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

First Christian Service Anniversary Celebration

A Service celebrating the First Christian Service held in the Colony was conducted in Sydney on 1 February, not as it happened "on the grass", but in St Philip's in York St. It was led by the Rt Reverend Ray Smith and followed, with some alterations, the Book of Common Prayer (1662) which was used by the Reverend Richard Johnson at the Service on 3 February 1788, and continually ever since.

In fact, the Prayer Book used by Johnson was on display on the communion table, along with his Bible and his communion chalice. The books, now too fragile to be opened, are signed by Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip, King Edward VIII and King George VI. Apparently the Prayer Book bears signs of frequent use of the "Solemnization of Matrimony" page, sometimes in adverse weather. Also on display was a set of communion silver plate presented in 1803 by King George III, "For use in the Chapel at His Majesty's settlement at Sydney in New South Wales".

A surprise feature of the service was the contribution of "wandering player", David Baldwin, who acted out an astute sequential reading from Johnson's journals and letters which he himself had researched and written.

Not at all surprisingly, the Rector based his sermon on Psalm 116, vs 12-13, just as Johnson had done. The latter's sermon has not survived, but Rev. Smith essayed a convincing interpretation of the way in which Johnson might have dealt with the text. The organist was FFF Director, Peter Meyer, who found the choir in superb voice, particularly in the singing of the hymn written in 1787 by John Newton for Richard Johnson before Richard sailed on the First Fleet.



The chalice, the communion plate, the Bible and the Prayer Book

Scarborough 'crew' in shock muster on Australia Day



At the Fellowship Australia Day Luncheon at the Bayside Boulevard, President John Haxton sprang one of his characteristic initiatives – reading out the names of First Fleeters represented by their descendants at the function, grouped by reference to the ship on which the ancestor had arrived. This later gave rise, without mutiny, to even more impromptu photos of the said 'crews', and of course the largest group was linked to Scarborough. Full report on Pages 6 & 7.

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DATE**

SYDNEY-PORTSMOUTH SISTER CITY RECEPTION

The 222nd Anniversary of the Sailing of the First Fleet

LORD MAYOR'S RECEPTION ROOM – TOWN HALL HOUSE

6.00PM TO 7.30PM FRIDAY 15 MAY, 2009 COST \$30

Speaker: Former Governor-General

Major-General MICHAEL JEFFERY, AC, AO (MIL.) CVO, MC

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From the President

What a land of contrasts; years of drought, bushfires, floods – as I write the Nation is gathering to remember those who have died, those who are grieving, those who have lost all their earthly possessions in the fires. We are at a loss to comprehend the enormous task of rebuilding, as the individual townships contemplate what to do first, but we know that we come from pioneer stock that have together built from nothing a nation that in general puts its hand to the task and undauntingly advances.

We have shown by our practical giving through the Red Cross and other agencies that we want to help. We take our hats off to the many service personnel who have toiled to try to contain the fires, others too who are accommodating those families who have nothing, only the clothes that they stand up in.

I have been in touch with Rick Stonehouse, President of the other fellowship in Victoria, who has indicated that as far as he is aware his members are safe.

New beginnings will be the order of the day for 2009. We will see the establishment of new Chapters, (hopefully by next issue, in Brisbane) as well as in some Sydney suburbs later in the year.

We have celebrated already this year the 221st anniversary of the landing of our ancestors at Sydney Cove – see Ron's page 6 report and photos. We attended the anniversary of the first Church Service – see page 1. We have three new Board members to bring fresh and new ideas to our Fellowship.

Let us all be grateful that we live in a land where people care; take care of each other; seek opportunities to show that what we believe in brings a positive response.

In Fellowship, John Haxton

A Mystic at Mittagong

The guest speaker at the Southern Highlands bi-monthly Chapter gathering at Mittagong on 11 February, was Valerie Lhuede, architect and owner of *The Ghost Town of Yerranderie*. Members gather for morning tea and a chat before the meeting and the event was well attended, due in part to the practice of the Chapter to advertise their events widely across the community. As keen campers at Yerranderie, Margaret and I were delighted to accept an invitation to come along and were made very welcome.

Supported by his slide show and wired for sound by her town manager, John Kirkby FF John Nicholls, a member of the Chapter, Val delivered a wonderfully relaxed dissertation on her acquisition of the town from her father and her subsequent restoration of it. One could not help being perplexed by the scope and uniqueness of her vision – to establish and hand on to posterity a 'Park' which embodies a worked-out silver mine complete with tailings dumps and crippled machinery, a remnant township, an aboriginal centre, a wildlife sanctuary, and a native flora haven – all serviced by restored tourist lodges, walking tracks and a camping area. And presided over by a majestic mountain, Yerranderie Peak.

In fact it was not until I read her latest historical novel, (on offer at the function) *Yerranderie is my Dreaming*, that I began to grasp what she was on about – the essential connectedness across time and place of aboriginal heritage, First Fleeters, artists, explorers, farmers, miners, catchment creators, road makers, National Park lobbyists and the tourists of today. A mystic yes, but oh! so practical. **RW**



Chapter President, Pat Robertson, presenting a gift of appreciation to Val.

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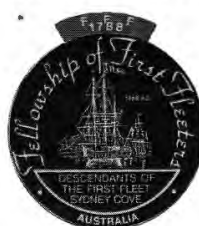
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Censure from a Centenarian

Sometimes the best way to get accurate information is to make and circulate a positive statement, and wait for a better-informed person to contradict you. Last issue I asserted, in reporting the death of **Frances Bull #51**, that at 102, she was our most senior member. That, I must now admit was an uninspired if nearly accurate guess, as our database does not necessarily record birth dates.

Anyway, along came a call from John Norman Denning #7499 to reveal on behalf of his mother, **Florence Roadley Denning #455**, that she was born a full year earlier than Frances, and what's more is alive and well and living in the Frank Vickery Village Hostel in Sylvania.

Florence is therefore our most senior member as she was back in October. Is it significant that she, like Frances, is a descendant of FF John Small/Mary Parker? John Small was 89 when he died. Mary drowned at 63. But two of their children, Rebecca (93) and William (95) were the oldest native-born white persons in the colony at the time of their deaths in 1883 and 1891 respectively. The genes will out!

John Denning sent in this account of his Mother's life. It has been an honour to place the lives of both of these grand old Small/Parker ladies on the FFF record. **RW**

Mum arrived in Balmain on 24 July 1905, firstborn of eight to Agnes Gertrude Mabel McPherson (née Hora) and John Wallace McPherson (Locksmith). Whilst Mum suffers from the physical vagaries of old age, her mind is still very sharp (she read the Frances Bull article) and she can still recall her early years. One of her earliest recollections is attending pre-school kindergarten at a private home in Rozelle which she walked to every day.

Agnes was a compulsive home mover. The family lived in many areas of Sydney, including Leichhardt, Strathfield, Ryde, Blaxland, Mt Victoria and Vaucluse.

At Strathfield, Mum recalls standing in the paddocks beside the railway line waving the troops off to WW1. They were still living there at the end of the war and on Armistice

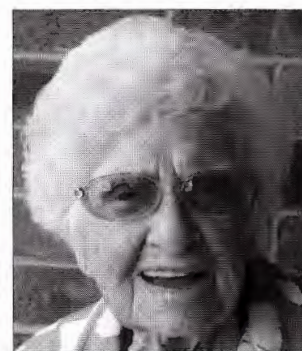
Day her father treated the children to a ride in a hansom cab.

The family moved to the Blue Mountains in 1919 to escape the influenza plague that was rife in Sydney, and she completed her senior school years up there. The family then moved to Vaucluse and my father, Norman, a friend of her brothers, Wally and Erich, came onto the scene. Mum and Dad could not afford to marry as a result of the Depression until 1935 when Dad obtained permanent employment. They set up house in Penshurst where they had three children, Warren (dec.), John and Margaret.

In the 50s and 60s Mum became interested in the family history. She asked her mother and aunts for their family recollections, but received little information as they were embarrassed that they were descended from convict stock. Indeed they even criticised her for doing the research. She accumulated much of the information from letter writing and when she found others who were also researching the family line, they combined their efforts. The book, *The Small Family in Australia*, was published.

Mum played bowls up to the age of 100 and only quit because of poor eyesight. At 95 Mum had an operation for stomach cancer. During her rehabilitation in Kogarah Hospital, the nurses told me that every morning around 6.30am, Mum would rouse the patients and exercise them by walking them around the ward. At 100 she was diagnosed with cancer in the thigh and again survived an operation. As a result of these two jousts with the disease she now, each year, cuts the ribbon to commence the Sutherland Shire Cancer Council Relay for Life, and says she will continue to do it as long as she is able.

Mum has ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren and notes the progress of them all with interest.



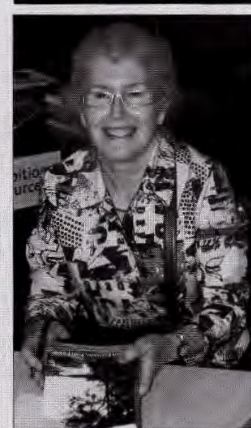
Robert Forrester, First Fleeter

This book is definitely not for the cursory reader. It is a densely-written account of the life of a First Fleet convict turned Hawkesbury farmer, Robert Forrester, from 1787 until his death in 1827, with passing but appropriate regard to the external factors and figures in the colony which impacted on his life. Exhaustively researched and annotated by Louise Wilson, his descendant, its full appeal will only be appreciated by a truly dedicated family member. Forrester was illiterate and thus left no written records, which leaves the biographer in the situation of having to interpolate his feelings, reactions and indeed in some cases his very whereabouts, raising many queries and suppositions in the process, which can become very demanding for the general reader.

Nevertheless with perseverance one arrives at a clearer understanding of the real, rather than romanticised, travails of one of the many men of genuine industry who struggled to found a family, and literally to help feed the nation, during its first forty years. As Louise points out, Robert was a man who was possibly framed for a crime of theft, who faced the menace of the Old Bailey, suffered the degradation of Newgate and the horror of the Hulks, arrived in a distant alien land, starved for years, became a farmer, suffered a constant cycle of drought, fire and flood, had to contend with a frontier war with aborigines and the attacks of rum-soaked mobs and bushrangers, coped with poverty and debt, and fought the economic and bureaucratic oppression of the ruling classes. He lived through the political turmoil of Johnston's coup d'état, his own trial for murder and countless court actions for debt. He experienced all the joys and sorrows of family life, including the love of three women, the births of nine children and the death of a wife and two children.

He was also a man who kept good company, became a watchman, held just enough land to become a cropper but never a grazier, was never charged with stealing food or any forms of antisocial behaviour, and was regarded as tough, enterprising and trustworthy enough to attract monetary loans from people of consequence in the colony. He has many proud descendants.

BOOK LAUNCH



Book signing for author, Louise Wilson, at the launch of 'Robert Forrester, First Fleeter', at Globe St in The Rocks on 27 January, 2009, before a gathering of some hundred descendants and friends.

Plaque Ceremony for Owen and Margaret Cavenough

Two Fellowship Plaques marked 1985 were unearthed in 2008, not at a graveside, but within the walls of First Fleet House. Why these memorials to Owen Cavenough and his wife Margaret Dowling had not been installed on their headstone at St Thomas Sackville Reach Cemetery is now best described as a mystery, but the oversight was put right at a Grave Plaque Dedication Ceremony on 20 September 2008.

A descendant of each of the Cavenough children attended among the twenty or so people at the ceremony, including Peter Pitts, Pat Holdorf, Ray Anderson, Alan and Sandra Woods, David and Lorraine Woods, Lorraine Beasley, Bruce and Elaine Sullivan, Allan and Jeanette Sullivan, son Scott and family.

Pat Holdorf gave an overview of how the descendants of Owen and Margaret were linked by marriage to many of the early families of the Hawkesbury district – daughter Grace married Ralph Turnbull, with other ties to the Aspery, Dunn, Gosper, Grons and Tuckerman families.

Bruce Arnett represented the Fellowship as convenor. Bruce is a descendant of Ann Forbes, the only other First Fleeter known to be interred at St Thomas – the burial sites of all three are only a few paces apart. A Plaque

Dedication Ceremony for Ann was held in 1985. **Bruce points to other links between Ann Forbes and Mar-**



Pat Holdorf with her grandson, John Batson, who fixed the two First Fleet Plaques to the base of the Cavenough headstone. The Plaques were dedicated by the Reverend Grant Bilbey of Ebenezer Uniting Church, which sits partly on land provided by Owen and Margaret.

garet Cavenough (née Dowling). Both came as convicts on *Prince of Wales*, both had born children out of wedlock shortly after arrival in the colony. Both were sent to Norfolk Island on *Sirius* in 1790. Owen was a crewman on *Sirius* and when it foundered in 1791 and he was allowed to settle on the Island where he took Margaret as his wife.

Ann married William Dring on Norfolk Island, returning to Sydney in 1794. Widowed by 1798 she became housekeeper and spouse to Thomas Jones (Huxley) and hence her headstone reads Ann Huxley. Their abode and farmland were at Lower Portland. She died in 1851, aged 83.

Returning in 1796, Owen variously rented acreage, but by 1803 appears to have owned his land at Ebenezer. In 1814-15 Owen was lessee of the South Creek Bridge but later returned to the river, owning land at Portland Head and later Lower Portland Head. Margaret died in 1834, aged 67, at Sackville Reach. Upon her death Owen seems to have worked a rented farm on Little Wheeny Creek, where in 1841, in his 80th year, he was drowned.

United in common ground, Ann and Margaret had yet other links, Ann's daughter, Esther Huxley married Margaret's son, James, and Ann's granddaughter, Celia Collins, married Margaret's son, Owen. **BA/PH**

Restoring The Bonds of Friendship to Customs House Square

Vice-President Peter Christian reports that **Richard Tanner, Chairman of the Sydney-Portsmouth Sister City Committee**, has written to the Lord Mayor of Sydney mounting another strong plea for the relocation of **The Bonds of Friendship** sculpture to its rightful place in Customs House Square. This is a stand which is strongly supported by the Fellowship. Here is the text of Richard's letter:

"This Committee is becoming increasingly concerned at the current position of the Bonds of Friendship sculpture located in Jessie Street Gardens in Loftus Street and the abuse which is visited on this important monument to our history.

"The Bonds of Friendship has an exact parallel in Portsmouth on the Sally Port (pictured) and was a gift in part financed by the City of Portsmouth and Westpac Banking Corporation.

"The sculpture was originally located

ed in a prominent position in front of Customs House where a large number of people could view it and the inscription on its plinth. Following the renovation of Customs House Square the sculpture mysteriously disappeared completely from public view in the early 1990s, but following agitation by this Committee was relocated in Loftus Street. Further agitation was required by the Committee as the plinth with its inscription were completely buried under ground level so very few people knew what the sculpture signified and its relevance to the formation of this Colony.

"Whilst the existing position is historically accurate in as much as it is within metres of the original flagpole on which the Queen Jack flag was raised in 1788, it suffers from a number of severe disadvantages. The first is that it is located in the shade of some lillypilly trees which drop purple



staining berries each year. As if this was not enough, the sculpture is located very close to the Paragon Hotel and patrons have been observed... (*beep, beep -Ed.*) Therefore, it is currently in a totally unsatisfactory location for such an important piece of history.

"I have reason to believe that the redesigning of Customs House Square had provision for the re-siting of the Bonds of Friendship on a substantial granite block located on the North East

corner of the Square. On the North West corner there is a matching granite block with an inscription signifying the importance of the aboriginal culture, the role of merchants operating their trade in the area and an explanation of the filling in of the foreshore to give the name Circular Quay. These three aspects of Australian history are vital but it is an appalling omission not to mention the First Fleet and all its trials and tribulations endured to safely arrive in Port Jackson and found the Colony of New South Wales.

"This Committee strongly suspects

that over the years there has been a deliberate attempt to rewrite Australian history and it is for this reason that the Bonds of Friendship no longer rest in such a prominent position as the forecourt of Customs House. It is also strongly suspected that the massive granite block on the North East corner of Customs House was specially designed to feature the Bonds of Friendship but for political reasons the granite block remains in isolation without the sculpture resting upon it.

"It is for these very valid historical and practical reasons that this Com-

mittee feels that the Bonds of Friendship should be re-sited to where it was originally intended, in Customs House Square.

"We look forward to a favourable outcome to this request which we think is not only practical but vital in an historical context."

Members of the Fellowship are asked to support Richard by writing in a similar vein, but privately in their own words, to the Lord Mayor. Her address is: Clover Moore MP, Lord Mayor of Sydney, GPO Box 1591, Sydney, 2001.

SELECTED USEFUL INTERNET SITES FOR FAMILY HISTORY



This list, current to at least January 2009, was compiled by Joan Edwards BA JP of the Blue Mountains Family History Society, writer of educational resource books with over forty years teaching experience.

An edited version is presented here, with permission, to assist members with their ongoing research, as many of

us, having found our First Fleeter, are keen to expand our family genealogy chart either sideways or back in time.

SEARCH ENGINES

Google <http://www.google.com.au/>

The almost universal general search engine. Do use the advanced search but be aware the search is by letter recognition so it will not pick up spelling variations etc.

Ask (formerly Ask Jeeves) <http://www.ask.com/>

This search engine uses slightly different criteria and may bring up different sites.

GENERAL

LDS (Church of Latter Day Saints) Family Search

<http://www.familysearch.org/eng/default.asp>

The most useful section is the International Genealogical Index (IGI). Deaths and the Census may be more useful when developed further. Mainly USA but has births and marriages from parish registers in other countries.

Cyndi's List <http://www.cyndislist.com/>

Useful links for sites for countries, including Baltic States, Belgium, Greece, Italy, France, USA etc, surname lists and hard-to-find entities such as Huguenots and Quakers.

BRITISH ISLES

National Archives

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

A useful aid for when and where re census records.

Proceedings of Old Bailey 1674-1913

<http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/>

Transcripts. Most other gaol records are held in the relevant county offices which can be accessed directly or through

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/>

Free births, Deaths & Marriages

<http://www.frebmd.org.uk/cgi/search.pl>

Note that registration began for England and Wales in 1837, Scotland in 1855 and Ireland in 1921.

Scotland's People – user pays site

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

Census, births from parish registers as registrations, marriages, wills etc. One of the more reliable sites.

Irish Family History Foundation

<http://www.irish-roots.ie>

A new site with content increasing rapidly. Free access to indices, but copies of certificates cost five euros.

AUSTRALIA

<http://www.ancestry.co.uk/> is the UK version, BUT BDMs, census etc are on the **Australian version** at

<http://www.ancestry.com.au> as are the fully-indexed Convict Transportation Registers, 1788 to 1868.

Cora Nunn's Website for Genealogists

<http://www.coraweb.com.au/>

Mainly Australian but some immigration, overseas etc.

Some examples of available databases are:

NSW BDM index – direct link

<http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/familyHistory/searchHistoricalRecords.htm>

NSW State Records

http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/staterecords/welcome_to_state_records_nsw_1556.asp for databases etc — more are being added regularly.

CONTACTING OTHERS — PAY SITES

Sites that require you to enter family tree details and thus hopefully find family connections.

<http://www.genesunited.co.uk/default.aspx?ixc=u> and

<http://www.ancestry.com.au>

Note that Denis Smith #4068 has made reference to an article which points out that three websites purporting to provide family history research are of very dubious value.

SearchYourGenealogy.com, **Ancestrysearch.com** and **Australian-Ancestry.com** appear to be nothing more than a series of web pages with links to other pages. Our FFF members are accordingly encouraged to validate and verify the legitimacy of a website before providing credit card information or otherwise paying for services.

ROOTSWEB MAILING LISTS – a free section on ancestry.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/> takes you to the listing. Browse Mailing Lists. Scroll to International. Go to Country and topic or area that interests you. Register in **Digest Mode** so that emails come to you in groups, not individually.



Our guest for the Australia Day Luncheon at the Bay-side Boulevard Hotel in Woolloomooloo was author Babette Smith, who delivered a forthright address on the thesis of her book, *Australia's Birthstain – the striking legacy of the convict era*, which was reviewed in the July / August 2008 edition of *Founders*. Her address, undiluted by the extensive anecdotes of the book, and certainly not in need of them, presented her message with greater stridency and clarity than the written word, and held the audience rapt. Babette has consented to her speech, recorded live by the Fellowship, being issued on CD. It is being made available to the Chapters, individuals and to Family groups. (see the bevelled box on page 7 opposite.)



The Luncheon which was attended by our patron, Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir, Governor of New South Wales, and Sir Nicholas Shehadie, attracted some 170 members, associates and friends.

Peter Christian pronounced the Grace, this year using the wording that was adopted in 2008 by the FFF Board for all formal, informal and festive occasions, and which our Chapters are commended likewise to employ: *We thank thee Lord for this our land and its bountiful provisions made available to us through the endurance, motivation and courage of our First Fleet ancestors. Amen*

Paul Kable proposed the Royal Toast and the assembly successfully navigated the printed verses one and three of R.L. Sharwood's National Anthem – I was later to discover at the 221st Anniversary of the First Christian Service held in the Colony that Mr Sharwood had also crafted verses two and four for use in church services of a national character! *In joyful strains then let us sing...*

MC, Rod Best, in sparkling form, introduced President John Haxton to propose the toast to Our First Fleet Ancestors. In so doing John read out names of First Fleet Ancestors represented by attendees at the Luncheon, listed by the ship on which they had arrived. And later at John's request, attendees cheerfully accepted being photographed in the same maritime configuration. The photos appear on these centre pages and on page 1.

The Governor's address, warm and enthusiastic, took on the character of a family fireside chat. In praise of library services, she made reference to the recent availability on line at the State Library of no fewer than nine first-person First Fleet journals. (*Founders* 39.5 has a review).



The Governor then drew attention to the upcoming Bicentenary in May 2009 of the appointment in London of Lachlan Macquarie as Lt Governor of NSW. She went on to extol the contribution of the "Man from Mull" and his wife Elizabeth to the growth of the colony over his ten years in office. While he was derided by some for being too compassionate, she sees him, in his support for and promulgation of convict emancipation, as "the pioneer of the fair go". She praised his intelligence, his "can-do" industry and the wonderful partnership he engendered with his wife, giving rise to creative town planning, inspired buildings, fast-tracked roads and infrastructure and schools for orphans and aboriginal children. Look out, she said, for a rerun of Alex Buzo's play, *Macquarie*, and a host other events as the Bicentenary is widely celebrated across the State.

In thanking her, John Haxton presented the Governor and Sir Nicholas with a framed print of tall ships in the harbour in 1788, by maritime artist, Frank Allen. The print was unearthed by member, Denis Smith, in a corner of the Blue Mountains, and Frank then supplied two larger versions on canvas. The other one will hang in FF House. Maybe as a reward for his perspicacity, Denis was later to win the top lucky program prize of a silver proof coin, celebrating the 220th First Fleet Anniversary.

John Boyd had the key role in arranging the luncheon at a new venue, and deserves fulsome praise for its success – along with his sub-committee of Robin and Ian Palmer, Lois Cook, Elaine Bennett, John Haxton and Terry and Jean Mortimer. **RW**



FIRST FLEET ANCESTORS OF ATTENDEES BY SHIP OF ARRIVAL

HMS SIRIUS: John Gowen (*Marine*), Henry Hacking (*Qtr Mstr*), Peter Hibbs (*Seaman*), John Palmer (*Purser*), Daniel Stanfield (*Marine*), William Tunks (*Marine*), James Williams (*Marine*). **ALEXANDER:** John Cross, Phillip Devine, William Eggleton, Andrew Fishburn (*Marine*), James Freeman, Richard Morgan, William Parish, Elizabeth Pulley, Edward Risby, Anthony Rope, John Winter (*Seaman*), William Tyrrell. **CHARLOTTE:** Thomas Acres, John Herbert, Mary Phillips, John Small, James Squire. **FRIENDSHIP:** Patrick Burn, Suzannah Garth, Henry Kable. **LADY PENRHYN:** Esther Abrahams, Sarah Bellamy, Mary Dickenson, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Olivia Gascoigne, Mary Greenwood, Jane Langley, Phebe Norton, Mary Parker, Ann Sandlin, Henrietta Scriven, Philip Scriven (*Seaman*), Mary Smith, Ann Yeates. **PRINCE OF WALES:** Hannah Barrisford, John Barrisford, Ann Forbes, Eleanor Frazer, Catherine Johnson, Caroline Laycock, William Nash, Ann Smith. **SCARBOROUGH:** Jacob Bellett, William Boggis, James Bloodworth, James Bradley, James Cullen, Robert Forrester, Matthew Everingham, Edward Garth, Matthew Harris, Joseph Hatton, Edward Kimberly, Nathaniel Lucas, Frederick Meredith (*Stwrd*), Edward Miles, Richard Partridge, William Roberts, John Shiers, Thomas Spencer, Joseph Tuso, Edward Whitton, James Williams, Joseph Wright. **UNKNOWN:** John Redman.



ALEXANDER



HMS SIRIUS

Winners of the Five Lucky Program Prizes

1st PRIZE: First Fleet 1788 220th Anniversary 1oz Silver Proof Coin – Courtesy of the Perth Mint & FFF: **DENIS SMITH**

2nd PRIZE: 2008/2009 Memberships of Fellowship of First Fleeters – To the Value of Your Current Membership – Courtesy of FFF: **CHRIS SEARCHFIELD**

3rd PRIZE: Gift Vouchers to the Store at First Fleet House – To the Value of \$20.00 – Courtesy of FFF: **EDITH TURNER**

4th PRIZE: 2008/2009 of Fellowship of First Fleeters– To the Value of Your Current Membership – Courtesy of FFF: **JEAN FOXOVER**

5th PRIZE: Gift Vouchers to the Store at FF House – To the Value of \$20.00 – Courtesy of the FFF: **SANDRA LIEBAU**



IN ADDITION: Betty McPherson donated three 'Roses of the Heart' type bonnets. These were won by Jean Mortimer, Bruce Meppem and Paul Kavanagh.

Lois Cook and Pam Quick wasted no time in giving Paul a trial fitting.

At the Luncheon President John Haxton presented a Certificate of Appreciation to three long-serving members of the FFF Board who retired at the 2008 Annual General Meeting. The citation for Rod Best, Elaine Bennett and Roy Morris can be viewed on page 12 along with their photograph.

PHOTOS AND A RECORDING

If you would like to obtain a copy of any of the published photos from the Australia Day Luncheon, including those on the enclosed leaflet,

OR if you would like a CD copy of Babette's address, in .wav format suitable for playback on computer, please contact Ron Withington on 02 4757 3984 or email ronwit@ozemail.com.au

Preference is for supply by email, but hard copy prints (in limited numbers) may be available.



LADY PENRHYN



PRINCE OF WALES



FRIENDSHIP

SCARBOROUGH IS ON PAGE 1, a merge of three exposures.

Marine Officer, Convict Wife The Johnstons of Annandale

Board members of the FFF, Robin and Ian Palmer attended the 2008 launch of Alan Roberts' book, *Marine Officer, Convict Wife — The Johnstons of Annandale*. Subsequently the work was purchased for the FFF Library.

Major George Johnston deserves better press than his enduring notoriety for deposing Governor Bligh in 1808 and this is a book which goes a long way in illuminating his wider roles as a soldier, aide-de-camp, grazier, entrepreneur, home builder, patriarch and notional founder of the suburb of Annandale, just west of Sydney.

Author Alan Roberts is an experienced scholar and academic, as exemplified by his meticulous end papers — a bibliography, tables of land grants, cottage architecture, assigned servants lists, stock inventories, sales records, land value gains, a family tree, furnishing lists, notes and an index which together occupy 65 pages. However, his text is easy to read and the narrative thread is strong, while being fair to all the players — even to Governor Bligh, although he cannot resist including the infamous cartoon of Bligh being dragged from under his steward's feather bed! Generally, where there is a paucity of facts, Roberts promotes interesting and credible suppositions.

It is instructive to learn once more of the value to the FF officers in having an influential patron or mentor back in England: in Johnston's case it was the gouty but fabulously wealthy, (£80,000pa) Hugh Percy, 2nd Duke of Northumberland. The Duke was active in supporting Johnston in the top echelons of the War Office throughout his court martial against the equally powerful Bligh patron, Sir Joseph Banks, and Northumberland's intervention possibly saved Johnston's life. Later the Duke made strenuous, if unavailing, approaches to the Prince Regent to have Johnston reinstated after his cashiering with loss of rank, honour and pay.

I found it just as interesting to read that the Duke earlier, in 1804, had sent Johnston a Spanish Merino ram, *Don Pedro*, from George III's flock at Kew, which was one of the first Merinos in the colony. He also sent four Teeswater sheep, ideal for producing meat, and ultimately producing a fleece of thirteen pounds against the average fleece weight in England of only nine pounds. When John Macarthur returned to the colony in June 1805 George Johnston reported to Northumberland that the quarrelsome one brought back "four rams & one Ewe of the Merino breed, which he attempted to make people believe are the finest in the World" but "people in the Colony that pretend to be judges say that the sheep we had before his arrival are superior in every respect" and "they laugh at his bombast". Johnston is not celebrated like Macarthur and Samuel Marsden in the foundation of the wool industry, but Roberts points out here and elsewhere in the text that he played a significant part in it.

The Duke also sent Johnston seed and equipment along with recipes and agricultural instruction, such as for the pressing of hemp and the sinking of wells. He even sent a machine for taming savage bulls. Probably his most prized gift was a 'thoroughbred' stallion of 17 hands, which attracted a stud fee of £10 and was one of two leading blood horse sires in NSW up to 1810. Johnston named him *Northumberland*, but in his letters to the Duke he was always just 'the Horse'.

With this sort of backing, and his energy, intelligence and willingness to learn it is not surprising that Johnston established a farming dynasty in the Annandale district, the development of which is carefully charted by Roberts with a generous supply of maps, drawings and photographs (superbly captioned), and the story loses none of its punch when the three sons, George Jr, Robert, David and daughters Julia, Maria and Blanche assume centre stage.

Although she was Johnston's convict alliance, Esther Abrahams, "less than a wife, more than a mistress", gets equal billing in the title of the book, and she is

the mother of his six children who survived to adulthood, and again although hers is the only extant and well-known portrait of a FF convict, she nevertheless comes across as a shadowy figure. This is partly inevitable if regrettable. No letters between Esther and George have survived. In addition, he seemed reluctant to acknowledge her as a soulmate in writings or in public appearances, even if there are strong indications that she played a part in the management of his affairs while he was away in England. Then of course her growing eccentricity in advancing age, prompting attempts to have her declared insane, cloud and confuse some aspects of her role and influence.

MOCW is a handsome paperback, quite the definitive work both on the Johnston family and the early history of Annandale. My regular drives home via Johnsons Bay, past Glebe Point, into Johnston St and onto Parramatta Road will henceforth be more enlightened.

Ron Withington

Marine Officer, Convict Wife – The Johnstons of Annandale

by Alan Roberts, Paperback, 248pp.
Annandale Urban Research Association
in association with

Barbara Beckett Publishing. Price: \$30

A print of the portrait of Esther attributed to Richard Read hangs in First Fleet House.

Founders Fleetmuster

The sea is heavy and
the Fleeters are forced
to stagger, fore, aft,
to port or starboard
and sometimes veer
diagonally.

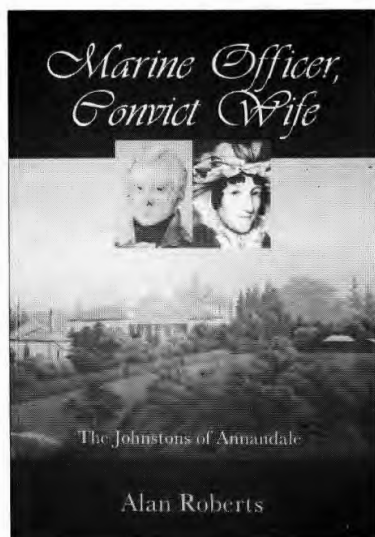


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Try to find the names of ten of the following First Fleeters, all starting with the letter A:

Abel, Acres, Adams, Agley, Allen, Alt, Altree, Ault, Ask, Angell, Anstis.

Margaret Withington





Foundlings

FIRST FLEET QUIZ NO.7

1. George Johnston's horse, *Northumberland*, (see opposite page) sired a fine stallion which George gave as a gift to Governor Macquarie. It was perhaps the first Horse bred in the colony which was exported to England. Its name was:

a. Prince b. Sultan c. Emperor d. Raja e. Chieftain

2. The 1988 First Fleet Reenactment ships called at Fremantle on the way to Sydney. They made one other departure from the original route after Cape Town, calling at:

a. Mauritius b. Madagascar c. Cocos Island d. Hobart



3. This a room in: a. Hambledon b. Vacluse House c. Elizabeth Farm d. Old Govt House e. Camden Park

4. From the play he was reading at sea in 1787, Lt. Ralph Clark wrote of the heroine, "she did love her

husband, but not half as much as I love my adorable Alicia." The lady was:

a. Lady Macbeth b. Lady Jane Grey c. Lady Juliana d. Kate Hardcastle from 'She Stoops to Conquer'

5. On 29 May 1788, Sirius received "22 firkins of butter from Fishburn." A firkin of butter was: a. 16lbs b. 28lbs c. 56lbs

6. In C18th criminal argot, a "buffer" was: a. a pickpocket b. a dog killed for pelts for gloves c. a thief of bags of soot from chimney sweeps d. a mounted highwayman

7. On 9 June 1790 Reverend Johnson preached a sermon in relation to King George III. It concerned his:

a. birthday b. recovery from illness c. victory at sea

8. Christmas Eve 1789 was devastating for the young colony when supply ship *Guardian* was lost. It had:

a. struck a whale b. incurred a mutiny c. struck an iceberg

9. Of the Second Fleet ships, the most ghastly for loss of life on board was: a. *Surprize* b. *Scarborough* c. *Neptune*

10. In 1790 Governor Phillip was speared while on an expedition, the shaft wounding him in the:

a. right shoulder b. left upper thigh c. the right forearm

SCORES AND PRIZES:

9: A gallop on *Northumberland*, Sydney Cove to Annandale.

7: A six-month sub-editorship contract with *Sydney Gazette*.

5: Fifteen firkins of 1788 *Fishburn* butter.

Answers on Page 11

Ron Withington



Readers' Riposte

• The most robust reposte came of course from Florence Denning via her son John, when we failed to acknowledge her seniority. For the attempt to make amends, see page 3 of this issue.

• Otherwise we escaped unscathed in the last issue, save for missing a 't' on George Johnston's name. The long article on page 8, may be adequate apology.

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Vale 'Our' Mollie Gillen



The Fellowship is saddened at her death in Toronto, but surely rejoices in the long life and work of **Dr Kathleen Mollie Gillen**, author of *The Founders of Australia*, the book which so stunningly set out to record the known facts (as at 1989) concerning the lives of all those who arrived on the First Fleet. The book was the result of twenty years of effort that started when she was tracing the history of her own First Fleet ancestor, **John Small**, which also became a book, *The Search for John Small* (1985). FOA is a primary reference for all those seeking to establish their First Fleet lineage. When it was first published it on the one hand identified some missing First Fleeters, while at the same time importantly served to toss overboard a host of 'phantoms', those erroneously claimed by over-eager descendants to have arrived with the First Fleet. Within the Fellowship the 634-page out-of-print tome is often referred to as our 'Bible'.

Mollie, who died on 3 January 2009, shortly after celebrating her 100th birthday (see photo above) was born on 1 November 1908 in Sydney, the daughter of Dr Robert Woolnough and his wife Bertha (Youldale). When she was ten, both her parents died of Spanish flu, and Mollie grew up under the care of Bertha's sister, Edith. She was schooled at Loreto Normanhurst, graduated from Sydney University in Arts in 1930 and worked as a governess for a few years before sailing to London.

She met her future husband, Orval Gillen, a Canadian stationed in England with the Royal Canadian Airforce, in 1939. Mollie married as a war bride in 1940 and in 1941 Orval was posted to air force bases in Ontario and then in Montreal. By 1949 they had two children, Barbara and Ian, and were living in Ottawa. By the mid-1950s, Mollie had a job in the Department of Public Works information division, as well as teaching fiction at university and writing for magazines and newspapers.

Mollie's first book, *Star of Death*, a thriller set in Australia and Britain, was published in 1960, and two of her many stories were published in *The Saturday Evening Post*. She separated from Orval after a marital breakdown, but they never did divorce. Mollie met Phil Murphy and in 1961 moved to Toronto with him. A succession of important biographical books followed and in the early 1970s she and Phil moved to London. By the 1980s, *The Founders of Australia* was well underway and, in 1983, she won a grant to assist her research and came to Australia with Murphy. He died of an asthma attack on the night they landed. Mollie sadly returned via London to Toronto and finished the book there.

Mollie made a happier visit to Australia in 1995, when she was awarded an honorary doctorate of letters by her alma mater and was made a Member of the Order of Australia for her contribution to her country of birth. **Ron Withington**

Symbol: the Broad Arrow

Sundry wags have suggested that the *broad arrow* printed on a male convict's clothing was to show him how to put his pants on. Not so!

The origin of the *broad arrow symbol* is unknown, but could be related to the arrow used by bowmen in the English army of the Middle Ages. It was employed at first to identify objects purchased with the monarch's money and later to indicate government property.



Invention of the mark is often attributed to **Henry Sidney, 1st Earl of Romney**, who served as Master-General of Ordnance from 1693 to 1702, since the *pheon* (which is an *engrailed broad arrow* having inner barbs on the head) appears in the coat of arms of his family. Henry employed the symbol on prison uniforms. But it is known to have been in use much earlier. *Broad Arrow Tower*, built by Henry III of England between 1238 and 1272, in the Tower of London,

is said to be named after the royal property mark. Anyway, as with hallmarks, it is currently a criminal offence to reproduce the broad arrow without authority.

The broad arrow was not widely used for convict clothing during the early period of transportation to New South Wales, due to the lack of government-issued uniforms. Male convicts typically wore prison 'slops', with calico, duff or canvas trousers, striped cotton shirt and grey wool jacket. Women in the later female factories wore drab cotton clothing stencilled with a 'C'.

The first two-coloured uniforms, which were introduced by Governor Macquarie into NSW in 1814, were black and white (yellow was added later). This parti-coloured convict uniform, or 'maggie', was worn as a form of secondary punishment by offenders who repeatedly broke the law while serving their original sentence. The dress was so powerful a symbol of humiliation, prison authorities often ordered its wearing rather than administering corporal punishment.

The Board of Ordnance took over supply of clothing in the 1820s and uniforms from this period were marked with the

broad arrow. Thus the broad arrow did not specifically signify convict status as many assume, but rather simply government property. It continued to be used to denote government property until well after Federation. The arrow was also used on survey markers and it can still be seen on some Australian military property.

So there in a nutshell is the background to the use of the...

Oops. Have to run now, I think that siren I can hear heralds the arrival of the Federal Police!



Symbol: Sydney's Coat of Arms

The 1996 and latest version of the Coat of Arms depicts a shield charged with a crown and anchor. The anchor represents the discovery of Australia by naval officer Captain Cook. The masoned mural crown denotes the power and authority of a city.

The upper portion of the shield is divided into thirds and features simplified versions of the arms of **Thomas Townshend**, who was Viscount Sydney, (including stylised broad arrows) and the Hon. Thomas Hughes, MLC, the first Lord Mayor. The Naval Flag of England in the centre acknowledges the role of Captain Arthur Phillip in the foundation of the colony. Together, these symbols represent the naming of Sydney, the British contribution to the establishment of Sydney, and Sydney's emergence as a great maritime port city. The six-pointed star above the shield is a motif derived from traditional European heraldry.

A snake and a coiled rope flank the shield. The snake represents the Rainbow Serpent, a creator-being said to have formed the landscape in the Dreamtime as it travelled through the country. It bears the markings used by the Eora people, who lived in the area on which Sydney was founded. The maritime imagery of the rope and anchor highlights the diverse cultural origins of the people of Sydney, while the entwined rope and serpent suggest cultural harmony. RW



and linking these two symbols...

There is an interesting link between two of the players in the above articles.

Henry Sidney, 1st Earl of Romney (1641-1704) was the son of **Robert Sidney, 2nd Earl of Leicester** (1595-1677).

Thomas Townshend (1732-1800) was created 1st Viscount Sydney of St Leonards. He took the title 'Sydney' to commemorate his descent from the same Robert Sidney.

Perhaps the City of Sydney Coat of Arms should have featured the broad arrow in very much greater prominence?

North Coast Chapter Wedding

For Max Laroux #7471, FF John Herbert/ Deborah Ellam, it has transpired that his FFF Friend at Woolgoolga, Chris-

tine George, has graduated to #7471.1, Associate Spouse.

Max and Christine were married on 20 February. At the meeting in the same month, their fellow Chapter members made a presentation and Robyn Condliffe produced this celebratory cake to be divided.

A new chapter for the happy couple and a big 'Huzzah' for our bonds of Fellowship!



CANBERRA: (ACT, Queanbeyan & surrounds)

Next Meeting: Please contact the President, Geoff Cameron, ☎ (02) 6251 4095.

CENTRAL COAST: (Gosford, Tuggerah Lake, Wyong, Budgewoi & surrounds)

Venue: Wyong RSL Club, corner Anzac Ave and Margaret St, Wyong. Meetings held each month on the second Saturday at 10am for 10.30am, except for April when it is the third Saturday.

Next Meetings: Saturday 14 March. Speaker: Gwen Bates, on *Researching Irish Ancestry*.

Wednesday 15 April: Outing to Fort Scratchley, Newcastle. Saturday 18 April. Topic: *NSW Corps of Marines*.

For details contact the Secretary, Beryl Haxton, ☎ 4353 2524.

EASTERN FARMS: (Ryde, Eastwood, Parramatta, Kings Langley, Pennant Hills & surrounds)

Venue: Note change of venue – now meeting in the Hall at historic Brush Farm House, 19 Lawson Street, Eastwood from 10.00am - 12.00 noon on the first Saturday of the month.

Next Meetings: Saturday 7 March: Speaker: Trish Skehan, Publicity Officer, Concord Heritage Society, on *Exiles of Canada Bay*. Saturday 4 April: Speaker: John Boyd, FFF Director, on *The Tank Stream*.

Saturday 2 May: Visit and morning tea at Hambledon Cottage, 63 Hassall St, Harris Park.

For more information contact the Secretary, Robin Palmer, ☎ 9871 4102.

HUNTER VALLEY: (Hunter regions, Newcastle, & surrounds)

Venue: St John's Hall on the corner of Parry & Dawson Sts, Cooks Hill, Newcastle. Chapter Meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Monday from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Members may arrive at 10.00am.

Next Meetings: Monday 16 March: Visit to St James Church, King St, Sydney. Monday 20 April: Chapter Meeting at St Johns.

Monday 18 May: Outing to Hawkesbury area. For more detail contact the Secretary, Beth Brooker, ☎ 4926 5535.

LACHLAN MACQUARIE: (Orange, Bathurst, Parkes, Dubbo, White Rock, Cowra, Kelso and surrounds)

Venue: Quarterly meetings at different venues.

Next Meeting: Saturday 21 March: A Walking Tour of Bathurst, from 2.00pm - 4.00pm, meeting at Foundation Cairn, Cnr William & Stanley Sts, Bathurst. Topic: *Early Bathurst 1815 – c1840*. Commentary by Dr Robin McLaughlin (CSU). Bring a plate for afternoon tea. Then a visit to Holy Trinity Church, Kelso, where a First Fleeter is buried.

RSVP to the Secretary, Judy Dwyer, by Saturday 14 March ☎ 6365 8234. cpdtara@bigpond.com

NEW ENGLAND: (Armidale & surrounds)

Next Meeting: (Quarterly) Saturday, 2 May at 12.30pm with member's talk on William Wall. Please contact the Secretary, Fran Newling, ☎ 6771 5099 for details of venue.

NORTH COAST: (Coffs Harbour, Woolgoolga, Leigh & surrounds)

Next Meeting: Sunday 5 April 11.30am at Boambee Creek Reserve. Details from Robyn Condliffe, ☎ 6653 3615.

NORTHERN RIVERS: (Lismore & surrounds)

Meetings bi-monthly, fourth Sunday at 11.30am. **Next Meeting:** Sunday 22 March at Vilmai & Don McDonalds' home, 269 Richmond Hill Rd, Richmond Hill. BBQ lunch. Speaker: Margaret Howard on Phoebe Flarty who arrived on *Prince of Wales*. Contact Margaret Soward for more information, ☎ 6686 3597.

NORTH WEST: (Tamworth & surrounds)

Venue: Normally in Family History Group Rooms in the V. Guy Kable Building, Marius St, Tamworth. Bi-monthly meetings at 1.30pm. Contact: Jo Crossing, ☎ 6766 8255 for details of all meetings.

Next Meeting: Saturday 4 April there will be a bus trip to Uralla to view local attractions, leaving about 8.30am.

SOUTH COAST: (from Engadine to Burrill Lake)

Venue: Normally Ribbonwood Centre, Laurel Room, 93-109 Princes Highway, Dapto. Nine monthly meetings a year on the 1st Tuesday (except May & December) 10.00am to 1.00pm.

Next Meetings: Tuesday 7 April: Speaker: Andy Macartney, Curator of Wollongong Botanic Gardens, on *A History of Wollongong Botanic Gardens*. Saturday 16 May: Commemoration Luncheon in the Sinclair Room, Dapto Leagues Club, in honour of all First Fleeters who departed from Portsmouth on 13 May 1787. Guest Speaker: FFF Vice-President Peter Christian OAM. All members, family and friends are welcome. For more information call John Boyd, ☎ 4261 6893.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS: (Moss Vale, Mittagong & surrounds)

Venue: Bi-monthly, second Wednesday, 10.30am to 12.30pm, at Mittagong Community Centre, Cnr Albert Lane & Queen St.

Wollondilly Wanderings: Autumn Event at Camden, Saturday 28 March. For information call John & Rosemary Kirkby ☎ 4883 6523. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday 8 April. Speaker: John Boyd (FFF Director) on *The Tank Stream*.

Contact: Neville Usher ☎ 4869 1406.

CHAPTER NEWS (see also pages 2 and 10)

I received a warm welcome from **Southern Highlands Chapter** on 11 February, and very much enjoyed Val Lhuedé's presentation on Yerranderie. Ron and I were particularly fascinated to talk with #4 Elizabeth Williams, who in 1968 was founding Hon. Sec. of the FFF. My intended visit to **Canberra Chapter** was thwarted, when the flight unfortunately was cancelled.

Northern Rivers Chapter Australia Day Luncheon included some very appropriate offerings from members – Dorothea McKellar's *My Country*, AB Paterson's *Mulga Bill's Bicycle*, Mary Gilmore's *Old Botany Bay*, Charles Harper's *A Southern Land*, some history of Fife & Drum bands, a few satirical references and one member's *Ten things I love best about Australia*. Rex Soward recited several of his humorous poems, along with works by Bobby Miller and other bush poets. **North West Chapter** had a display at the Tamworth Collectables Fair which generated interest and two new members. **Central Coast Chapter** was enthralled by Gwen Bates' talk on *Scottish Ancestry*.

When in Melbourne: Members travelling to Melbourne may wish to attend a function of the **First Fleet Fellowship Victoria Inc.** Cheryl Timbury can provide details of meetings and events, ☎ (03) 5255 2477 or email htimbury@bigpond.net.au.

Margaret Withington, Chapter Liaison Officer, 4757 3984, margaretwith@ozemail.com.au

CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT

BRISBANE: Arrangements are complete for the inaugural meeting of the **Proposed Brisbane-Based Chapter** which will take place on Saturday 14 March 2009 at St Augustine's Parish Hall, 56 Racecourse St, Hamilton, 10.15am for 10.30am. All interested members and families are welcome. Please bring a plate for lunch at around 11.45am. Tea and coffee will be provided. The proposed Chapter has raised interest from near and far, including Tweed Heads, Noosa Heads, Dicky Beach and Eagle Heights/Tamborine North. It will be intriguing to discover what Chapter name the members will settle on! The establishment of an interstate Chapter will mark a significant day in the life of the Fellowship.

In Fellowship, Jean Mortimer, Chapter Development Officer, 4257 5575

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

EDWARD WHITTON
 #7621 Roderick Thomas Gibson
 #7621.1 Margaret Constance Gibson
FREDERICK MEREDITH
 #7622 Quinton Emmett O'Shea (Jr)
CAROLINE LAYCOCK
 #7623 Alexandra Clare Spurway
EDWARD WHITTON
 #7624 Kim Maria Tymoc
 #7624.1 George Tymoc
JOHN SMALL/ MARY PARKER
 #7625 Derek Keith Rundell
 #7625.1 Johanna Rundell
JOHN HERBERT/DEBORAH ELLAM
 #7626 Dennis James Brown
CAROLINE LAYCOCK
 #7627 Noeleen Grace Neal
JAMES BRADLEY
 #7628 Robert Charles Clark Ratcliffe
 #7628.1 Lorraine Margaret Ratcliffe
EDWARD HUMPHRIES
 #7629 Valerie Patricia Allsopp
CHARLES PEAT/ANN MULLENS
 #7630 Robert William Walsh
 #7630.1 Lynette Walsh
JOHN SMALL/ MARY PARKER
 #7631 Cooper John Hemmons (Jr)
EDWARD WHITTON
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WILLIAM TUNKS
 #7633 Barbara Trigg
 #7633.1 Eric Trigg
JOHN HERBERT/DEBORAH ELLAM

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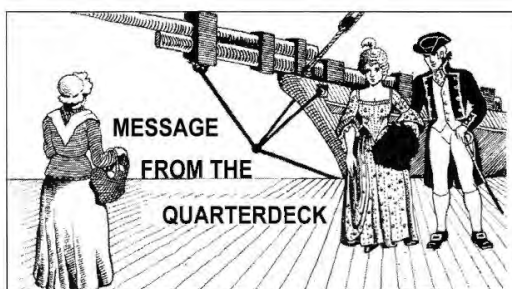
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WILLIAM WHITING
 #7635 Janine Ann Robins
EDWARD GARTH/SUSANNAH GARTH/JACOB BELLETT
 #7636 Simon Matthew Haswell
JOSEPH WRIGHT
 #7637 Mary Eileen Penfold
JAMES WRIGHT
 #7638 Robert Leslie Phillip Buesnel
RICHARD PARTRIDGE/MARY GREENWOOD
 #7639 William Henry Hancock
WILLIAM HUBBARD
 #7640 Jennifer Ann Hancock
ELLEN WAINWRIGHT
 #7641 Oliver Graham Wheeler (Jr)
NATHANIEL LUCAS / OLIVIA GASCOIGNE / JAMES SQUIRE
 #7642 Judith Rosemary Russell
 #7643 Glenda Rae Miskelly
OWEN CAVANOUGH / MARGARET DARNELL
 #7644 Trevor Victor Andersson
 #7645 Michael Jay Andersson
 #7646 Kristian Lee Andersson
 #7647 Quentin Johann Aksel Andersson
JOHN RANDALL
 #7648 Roslyn Earthrowl
 #7649 Fay Lorraine Maloney
MICHAEL MURPHY
 #7650 Catherine Anne Haigh
 #7651 Mitchell James Haigh (Jr)
NATHANIEL LUCAS / OLIVIA GASCOIGNE
 #7652 Wilma Hellena McCubbin
WILLIAM NASH
 #7653 Emily Louise Thomas

BIRTHS Congratulations to the families of:

JAMES BRADLEY
Daisy Sarah Flynn
 13 January 2009, daughter to Alice & Murray Flynn, great-great niece to #6658 Viva Brown, 9th generation.
JOHN GOWEN/THOMAS ACRES
Evie Drew Lee Turner
 25 December 2008, daughter to Andrew & Belinda Turner, granddaughter to #7220 Barbara Gowen Turner.
THOMAS ACRES
William Thomas Simmons
 24 October 2008, a son to Linda & Duncan Simmons, sixth grandchild to #7269 Jeanette & Trevor McBeath, ninth great grandchild to #3707 Mabel Pearce.

DEATHS Sincere sympathy to the family of:

JOSEPH HATTON
 #313 *Trixie Wildman*
 20 January 2009, aged 96. Late of Ingleside.
ELEANOR FRASER
 #3020 *Beryl Potts*
 4 December 2008, aged 87. Late of Clear Island Waters, Queensland.
JOHN SMALL/MARY PARKER
 #1442 *Dorothy Benson Johns*
 8 August 2008, aged 87, Late of Hamilton, NSW.
THOMAS WILLIAMS
 #6619.1 *Roy Augustus Dunstan*
 27 December 2008, aged 82.
 Husband of Valerie #6619. Late of Lismore.



Three members (pictured) who together have accumulated more than sixty years service on the Board of the Fellowship retired at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 22 November, 2008. At the 2009 Australia Day Luncheon President John Haxton presented each of them with a Certificate of Appreciation and the meeting acclaimed their long and willing service. This is what John said:

Elaine Bennett has been a member since 1978 serving on the Board from 2001 to 2008. She has been our Membership Convenor, ordering badges, organising many outings as well as preparing provisions for most of our functions. Elaine will continue to assist Lois Cook with the verification of membership applications on as many Wednesdays as she can manage.

Roy Morris (right) joined the Fellowship in 1987 and was elected to the Board in 1988, becoming our Treasurer from 1989 to 2008. Roy sorted out our finances at a time when First Fleet House was being paid off, diligently allocating our repayments and endeavouring to optimise our investment interest. His guidance and counsel on all matters and his attention to detail at all times have guaranteed our strong financial position.

Rod Best (left) joined the Fellowship in 1978 and the Board in 1979; he was Vice-President from 1980 to 1983; President from 1983 to 1985 and Vice-President again from 1989 to 2008. Rod is co-author with Joyce Cowell of *Where First Fleeters Lie*, published in 1989. He has served as Chairman of the Sydney-Portsmouth Sister City Committee, on the Executive of the Friends of First Government House Site, on the Executive of the Royal Australian Historical Society and on the Arthur Phillip Society Committee. Rod is a Life Member of the Fellowship. We have depended on his counsel and advice over many years and will miss his wit and concise minute taking. **J Haxton**

Dorothy Johns (see notice above) was an enthusiastic member of the Newcastle Chapter in its earlier configuration. She did a lot of research over the past twenty years and assisted many people with their genealogy. Her daughter Narelle Fuller says she left two large crates of family history and research which her grandson has volunteered to safeguard. Some months prior to her death she visited Tamworth, and was thrilled to call at the First Fleet Memorial Gardens at Wallabadah.

Bonnets: **Viva Brown** has crafted a bonnet for Sarah Barnes, *Mary Ann*, 1790. **Joan Edwards** has cut the calico for Anne Matthews, *Kitty*, 1792, Jane Ison, *Surprise*, 1794 and Eleanor Wise, *Minstrel*, 1812, and topped off that endeavour with millinery for Ann Davis, Sarah Donnelly, and Elizabeth Morris, who were shipmates on *Lady Juliana*, 1790. **Pam Harvey** has honoured her ancestors with headware for Sarah Woolley, *Neptune* 1790, Hannah East, *Mary Ann* 1791 and Sarah Wise, *Indispensable*, 1796, and Pam's friend **Eileen Kidd** has fashioned caps for Mary Bond and Susan Carr, both immigrants on *Neptune*,



1790. **Robyn Leo** has recently completed a captivating chapeau for her ancestor, Elizabeth Smith (alias Carr), *Lady Juliana*, 1790.

And so we see Christina Henri's splendid *Roses for the Heart* Bonnet wardrobe continues to grow... **Patterns may be obtained from the Editor. Ring him on 02 4757 3984.** **RW**