards a Japanese destroyer, and the Japanese navy did rescue people who were shipwrecked in Banka Straits as they brought some English Sisters and civilian women into our camp a day or so after we arrived.

Mary, Jean Greer, Beryl Woodbridge, two Sydney Physiotherapists, Merrille and Nan, and I had a grand trip over to Malaya in June 1941, and we had a wonderful sojourn in Malacca when we were off duty. What a happy family we were! Later on, in Singapore we were all so busy we didn't seem to see each other until we were taken in ambulances to the wharf to join the "Vyner Brooke".

Mary was a sweet girl, always so happy and bright and she was still chatting away gaily when I saw her last. I am terribly sorry we could not bring her home to you. Please remember always we did try to get all those girls ashore.

I was discharged from hospital only two months ago, but I have to go back for a few months treatment after I have had a small holiday. I'm so tired of being a patient.

Mrs Clarke, I hope this dreadful story has told you what you must want to know. I have wanted so often to write to Mary's mother and tell her, but I only received your address last night from Jean Greer, who is in Melbourne now on her way back to Singapore. Perhaps one day I may see you. My sister-in-law comes from Rylestone and she is anxious for me to stay with her family - Mr and Mrs Thompson at "Wingarra" - when I get away from

hospitals finally. How I look forward to that day.

I have very few snaps of our Malacca days. Mine all went down with the ship, but I have two here with Mary in a group - one taken at the Swimming Club showing Sisters Pump, Mary, me, Jennie Greer, "Woodie" - and the other taken in Singapore standing by a taxi - Merrille, Mary, Nan and "Woodie". If you haven't a copy of these, I will get some copies taken off and will send them to you.

I apologise for the length of this letter, but there was so much to tell you. I hope it hasn't upset you too much.

*With kindest regards,
Yours very sincerely
Betty Jeffrey.*

Please Note:

Any further details of "First Fleeters on Active Service" will be filed at First Fleet House for future reference.

CONDOLENCES.

Deepest Sympathy is offered to the families of the following:

MYRTLE JOYCE SADLER #5719

Died 19th May, 1990

of Mount Gravatt, Qld.

CHRISTOS CACOURIS

Died 17th March, 1990

Husband of Audrey Cacouris #2394.

FRANK POTTS

Husband of Beryl Potts #3020.

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In person from St. Peters Bookshop at the church and local and other outlets.

MISSING BOOK

We are searching for a volume missing from our Library entitled "Matthew Everingham - A First Fleeter and his Times". This was the first of a number of volumes on Matthew Everingham by Valerie Ross. It was printed in 1980 and we would appreciate its return home. It is of interest to note that Matthew Everingham received seven years transportation for pinching a book!!!!!!

BOOK REVIEWS

By Peter Christian #1881
"The Frazer Morgan Family in Australia 1788 - 1990"
Volume 2 The Family Tree

This is a summary form of the descendants of Ellen Redchester/Frazer (F.F. "Prince of Wales") as compiled by the writer in early 1990. Clare Stapleton has certainly put a lot of time and effort in the collating of 8 generations of this First Fleet Family and the publication will without doubt, be a huge plus to any future family tree fanatic. As this is Volume 2, I searched our bookshelves in vain for Volume 1, but on reading further into the Introduction, Clare informs the reader that as Vol. 2 will no doubt contain errors and omissions, Vol.2 is released before Vol.1!!!! We look forward to the release of this Volume at it is intended to be a narrative history of Ellen during her first years in this land. Keep up the good work, Clare.

"The Cross Register 1788 - 1988"

Lorraine Prothero has issued yet another book on her family, the descendants of John Cross F.F. "Alexander" and Mary Davison "Lady Juliana". The book is a family register

of 4,100 names, each with a Family Name Number and contains a few interesting facts on Genetic Ancestry. Lorraine is to be congratulated for this companion to "Cross Reference" and "Cross: His Mark" both of which are well thumbed volumes in the Library.

BOOK DONATIONS TO OUR LIBRARY

We are sincerely grateful to the following for their kind donations of books for our Library.

The Pioneer Registers Vol.18/19 and Spouse Supplement to Vol.16/20. Presented by Dr. C.J. Smee.

"A Guide to the Records of the Rev. J.J. Therry and Related Papers" held in the archives of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.

From the Friends of First Government House.

1. Copies of Foundation Day Lectures 1987/1988/1989. (We now have copies of all Lectures from 1984.)
2. "A Good Foundation" Reflections of a Heritage of First Government House, Sydney.
3. "Arthur Phillip: Founding Australia"
4. "Guest of the Governor" Aboriginal Residents of First Government House.
5. A brochure from the NSW Dept. of Planning on plans for the development of the site of our First Government House.

We are indebted to Mrs Nell Sansom for forwarding the above to First Fleet House.

"A Day Before Yesterday" by Abe Davis.

BOOK LAUNCH

Fellowship members and their friends are invited to attend the launch of our book "Where First Fleeters Lie",

Saturday, 25th August, 1990 at 2pm

at: Fellowship House, 105 Cathedral St. Woolloomooloo

The book will be launched by Professor Brian Fletcher
Dean of History, Sydney University

Books which were ordered for personal collection may be picked up at the office on the day of the launch.

Books will be on sale on the day for \$22.50 each.

The function will conclude with Afternoon Tea.

RSVP: Phone First Fleet House.

The records of changes in the city of Sydney from the early 1900's to date.

"The Frazer Morgan Family in Australia" Vol. 2 donated by the author Clare Stapleton.

"The Cross Register 1788 - 1988" donated by the author and compiler Lorraine Prothero.

BOOKS FOR SALE

"A Rich Inheritance Vol. 2"

The Family Trees

Edited by: Narissa Phelps Morrissey for the committee of the William Roberts & Kezia Brown Family Association Inc.

This book which will be launched at the Family Reunion 14th October, 1990 (see around the trees), is approximately 600 pages, hard cover, full colour artist drawn dust jacket, high quality paper and reproduction of select photographs and documents, the volume is of the highest standard.

Cost:

\$65.00 without postage

\$75.00 with postage.

Available from:

The Secretary
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A MOMENT OF VERSE

FIRST FLEET DESCENDED

*I'm proud to be descended from those First Fleet pioneers,
Who came on ships across the sea, alas, for years and years.*

*Most came for stealin' what they had not, to start again anew,
And most realised what could be got, if they bid England a'due.*

*For ever more to see their home, the land that gave them birth,
T'was a small price to pay, for riches of this earth.*

*And most prospered and grew wise, owning land and other wealth,
While they helped build this great land, part of our British Commonwealth.*

Lyn Norcott

1988

F.F. Anthony Rope/Elizabeth Pulley

Visit To Norfolk Island March 1991.

Organised by the First Fleet Fellowship

A most economical eight day trip to Norfolk Island for Foundation Day, March 6th, 1991, commemorating the arrival of "Sirius" with the first settlers from the First Fleet.

Prices: (may vary slightly)

MELBOURNE - NORFOLK IS. - MELBOURNE \$1580

SYDNEY - NORFOLK IS. - SYDNEY \$1268

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Children 3 years to under 12 years - Half Price.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

for the period 23rd May to

19th June 1990

We extend a warm welcome to new members joined during this period 4 Adult, 2 Junior members, and 1 Spouse Associate.

Robert Forrester/Ann Forbes:

Mrs Claris Marie Naphali (Sp. Mr Maurice Naphali)

Mr Christopher Naphali

Anthony Rope/Elizabeth Pulley:

Mrs Pamela Potter

William Standley:

Mr James Winton Ng (Jnr) and
Miss Lisa May Ng (Jnr)

James Wright:

Mr Boyd Douglas Brown.

Additional First Fleet Ancestors:

John Cross, convict to Owen Cavanaugh and Margaret Darnell.
Robert Forrester, convict to Ann Forbes.

CAN YOU HELP?

We urgently need the assistance of helpers on Newsletter Assembly Day which is one Monday every second month.

Contact the co-ordinator
Mrs Barbara Townsend at First Fleet House.

FIRST FLEET PRINTS WINNER

As published in the January/February 1990 Newsletter (Pg. 3) the winner of the First Fleet Prints drawn at the last Annual General Meeting was Mrs Val Flanders.

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FROM THE EDITOR

In this issue I have published two letters (see First Fleeters in Active Service). One written in 1941 and the other in 1947. I would appreciate receiving copies of old letters, members may have in their possession, that they feel may be of interesting reading for our Newsletter.

The President's welcome of the 17th October has been cancelled, the President looks forward to meeting our new members on 24th November.

"A Short History of the Fellowship of First Fleeters" (March/April 1989 -

Part 1 & May/June 1989 - Part 2) will be concluded in the Nov/Dec 1990 Newsletter, we apologise for this delay.

The Annual General Meeting date has been changed from 7th October. It will now be held on 11th November, 1990 at a venue to be fixed.

Please note that the closing date for the next newsletter has been put forward to 6th September.

Please type in double spacing or print

any articles and enclose member numbers with all correspondence.

If items for the Newsletter are posted to the Editor's home address, please follow up with a phone call.

All births, marriages and engagement notices will be held over for publication in the Nov/Dec Newsletter. Obituary notices will be printed in every issue when necessary.

An index of all articles printed in 1990 Newsletter will appear in Nov/Dec edition.

NEWSLETTER CLOSING DATES

Closing Date:-	In office for posting:-	Newsletter Month:-
6th September 1990	11/10/90	Sept/Oct
15th November 1990	13/12/90	Nov/Dec
17th January 1991	14/2/91	Jan/Feb

SOCIAL DIARY FOR 1990/1991

Saturday, 25th August, 1990
Book Launch
2pm at First Fleet House

Sunday, 2nd September, 1990
Squarerigged Sailing Cruise aboard
"Solway Lass"
Departs 10.00am & 4.00pm

Sunday, 9th September, 1990
Tour of Tank Stream
Adults: \$8.00, Children \$4.00

15/16th September, 1990
Bloodworth Association

15/16th September, 1990
Castle Hill Gathering

14th October, 1990
William Roberts/Kezia Brown

October, 1990
Petticoat Lane Stall
Organised by the Canberra Chapter

November, 1990
White Elephant Stall
Organised by the Canberra Chapter

Sunday, 11th November, 1990
Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 18th November, 1990
Junior Members Colonial Costume
Christmas Party
At Australiana Pioneer Village

Sunday, 24th November, 1990
President's Welcome
2.30pm

Saturday, 8th December, 1990
F.F.F. Christmas Function
Friday, 25th January, 1991
Australia Day Eve Dinner

March, 1991
Visit to Norfolk Island

March, 1991
Matthew Everingham

9th - 12th May, 1991
Sixth Annual Congress
on Genealogy and Heraldry.

Don't forget to wear your First Fleet
T-Shirts, Windcheaters etc to these
outings.

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