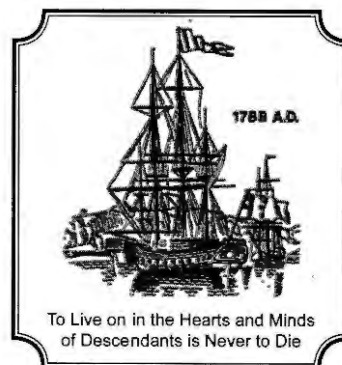


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## Eleven Convict Sites inscribed as UNESCO World Heritage

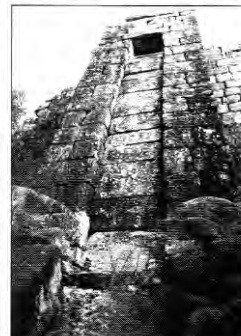
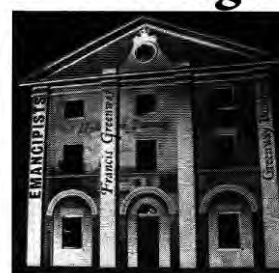


**D**uring May 2010 workmen excavating the drainage system under Old Government House at Parramatta uncovered the brick footings of some outbuildings. The bricks matched those in the house itself and were bonded by mortar without lime, thereby dating the find to 1793 when Phillip was using convict labour to create the newest administrative centre of the Empire. The footings have been reburied but the shape of the outbuildings will be reflected in the extensions to pedestrian paved areas being undertaken as part of an ongoing upgrade project. And lo and behold on 31 July 2010 the House with its Domain was World Heritage Listed as a cultural site by UNESCO at its 34th Committee session in Brazil. **Furthermore this site is only one of the eleven convict heritage sites in Australia that have been so recognised.**

As reported in *Founders* 40.4, in 2009 Australia had nominated its most important best preserved Convict sites for listing, both those that housed convicts, or were built by convicts, and **all** have been inscribed — Old Government House and Domain, Hyde Park Barracks, Cockatoo Island and Old Great North Road in NSW, Kingston and Arthur's Vale Historic Area on Norfolk Island, Brickendon-Woolmers Estates, Darlington Probation Station, Cascades Female Factory, Coal Mines Historic Site and Port Arthur Historic Site in Tasmania, and Fremantle Prison in WA. Our submission was one of 7 chosen from 39 entries in the cultural category.

The Fellowship under its charter cannot but rejoice in this latest recognition (and further protection) of the sites wherein so many of our forbears lived and laboured. It is inevitable that UNESCO recognition has been given to sites that are large, and imposing. But we recognise that there are thousands of sites, less obvious, but no less deserving, where nothing much remains, and where our convict ancestors led brave, often lonely lives quite remote from these signature structures and the events that they represent.

RW



**Clockwise from the top:** Old Government House; Fremantle Prison; Hyde Park Barracks (during Macquarie Visions); Mess Hall Fanlight, Cockatoo Island; Buttress on Old Great North Road; Arthurs Vale Historic Area; Commissariat, Darlington Probation Station, Maria Island.

### New Chapter launched on Sydney North Shore

**F**ollowing an introductory discussion on 2 July, a group of members resident on the North Shore of Sydney met again with President John Haxton and Vice-President Peter Christian on Friday 13 August 2010 to launch the 13th Chapter of the Fellowship. It will to be known as the **Arthur Phillip Chapter**.

The Committee members are **Alayne Harrison-Thorpe, Joy Zamiatin, Suzanne Cattel, Janice Bellette, Janet Turner and James Kemsley**. Portfolios have not yet been allocated.

The Committee will convene in Ku-Ring-Gai Library meeting rooms, Gordon, at 10.00am on 10 September. The Inaugural Chapter meeting will take place at 10.30am. Peter Christian OAM will speak on the FF Tunks family. Monthly meetings will follow. All are welcome. For details ring Suzanne Cattel, ☎ 9451 4415.

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**FFF Annual General Meeting**  
11.00am Saturday 27 November  
2010 at FF House.  
**Australia Day Luncheon (see p11)**



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## From the President...

I'm sure you all remembered to vote last month! – but have you remembered to renew your membership subscription to the Fellowship for the current year? If you do not receive *Founders* after this issue it will be because you are not financial.

Welcome to the 'Arthur Phillip' Chapter. It held its inaugural meeting on Friday 13 August and elected a committee of six. Positions yet to be determined.

All Chapters have now held their Annual Meetings and elected their new committees for 2010 -2011. (See page 11). Thank you to all retiring Chapter members: your contribution is acknowledged and we trust you will continue to participate where possible.

We note with sadness the passing of Margaret Withington on 17 August. Margaret was a FFF Director and our Chapter Liaison Officer. We extend to Ron and the family our sympathy. It was a privilege to attend the 'Celebration of her Life' on Saturday 21 August, with family members and friends paying tribute to her contribution and influence upon their lives.

The repair and renovations currently underway at Fleet House are drawing to a close. We have completed laying the carpet upstairs, and installing new work benches in the front room upstairs. We especially thank Ian and Robin Palmer for planning/organising to move furniture, computers and files while the carpet layers were on site.

Dates to put in your diary are: Saturday 27 November, for our Annual General Meeting, 11.00am. And Saturday 22 January 2011, when we will hold our Australia Day Luncheon.

*In Fellowship, John Haxton*

### GEORGE TOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

#### Bricks and Mortar by the Water ~ the Heritage of the Tamar Valley ~

Sunday 14 Nov 2010 at York Cove Centre

#### SPEAKERS:

Peter Cox: The Heritage of the Tamar Valley.

Jai Paterson: The life of pilot George Foster.

Nic Haygarth: Mining heritage of W. Tamar.

Marian Walker: The Orchard Heritage.

Jenny Gill: Fences.

Chlo Martin: Saving The Grove.

Brad Williams: Heritage Planning – Oatlands

Chris Tassell: National Trust – Changing Roles.

Cost: \$35, including lunch, am and pm tea.

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FOR MEMBERS WHOSE FF ANCESTORS  
SPENT TIME IN, OR SETTLED IN,  
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### ~ JOHN HERBERT PLAQUE DEDICATION ~

FF John Alexander Herbert (*Scarborough*)  
was buried in the Parish of Westbury.  
On Sunday 24 October 2010 at 11.00am,  
in the presence of his descendants,  
the Fellowship will dedicate a plaque to his  
memory in St Andrew's Cemetery,  
Westbury, Tasmania.  
Members are invited to attend.



### NORFOLK ISLAND

#### FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS

These Annual Celebrations will be held 5-12 March 2011. A Re-Enactment commemorates the arrival on 6 March 1788 of Lt Philip Gidley King with 22 people to form the first settlement. The 2010 experience was reported in the previous issue of *Founders* by Judy Dwyer.

For further information or an information kit

email [debbie@travelcentre.nf](mailto:debbie@travelcentre.nf)

or call 1800 1400 66

[www.travelcentre.nf/foundationday.htm](http://www.travelcentre.nf/foundationday.htm)

### VALE



We record with sorrow the death of our Chapter Liaison Officer, #5527.1, **Margaret Withington**.

Margaret carried out her duties with warmth and calm assurance. Her regret was that due to illness she was unable to complete her wish to visit all of the Chapters to meet personally with those wonderful folk with whom she was in correspondence. Among his many heartaches, the Editor will truly miss her active role in the proof reading of this magazine – his punctuation will never be the same.

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This eastern point of Sydney Cove  
Where dark-skinned hunters used to rove —  
Bold men whose names were like a song  
Arabanoo and Bennelong.

'Twas there when tides were swelling big  
That Captain Ball careened his brig,  
The tidy little ship *Supply*,  
And left her leaning high and dry.

The sailors skimmed their noon-day dreams  
To scrape and keel and caulk the seams,  
And as the ship lay thus in dock  
They spread the sails from rock to rock.

They could not guess, as there they strove  
That long years hence beside the Cove  
Another set of sails would spread  
Like alabaster overhead.

A mighty rig of gleaming sails,  
Spread in defiance of the gales.  
Salutes the gallant men who brought  
Their First Fleet into Sydney's Port.

The illustration is by Arthur S Mendel.

The poem is by Alfred C Wood, descendent of two pioneers, John Elliott (*Hugh Crawford* 1825) and Donald Cameron (*Brilliant* 1838).

**NOTES:** Careening was carried out on the east side of Sydney Cove where the rocks formed a natural wharf. The process was also known as *Heaving Down*, as the ropes were attached to the top of the mast and passed through ground-anchored ring bolts, the vessel being tilted for hull repairs by use of block and tackle.

The Captain was FF Henry Lidgbird Ball 1756-1818, veteran of more than a dozen separate voyages on *HMS Supply*.

This piece is a reprint from the July 1969 edition of *First Fleeters*, when the Opera House was still four years away from completion. *Supply* had been careened 180 years earlier.

## FFF Family Trees – One small climb for a man....

Seven years ago I became a day-time volunteer for the Fellowship of First Fleeters. One of the tasks that needed to be undertaken at that time was to consolidate the information that had been submitted by our Members as part of their application for membership. From this data Family Trees were to be compiled for each of the families from their First Fleeter to the current generation.

Essential to this task was the sorting and indexing of all the birth, death and marriage certificates that had accumulated over the preceding thirty-five years. I doubt whether anyone at that time envisaged the time and effort that would be necessary to complete this task. Thankfully with the help of many volunteers this work has now been completed.

The Fellowship is deeply indebted to **Denis Smith, Tony Holden, Glynne McGregor-Crowe, Dawn Chiddy, Rob Ratcliffe, Robin Palmer and Joan Charlton** for the sterling work they have contributed in assisting me to conclude this project.

For the statically minded, after innumerable hours approximately 14,500 birth, death and marriage certificates from 190 First Fleeters and their descendants have been sorted and indexed.

There will be many advantages for our Members.

Folk who are conducting research into their own family history will now have access to accurate and verifiable information. For new Members, the task of supplying documentation to prove

their lineage will be much simplified as they now only need to supply sufficient certificates to link up with a known branch of their family tree. Processing of the many membership applications by our volunteers will be easier and far less time consuming.



Denis Smith OAM & Ian Palmer in consultation

Ian Palmer

## The last surviving male convict

I note from the list of First Fleeters with known burial places on the FFF website that **John Small** is stated as the last known surviving male convict. He died on **2 October 1850 at 89 years**.

I am descended from FF Catherine Johnson. In researching her first daughter, Elizabeth, I have come across information that she was the daughter of Edward Smith on *Scarborough*. And in Colonial Secretary Correspondence in NSW State Records **Edward Smith is Edward Beckford**.

In the *Sydney Gazette* from about 1809 into the 1830s there are many notices of intent to leave the Colony including Edward Beckford's name, as he was a mariner, and seemed to be still working on boats into his 80s. He also worked for Henry Kable and was on Macquarie Island for sealing. He is mentioned in the Old Records in relation to sales of seal skins for Kable and Underwood.

Some of the references in Colonial Secretary Correspondence connect him to Thomas (?) Street who was a captain and ship owner. The 1828 Census has Edward Bedford (Beckford), mariner and sawyer, listed at Street's residence along with tradesmen who worked for Street.

In NSW BMD records there is V1851 243 37B for the death on **2 June 1851 of Edward Beckford** – Parish of Camperdown, abode of Balmain, aged 97 years. This would place his birth c1754 while Mollie Gillen estimated c1756.

If this is Edward Smith/Beckford from *Scarborough* then he, and not John Small, was the last surviving male convict, the difference being exactly eight months. The evidence is quite convincing as Beckford is a very rare name in NSW records of that time — but I would appreciate hearing reactions from members.

Marilyn Long <marilyn.long@cievevents.com.au>

## La Perspective de M De La Pérouse

During July there was an art exhibition at the La Perouse Cable Station, now the Museum and Visitor Centre within the glorious headland expanse of the Botany Bay National Park. One of the oil paintings depicts a stern view of two French tall ships, *L'Astrolabe* and *La Boussole* approaching Botany Bay on 24 January 1788. And lo, there in the mist, hull up, are the ships of the First Fleet, which had arrived four days earlier.

The painting is the reverse image of the encounter we have been schooled by English artists to imagine, and it set me thinking about the French perspective.

Contrary to popular belief, the French did not have orders to claim *Terra Australis* for France and the meeting with the ships of the British Fleet was cordial and followed normal protocols. Lapérouse was well provisioned, needing mainly wood and water, and a chance to recover from the trauma of a tragic skirmish with the inhabitants of Samoa, in which Langle, the commander of *L'Astrolabe* and twelve other members of the expedition were killed and Father Claude Joseph Reçevour, Franciscan priest, naturalist and junior chaplain was critically injured.

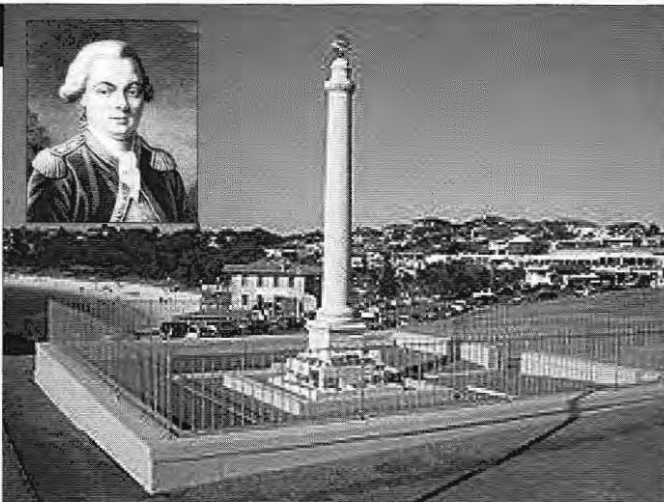
Thus Lapérouse's visit was basically restorative. While the English moved on to Port Jackson, the French stayed for six weeks at Botany Bay, erecting a stockade, building a replacement long boat, and creating an observatory and a garden on the peninsula. Lapérouse was to send his journals and letters to Europe with the British ship *HMS Sirius*.

And the headland made yet another claim on their attentions. Father Reçevour died of his wounds on 17 February 1788 and was buried at Frenchman's Cove.

Thus the French had, and still have, reasons to value and indeed venerate the site, particularly as it was to be the last known contact the expedition had with other Europeans, before the ships departed for New Caledonia, Santa Cruz and the Lousiades and were both to be wrecked on Vanikoro in the Solomons, with all hands lost.

For many years after the disappearance of the expedition, French ships visited Botany Bay to see its last landing place. On one such visit Baron de Bougainville was upset to see the site neglected. He proposed the building of a monument as a permanent memorial and in 1825 laid the foundation stone.

Every 14 July, Bastille Day, 2010 being no exception, the French and local community gather at the monument erected to mark "This place visited by Monsieur De La



Lapérouse monument, permitted to dominate the headland.

Pérouse in the year MDCCLXXXVIII, the last whence any account of him have been received". On my inspection this year four floral tributes lay at the base, nestling among an array of bronze plaques, each of which had been affixed by the crew of visiting French ships or delegations over the period since completion of the monument in 1828.

The burial of Father Reçevour is the first known Mass and Catholic funeral ceremony conducted in Australia. It was celebrated by Abbé Jean-André Mongéz, the priest and scientist from *La Boussole*. Reçevour was buried beneath a eucalypt. An inscription was painted on a board which was attached to it. Natives tore the board down but Phillip had the text engraved on a piece of copper which was fixed in its place. In 1824, the French ship *Coquille* visited Sydney, and a junior officer carved an epitaph on the tree. The tree was later cut down, and the stump with its inscription was removed and sent to France for exhibition. It is now held in the Musée de la Marine in Paris.

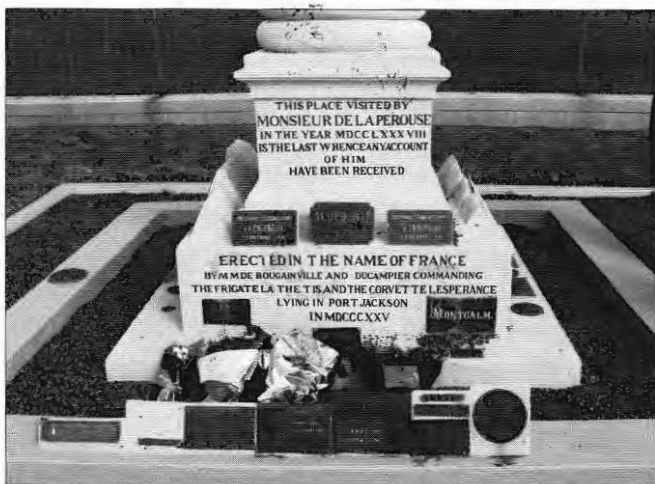
The meticulously-manicured tomb dates from 1829, but it has been repaired many times. The iron railing was added in 1909 and in 1930 a bronze cross replaced the original iron cross. Traditionally, sailors from visiting French ships lay a wreath on the grave, and the anniversary of his death and the presumed celebration of Mass is still commemorated annually.

Father Reçevour was certainly the first priest, the first French national and the first scientist to be buried on the Australian continent.

It is scant exaggeration to say that the whole of La Perouse headland has the feel of a French colony – the monument and the grave with inscriptions *en français*, the Museum with its tributes to the navigator and to his King, Louis XVI, the shoreline fish cafes, and rocky Bare Island (although built by the British in 1885 to protect the colony from a feared Russian "invasion") with its grim penitentiary aura, redolent of the French Devil's Island.

Left: The base of the fenced monument with its collection of plaques from visiting French ships.

Right: The handsome tomb of Père Reçevour, with the monument in the distance.





So a visit is recommended — for the chance to savour the French perspective on the events on Botany Bay in the summer of 1788, for the local cuisine, for the museum and the Gaelic atmosphere. Take a picnic, do the Congwong Beach Walk to Henry Head, have a look at Macquarie's Watchtower — if it has emerged from its restorative cocoon of mesh and scaffold. And if it is Sunday book a tour of the fearsome fortifications of Bare Island.

#### VIGNETTE — A HYPOTHETICAL

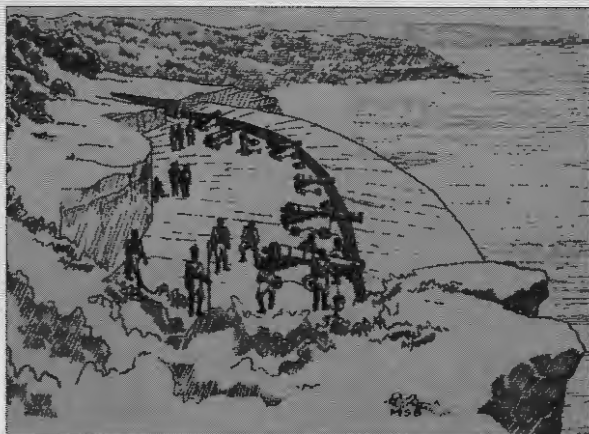
One of the men who applied for the voyage with Jean-François de Galaup, comte de Lapérouse was a 16-year-old Corsican named **Napoléon Bonaparte**. (pictured). Bonaparte, a second lieutenant from the Paris military academy at the time, made the preliminary list

but he was ultimately not chosen for the voyage and remained behind in France. At the time Bonaparte was interested in serving in the navy rather than army because of his proficiency in mathematics and artillery, both valued skills on warships.

Had he been chosen, he would have perished in 1788. Consequently it is possible that France may not have been engaged in war with Europe in the early years of the nineteenth century. They may well have mobilised Freycinet or one of his peers and beaten England to the 1826 settlement at King George Sound (Albany, WA), in which case, not just La Perouse, but a good half of our continent would now have a decidedly French flavour. *Salut!*



#### Accessing the 1801 Fort at Middle Head



An impression of the Fort when operational.



Photo: Damian Shaw

At the Official Opening, a marine takes a musket shot at a foreign ship entering the Harbour. He missed.



2010 track construction — non-slip grillage, timber-framed handrails, wire stringers with stainless steel turnbuckle tensioners. Captain Abbott would have loved it.

While Lapérouse arrived in 1788 with a non-colonising objective, by 1801 relations between England and France had moved on. Napoléon had seized power in France with the coup of 9 November, 1799, and he had begun to launch his campaign of European conquest, destined to become the Napoleonic Wars. In 1801 **Admiral Jervis** famously told the House, "I do not say the French will not come, my Lords, I say only that they will not come by sea." Even so, evidence can still be seen of invasion warning beacons built at that time in England, at such places as Eston Nab near Middlesbrough.

Way off in Port Jackson, **Governor Philip Gidley King** was also taking no chances. In 1800 he appointed **Captain Edward Abbott** to oversee the reinstatement and development of the colony's defences. Abbott supervised the repair of the rotting and termite-riddled gun trucks around the harbour's defences, and strategically the construction in 1801 of a **Fort** on the headland between Middle Head and Georges Head.

The curved parapet was to be 17m above sea level and command all of the opening between the Heads. Forty-four convicts wielding picks, crowbars, wedges and sledgehammers hewed the structure out of solid sandstone and a magazine with 1m thick walls was constructed on the northern side with a ramp providing access. Labour had to be brought in by boat and the guns hauled through the bush from Georges Beach.

The Fort was fully operational on 23 October 1803 with six guns, two six pounders at the centre, flanked on each side by two twelve pounders. By 1806 the twelve pounders were unserviceable and the fort was abandoned several years later due to difficult access, not to mention a shortage of enemies.

The 1801 Fort was used in both world wars only to be overgrown with scrub and forgotten. It wasn't until the 1990s that Mosman historian, **Don Goodsir**, located what he described as "a lost treasure". Thanks to the work of the Mosman Historical Society and the National Parks and Wildlife Service, this treasure is now one of the Sydney Harbour National Park's prime historical attractions.

On Thursday 22 July 2010 a walking track to the Fort was officially opened by the State Governor. In attendance was **Dr Jonathon King**, a descendant of Governor King. The track starts in a carpark at the intersection of Middle Head and Chowder Bay Roads. After a short section of tan-barked trail, one proceeds along a superior elevated non-slip-grillage section, embellished with the most robust of handrails. About 200m later one is staring, not only down at the Fort, but out at that stunning field of fire it commands. I noted that the carpark was sign-posted **14P**. That should give you ample time to also visit the younger 1870 Fort at Middle Head, have a late lunch at Chowder Bay and camp out on Obelisk (Nude) Beach.

## PEDDLING A PAUPER'S PEPPER POT

I guess most members, having as they do, an interest in people and things of the past, have watched *Collectors* from Tasmania on TV. If not, they would certainly have been annoyed by the endless repetition of the ABC promo wherein a clockwork pugilist kayohs an unsuspecting mechanical dove. But if you missed that bit of gratuitous violence, it is now too late because the presenter has also been knocked out over alleged serious criminal activity.

David Collins was no criminal, and if we can overlook his flagrant serial womanising, he was quite the reverse. While many around him in Hobart Town were making money through schemes either ethical or mischievous, he lived on, incorruptible, in broken-down premises, on his payday pittance of £450pa, less tax, interest and insurance and after £225pa went to his wife, **Maria Collins**, in England. And he was a dreadful bookkeeper.

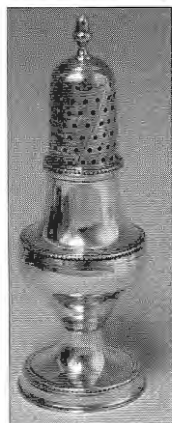
The upshot was that on his death in 1810 just two shillings and eightpence was found in one of his drawers. He had paid £800 for his House and land in 1806 and it was now worth less than £400. He had debts of £290.0.7, more than half his salary. Some small remains of his household furniture were sold at auction to sympathetic bidders for £641.10.1. So after paying off his debts just £351.9.6 was left to Maria, his widow. It was later discovered that he owed £360.1.6 to the government stores for provisions he had drawn and eleven years after his death the NSW commissary was still finding a way to get the money back.

Why all this arithmetic?

Well somehow one item escaped the auctioneer's hammer. It was a Silver Pepper Pot which Collins had received as a gift from his close friend, the convict **James Grove** in 1805

to celebrate George III's birthday. Antique Silver expert, Jolyon Warwick James, claims

*Unfortunately a photo of Grove's Pepper Pot could not be located. It was probably similar to this example, which was hallmarked in London, 1784 by Hester Bateman, and features bead borders, an acorn filial and an engraved and pierced lid. It is 14.5cm tall.*



that it was the first piece of silverware fashioned in its entirety in Australia. James says that research shows that it was loaned for the 1855 Paris Exhibition by Collins' illegitimate daughter, presumably Eliza, daughter of Margaret Eddington, who had most likely made off with it after Collins died. The Exhibition catalogue entry reads:

Pepper caster, it is inscribed as being The First Piece of Plate made in Van Diemen's Land; AD 1805. Grove is inscribed as being Australia's First Silversmith.

The Pepper Pot did not reappear until 1977 when an Australian collector paid \$1000 for it. But suddenly, in 2010, there it was turning up on *Collectors* having just sold at auction for \$340,000 (£197,000), and sadly out of reach for the disappointed underbidder, the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery.

So here we have, just as in the case of Thomas Barrett explored in the last issue of *Founders*, another piece of original convict silverware and another six-figure irony.

A few words need to be said about **James Grove (1769-1810)**. Grove was established by 1801 in Birmingham as a skilled die-sinker and engraver, with his wife Susannah and their only child, Daniel, aged 4. Early in 1802 he engraved a set of plates to counterfeit Bank of England notes. Arrested in possession, he was sent to Newgate and questioned by bank officials about plans which he then brought forward for the manufacture of a bank-note paper proof against forgery; by this disclosure he vainly hoped to escape punishment.

Grove was brought before the Warwick Assizes in March 1802 where he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to death. This was commuted to transportation for life through the intercession of influential friends. After some months in the hulk *Captivity*, he was transferred in April 1803 to *HMS Calcutta*, then about to sail with the expedition under Lieutenant-Colonel David Collins to establish a new settlement at Port Phillip. His wife and son were allowed to accompany him.

From the outset of the voyage Grove was in the position of a privileged and trusted prisoner, a status he increasingly held in the years to come, while his superior bearing gained him the lasting friendship of both Collins and

the chaplain, Robert Knopwood. On arrival at Port Phillip he was appointed to the night watch, and on the transfer to the Derwent in 1804 his name appeared as a stockholder, while his designation on official lists was altered from prisoner to settler. At the special request of Collins who described him as 'a very ingenious, useful, and well-behaved man', Grove was granted a conditional pardon in February 1806 and given the responsible post of government storekeeper two years later.

He had much natural talent. At the short-lived Port Phillip settlement he made two tons of alkali from seaweed gathered on the beaches. This was intended for a soap manufactory he planned to set up, having bought tallow at the Cape of Good Hope for this purpose. Later at the Derwent, he carried on this trade at great profit. Quick to appreciate the advantage to this undertaking of the whales that frequented the estuary, he urged Collins to build several boats for their capture.

In other directions he turned his skills to drawing charts of the adjoining coasts, cutting stamps for the issue of government bills and supervising the building of the Government House in which Collins lived until his death. He also made at his own expense the coffin in which the governor was buried and engraved its silver memorial plate.

His house, near the western corner of the present Collins and Harrington Streets, was one of the best in the settlement. Here, according to Knopwood's diaries, he frequently entertained both the governor and the chaplain and was equally received at Government House. Collins death affected him deeply. He died on 17 April 1810, just thirty-seven days after his friend and benefactor, near whom he was buried.



While we're at it, let's have another irony, this time in sandstone, not silver. St David's Church in Hobart, named after David Collins, was consecrated on 9 January 1823. On 7 January 1835 the steeple which was declared unsafe, was taken down. On 18 March 1835 a tower was erected in its place. It was known as the PEPPER POT.





### Getting to Garden Island

In last issue we did not reveal how you could approach Garden Island to see the Frederick Meredith graffiti, FM-1788 – mainly because I was turned away by security threats at the end of Cowper Wharf Road. But **Kelly Thompson** has pointed out how simple it is. You catch the Watsons Bay ferry from Circular Quay. It generally calls at Garden Island and you end up in the tourist centre in close proximity to your target. Kelly also sent a photo of the carving, which, although now protected behind a glass screen, after 222 years, is showing its age.



### Spreading the Landers Net

Regular correspondent **Peter Christian**, who has just made a Vice-Presidential visit to speak at our Morton Chapter, writes:

"Very interesting re the FF Links with **Landers Inn** and **Hadley Park** in July *Founders*. We have about three or four FF Families who are connected to this Napoleonic Prisoner of War, **Antoine Landrin**, and I seem to be related to all of them in some way.

"When I was invited to Portsmouth to unveil the memorial to the Departure of the Fleet, friends took me to Portsea Castle where the Napoleonic Prisoners of War were incarcerated. This was where the Landers patriarch started out, and today the names Castlereagh, Crookwell, Penrith, Llandillo, South Creek, St Marys, and a number of other settlements were chosen by the Landers descendants who settled there."

### Spencer/Phillips/Tunks

**Ken Heldon** #2983 has written to ask any member who is descended from FF Thomas Spencer/Mary Phillips/William Tunks, or at least the first two, to get in touch with him.

Ken is eager to establish a descendants' association similar to those in place for other First Fleeters. He can be contacted at <nodleh@tpg.com.au> or on 02 6286 3930.

### Scarborough Fare

The wedding of **Luke Pye** and **Deidre Boaz** took place last October in the Herb Garden of the Botanical Gardens in Sydney, after which the bridal party, family and friends repaired to the Argyle Centre for celebrations. Luke's mother, #7848 **Lynne**, who is the daughter of #7743 **Helene Harry**, gave this moving address which she kindly consented to share with us.

It is most appropriate that we have gathered to celebrate the wedding of Deidre and Luke and the joining together of two families in this historic area, within shouting distance of Sydney Cove, because it was here on 26 January 1788, that our own Australian story commenced.

Eight months earlier, two convicts, Samuel Mobbs and Nathaniel Lucas, were thrown together on *Scarborough* leaving England for a new life and an unknown destiny. By their marriage, Deidre and Luke, being the direct descendants respectively of Samuel and Nathaniel, have established a wonderful link from the past to the present.

We do not know if Samuel and Nathaniel were friends, but they certainly shared an experience that would shape and influence the rest of their lives, and we would like to believe that on the morning of arrival they shook hands and offered words of support to each other.

It is said that all words that have ever been spoken are still within the air around us, the guiding words of past generations who encourage us to search and to dream are there, and if we listen hard enough we may just hear them.

It is fitting then that the beautiful wedding vows exchanged between Deidre and Luke today, will also linger at this significant place that has long connected them.

Perhaps one day, the future generations of their family will also come here and listen for the words of love and commitment shared today and the words of hope for the future.

**Well, a future generation is already on the way – Deidre and Luke are expecting a baby in September.**

Readers will be very much aware of the life and times of Nathaniel Lucas and his wife Olivia Gascoigne, but much less is known of Samuel Mobbs who also spent time on Norfolk Island. We have none of his descendants in our membership. Perhaps Deidre will be able to redress that imbalance!

### Time and Time Again

On the matter of time and longitude measurement (*Founders*, 41.4) #7558 **Rachel Audigé** wrote to point out that after William Dawes Observatory in Sydney, some 33 years were to pass before an astronomical observatory was established in the colony.

"In May 1822 Governor Brisbane, an expert astronomer, set up an observatory at his own expense near Government House at Parramatta and hired two assistants, Charles Rümker and James Dunlop. Together they compiled the first catalogue of the southern skies, star positions being required for navigation and surveying.

"The ruins of the transit stones can still be seen in Parramatta Park in their original position. These stones formed the stable base for the transit telescope, that moved on a north-south axis and was used to measure longitude and the exact position of the stars. The inaccurate clocks had to be constantly calibrated for local and sidereal time by use of the telescope. Furthermore the results were used to set various watches and clocks in the colony.



"In 1828 surveyor Thomas Mitchell used the transit stones as the initial meridian mark for the first trigonometric survey of Australia.

"By 1847 the Observatory had been literally white-anted and was closed. The building was demolished in 1876."

### MAINTAIN-A-BRICK

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# Foundlings First Fleet Quiz No 16 ....

**FOUNDLINGS** in this issue takes you on a tour of 14 colonial homesteads. The challenge is to identify each of them from the grayscale photo. Your reward, other than the emassing of a prized score, will come when you pay each of them a visit.

## 1. BELLA VISTA

**FF Link:** Built on land originally granted to FF Richard Richardson.

**History:** The *Bella Vista* area was first settled in 1794-1795 with a land grant to Matthew Pearce. He named his property *Kings Langley*. In 1799 Joseph Foveaux obtained a neighbouring grant of 980 acres, which was known as the *Stock Farm*. The same year **Richard Richardson** received a 160-acre grant, which includes the present day site of *Bella Vista*. By the end of 1801 John Macarthur had acquired both Foveaux's and Richardson's grants, along with several other small neighbouring properties to create the 2270-acre *Seven Hills Farm*. It was on this farm that the Macarthurs bred the first Merino sheep. This makes *Bella Vista* a most important historic site in the Blacktown region.

*Bella Vista* was one of several farms that lined Old Windsor Road, the first road between Rose Hill and Green Hills. Homestead construction was begun c1835 by James Robertson who at that time, with Matthew Pearce, owned *Seven Hills Farm*.

## 2. RIVERSDALE

**FF Link:** Quite indirect. Proximity to St Saviour's Cemetery, Goulburn, burial place of FF Mary (Allen) Martin with FFF plaque.

**History:** The main building was built around 1840 by John Richards as an inn catering for coaches travelling inland. It later became a boarding school and then a private residence. It was the family home of Edward Twynam (1832-1923), one-time Surveyor General of NSW, his wife, Emily Rose, and their six children. His descendants lived in it continuously from 1875 until it was acquired by the National Trust in 1967.

Located at the end of Maudé Street, Goulburn, *Riversdale* is a fine example of a colonial Georgian residence, notable for its collection of furniture of the period.

## 3. MAMRE HOMESTEAD

**FF Link:** Built by the Reverend Samuel Marsden, colonial chaplain, magistrate and pastoralist.

**History:** Marsden built the homestead for his son Charles in 1820. It sat on the 1000-acre South Creek Farm, held by Marsden from 1804. It is located on Mamre Road, just south of the junction with the M4 Freeway, St Marys, Sydney.



## 4. EXPERIMENT FARM COTTAGE

**FF Link:** Site of the Colony's first land grant to FF James Ruse.

**History:** In 1789, James Ruse was chosen by Governor Phillip to run an experiment to see how long it would take a man to support himself. Ruse was granted 1.5 cleared acres of land, as well as being assisted in the clearance of a further 5 acres and provided with two sows and six hens. He was fed and clothed from the public store for 15 months, after which time, as he did become self-sufficient, he was granted a further 30 acres.

In October 1793, Ruse sold his farm to surgeon Dr John Harris, builder of the cottage. Harris was a prominent citizen in the emerging colony, and was also friends with John and Elizabeth Macarthur of Elizabeth Farm.

Located at 9 Ruse St, Harris Park.

## 5. HAMBLEDON COTTAGE:

**FF Link:** Though the activities of John Macarthur.

**History:** Hambledon Cottage was designed by Henry Kitchen and built by John Macarthur in 1824 as a second house on his Elizabeth Farm Estate. Penelope Lucas, former governess to John Macarthur's daughters, lived there for 9 years, naming it after the township of Hambledon in Hampshire, England. It is located at 63 Hassell St Parramatta.

## 6. HADLEY PARK

**FF Link:** Built by descendant of FF Thomas Spencer/Mary Phillips.

**History:** Built in 1812 by Charles and Sarah Hadley, Sarah being the first descendant of Thomas and Mary Spencer born in the colony (on Norfolk Island). The most intact extant early colonial farmhouse complex and the most important extant homestead in the Nepean Valley. Fragile, but Heritage listed within the Penrith Lakes Scheme.

## 7. DURHAM BOWES

**FF Link:** John Dight's experience at Mulgrave Place, typical of FF farmers exposed to regular Hawkesbury floods.

**History:** Dight, his wife Hannah and baby Sarah arrived as free settlers on *Earl Cornwallis* in 1801. They settled on a grant of 155 acres on lowlands at Mulgrave Place. In 1806 a flood destroyed their four-roomed brick home. Dight purchased 9 acres from Edward Luttrell on higher ground overlooking his farm, where the Dights moved into *Durham Bowes*, then a two-roomed brick dwelling, but later enlarged by



## .... A Tacophony of Colonial Constructions

the addition off a kitchen. In 1812 two storeys were added and Dight became a prominent member of the community. His second daughter, Elizabeth, one of thirteen children, married explorer Hamilton Hume. The home is located at 22 Inalls Lane, Richmond.

### 8. ENTALLY

**FF Link:** Through the life and striking career of convict woman Molly (Mary) Haydock, wife of Thomas Reibey.

**History:** Built in 1819 by Thomas Reibey, the eldest son of Mary Reibey and Thomas Reibey Snr. Mary, the former convict Molly Haydock, became one of Australia's wealthiest women. She obtained the grant of 300 acres of land upon which the homestead was built.

*Entally* is named after Mary's home in Sydney which was named after a suburb in Calcutta, Thomas Snr being formerly in the service of the East India Company. *Entally* is located in Hadspen, Tasmania.

### 9. ARNDELL HOMESTEAD

**FF Link:** Built on land granted to FF Thomas Arndell, surgeon, and magistrate.

**History:** Thomas Arndell was granted 600 acres of Cattai Farm in 1804, but was probably in occupation from 1799. The homestead was erected in 1821, some 60 metres from the original 3m x 12m stone dwelling. It is located in Wisemans Ferry Road, Cattai.

### 10. OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE

**FF Link:** Site occupied by Governor Phillip (and his successors till 1856)

**History:** Convict built in 1799 as one of two command posts of the convict era, it was extended by Macquarie in 1815. A symbol of the penal colony of NSW, and associated with the efforts to reform and rehabilitate convicts during the Macquarie era. Located in 260-acre Parramatta Park.

### 11. LANDERS INN

**FF Link:** Indirect but colourful. First proprietor was the son of French prisoner-of-war Antoine Landrin, who was released from Portsmouth in 1800 to establish a vineyard at Old Government House.

**History:** The Inn fronts the historic Castlereagh Road, on one of the earliest grants in the Penrith area, 80 acres to Private Robert Smith in 1803. The building, its stables and stockade, constructed somewhat later, may have been used by the convicts working on the road. *Landers Inn*, much modified, is Heritage listed within the Penrith Lakes Scheme.

### 12. ELIZABETH FARM

**FF Link:** Home to Elizabeth and John Macarthur.

**History:** Grants of land and gifts of stock from Major Grose helped to establish *Elizabeth Farm* which Macarthur began in 1793 on a 100-acre grant of 'some of the best ground that has been discovered'. With unrestricted access to convict labour Macarthur became the first man in the colony to clear and cultivate 50 acres of virgin land. This earned him another 100-acre grant. From such a dominant position he soon became one of the foremost landholders in the colony. Located at 70 Alice St, Rose Hill.

### 13. ROUSE HILL HOUSE

**FF Link:** An vast amount of colonial history converged upon or passed hard by this homestead.

**History:** Richard Rouse appears to have begun building at Rouse Hill in 1813 although the grant of 450 acres was not made until October 1816. Sometime between 1818 and 1825 Rouse, his wife Elizabeth and their family moved from Parramatta to the new house which overlooked the Hawkesbury road of 1794, the Windsor turnpike road which replaced it, and the Vinegar Hill battlefield of 1804. Rouse came to the colony, free, in 1801. Prospering quickly, by 1805 he was Superintendent of Public Works and Convicts at Parramatta. The house and farm buildings are off Guntawong Road, Rouse Hill.

### 14. CAMDEN PARK

**FF Link:** Yet another connection to the *Elizabeth Farm* Estate of John Macarthur, at Camden, NSW.

**History:** *Camden Park House* was designed by architect John Verge and built by Macarthur's sons, James and William, starting in 1832. It was completed in 1835.

### 15 O. MYSTERY OUTHOUSE

**FF Link:** Somewhat universal!

**History:** This edifice is a dunny erected in the garden of one of the foregoing 14 homesteads. For a single bonus point, nominate which one. For a second bonus point, hazard a guess: was it a two-, three- or four-seater?

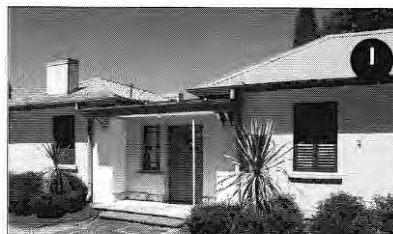
### SCORES AND PRIZES:

Answers on page 11. RW

14/16 One week's homestay at 10, with gubernatorial rights over NSW.

10/16 A set of Mary Reibey's business strategy plans.

4/16 A window seat in O15, along with companion(s), if preferred.



## FOUNDERS' MACQUARIE FINALE

**B**y now you might be feeling a bit overwhelmed by all the air, exhibition and print space devoted to Lachlan Macquarie in 2010 but, hey, it will be another 100 years before his contribution to Sydney and Australia is given such a welter of public recognition.

Anyway, as his Bicentenary approaches an end, there is no apology for this closing *Founders'* elegy to the remarkable man. It is by way of a review or three:

### *Macquarie: From Colony to Country*

This is a new Macquarie book by first time authors, Harry Dillon and Peter Butler. They met as colleagues at the Charles Sturt University, where Harry teaches full time. Peter has worked as a researcher for radio and television.

It would be fair to say that the book contains no new revelations – a fact forecast on the cover which displays half a much-reproduced portrait.

However, it so very well written, a work of startling, almost painful freshness, pace and clarity. It begins with a survey of Macquarie's stellar achievements followed immediately by his sad trip homeward under a cloud. Then the chapters that follow chart his rise and fall and seek to explain his posthumous revival as a great man of Australia's history.

Unreservedly recommended for members who would like to enjoyably summarise and consolidate all the Macquarie frenzy that they have been exposed to over the past eight months.

### *The Governor: Lachlan Macquarie 1818-1821*

This is an informative A4 illustrated booklet found at the Exhibition at the State Library with the same name, and obtainable on your visit at the cost of a dollar. It is also available from the Exhibition up country, as it travels, in part, to NSW regional centres over the coming months.



### *Macquarie – a play by Alexander Buzo*

This was first locally-written play to be "workshopped", when in 1971 the author, director and 18 actors met in Armidale NSW to develop the text and the staging.

The *Macquarie* that resulted was premiered in Melbourne by MTC in 1972. It was rewritten later that decade to allow contemporary scenes to keep pace with current events (after Gough) and again in the 90s for performances at Hyde Park Barracks and Old Government House, capitalising on a renewed interest in heritage buildings.

Alex Buzo died in 2006. The current update is by director Wayne Harrison, and producer, Buzo's daughter, Emma.

I have long had a special attachment to Buzo as a playwright, not because I have enjoyed all of his plays, rather that in 1969 I attended in Mackay an underground production of *Norm & Armed*, which at that time was banned by Joh in Queensland for its one naughty word. So I felt a youthful daring on turning up to *Macquarie* at Riverside Parramatta last July.

Well the production with eight actors indeed carried that naughty word (no longer banned anywhere) but it was energetic, true to the essential facts of the Governors' reign, while funny and satisfyingly topical.

I might have wanted the lead character to be less dour, more like Sean Connery in body and brogue, but Elizabeth was nobly cast and the supporting characters subtly larger than life and very engaging. Lord Bathurst appeared as a disc jockey, distracted not by the strategies of war, but by a football match between England and France, leaping about in glee as a player by the name of Wellington kicks a goal. Architect Francis Greenway was played as an irreverent, but very bright surfer. There is a magic moment when he distractedly cuts up an orange at table and presents it wordlessly to Macquarie — the skin is arranged unmistakably as the shells of the Opera House. Macquarie makes his departing speech to his people against the screened images of three high ranking figures who have recently left our political stage. I do not need to tell you who they were! **RW**

## THE HAUNTING OF ST JOHN'S ASHFIELD

**I**n the course of research and photography for the revised edition of the Rod Best/Joyce Cowell publication, *Where First Fleeters Lie*, I recently visited St John's Church, Ashfield, to have a look at the grave of **FF John Limeburner**. In November 1984 the Fellowship had dedicated a Plaque on the headstone of this *Charlotte* convict who was born in 1743, married to Elizabeth Ireland in 1790, settled at Prospect Hill, later at Toongabbie, and finally became a respected shopkeeper and baker in Sydney. Limeburner is the sole First Fleeter identified by a headstone in this churchyard, being interred just two years after it opened in 1845. He lived to 104, the most rich in years of any member of the First Fleet.

Imagine his surprise when in 2010 he found he was sharing his refuge with a character he might well have encountered in Mary Shelley's 1818 novel – none other than the 'monster' of *Victor Frankenstein*. The Church had made the courageous decision to

offer John and his fellow inmates a front row seat for the screening among the gravestones of a series of Gothic horror films, among them also the zombie classic *Night of the Living Dead* and *Plan 9 from Outer Space*. More than 1000 people came to the summer series so a winter reprise was staged, the gold coin entry donation supporting assistance in boarding houses for those with mental illness. Simply jaw-dropping!

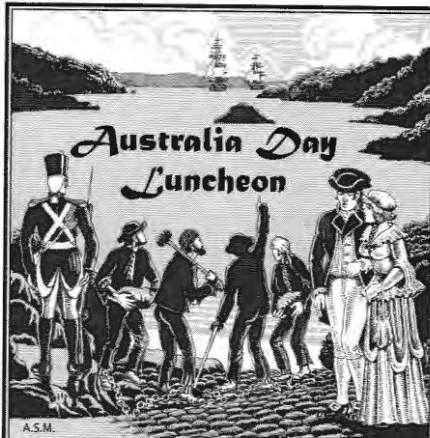


Photo: Steven Siewert

Work on *WFFLie* is proceeding across much less sensational graveyards. About half of our total of 118 Plaque dedications have been documented or updated. The maps of the first edition have all been redrawn and more specific details of individual grave locations have been noted. All of the original photographs have been retained and more are being added. A full index is planned.

It is a labour of love, not horror, but other tasks with the Fellowship rather restrict a full-on assault on the project, and it is unlikely that the edition will be ready for publication before 2012. **RW**





### Advance Notice

The Directors of the Fellowship of First Fleeters invite you to our

### Australia Day Luncheon

on Saturday 22 January 2011 at the Grand Ballroom of the Bayview Boulevard Hotel, 90 William St Sydney, commencing at 11.00am for pre-dinner drinks, with lunch at 12.15pm and closing at 4.00pm. **The cost is \$60.00 for Members, \$70 for Non Members,** for a two-course meal including one complimentary drink on arrival, (voucher to be sent with your ticket) and a 'cash' bar for other drinks.

**Guest Speaker: Andrew Tink**

Author and Former MP

**Topic: Lord Sydney**

Held in conjunction with a raffle of our usual superior prizes!

The venue is close to First Fleet House, and parking and transport are good. There is a Wilson's Carpark entry located off Robinson St, under the Hotel, with all-day weekend parking for \$18. The nearest station is Museum. From there you can take a taxi at the nearby rank, catch a bus up William Street, or walk through Hyde Park and into William St.

**Do nothing now, except for making a note in your diary.**

Registration Forms will be mailed with the November/December 2010 edition of *Founders*, and bookings will close on 31 December 2010.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Numbers must be limited, so do book as soon as you receive your Registration Form!

Catch up with friends and visit historical and First Fleet landmarks. Accommodation deals are available at the Bayview Boulevard Hotel:

John Boyd, FFF Events Officer

### ARTHUR PHILLIP: North Shore Sydney, Milson's Point to Cowan and surrounds

Committee: Alayne Harrison-Thorpe, Joy Zamiatin, Suzanne Cattel, Janice Bellette, Janet Turner, James Kemsley. A new Chapter! Portfolios still to be allocated. Contact: Suzanne Cattel 9451 4415.

**Venue:** Ku-ring-gai Library Meeting Rooms, Gordon.

Meetings each month on the second Friday at 10.30am

**First Meeting:** 10 September. Speaker: Peter Christian OAM, Topic: *The Tunks Family*.

### CANBERRA: ACT, Queanbeyan & surrounds

**President:** Geoff Cameron, **V-President:** Gina Pinkas, **Secretary:** Brian Mattick, **Treasurer:** Toni Pike

**Next Event:** TBA. Contact: Geoff Cameron, ☎ 0262514095

### CENTRAL COAST: Gosford, Tuggerah Lake, Wyong, Budgewoi & surrounds

**President:** Margaret Tomlinson, **V-President:** Len Murray, **Secretary:** Jon Fearon, **Treasurer:** John Haxton

**Venue:** Wyong RSL Club, corner Anzac Ave and Margaret St, Wyong.

Meetings each month on second Saturday at 10.00am for 10.30am.

**Next Meetings:** 11 September. Speaker: Margaret Meyer. Topic: *FF Charles Peat*

9 October. Details to be advised.

For more information contact Beryl Haxton, ☎ 43532524

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

**President:** Malcolm Squire, **V-President:** John Higman, **Secretary:** Robin Palmer, **Treasurer:** Neil Menger

**Venue:** The Hall at Brush Farm House, 19 Lawson Street, Eastwood, from 10.00am to 12.00 noon on first Saturday of the month.

**Next Meetings:** 2 October. Speakers: Members Show and Tell. 6 November. Speaker: Elizabeth Bolton. Topic: *Lacemakers of Calais*. For details contact Robin Palmer, ☎ 9871 4102.

### HUNTER VALLEY: Hunter regions, Newcastle, & surrounds

**President:** Barbara Turner, **V-President:** Cynthia Huggup, **Secretary:** Yvonne Bradley, **Treasurer:** Judith Pepper

**Venue:** Adamstown Senior Citizens' Hall, 153A Brunner Rd, Adamstown.

Chapter Meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Monday from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

**Next Meeting:** 18 October. Speaker: Elizabeth Guilford. Topic: *A Colonial Lad - George Furber*

**Next Event:** 15 November, 10.00am. Guided Tour of Goat Island. Joint outing with South Coast and Central Coast Chapters. For details ring Noelene Snowden, ☎ 4959 3702.

### LACHLAN MACQUARIE: Orange, Bathurst, Parkes, Dubbo, White Rock, Cowra, Kelso

**President:** Phil Foster, **Secretary:** Judy Dwyer, **Treasurer:** Amanda Foster, **Membership:** George Wilkins

**Venue:** Quarterly meetings at different venues. **Next Event:** For details please contact Judy Dwyer, ☎ 6365 8234.

### MORETON: Brisbane, Tweed & Noosa Heads, Dickey Beach, Eagle Heights/Tamborine Nth

**President:** Jean Stewart, **V-President:** John Maclean, **Secretary:** Don Cornford, **Treasurer:** Ken Quinton

**Venue:** Bi-monthly on 2nd Saturday at St Augustine's Anglican Church Hall, Hamilton.

**Next Meeting:** 11 Sept. 10.00am. **Next Event:** 17 October. Picnic Lunch at Newstead Park,

Brisbane, 11.30am. Then visit Newstead House. Contact Julia Cornford, ☎ 07 5545 0474.

### NEW ENGLAND: Armidale & surrounds

**President:** Robyn Crosslé, **Secretary:** Fran Newling, **Treasurer:** Bob Lemcke

**Venue:** Quarterly, normally on the first Saturday at various venues.

**Next Event:** 2 October. Venue to be decided. For details ring Fran Newling, ☎ 6771 5099.

### NORTH COAST: Boambee, Coffs Harbour, Dorrigo to Woolgoolga

**President:** Jean Taylor, **Vice-President:** Mary Kell, **Secretary:** Mal Dale, **Treasurer:** Pat Robertson

**Venue:** Meetings bi-monthly are at various locations on the first Sunday at 11.30am.

**Next Meeting:** 3 October, at Mylestone Community Hall. Contact Robyn Condliffe, ☎ 6653 3615.

### NORTHERN RIVERS: Lismore & surrounds

**President:** Betty McPherson, **V-Pres:** Delma McDonald, **Secretary:** Margaret Soward, **Treasurer:** Keith Hibberd

**Venue:** 43 Temple St, Ballina, bi-monthly, fourth Sunday at 11.30am.

**Next Meeting:** 26 September at 11.30am. BBQ lunch and drinks. \$7 members, \$8 non-members. RSVP to Vilmai ☎ 6624 2972. For more details, Margaret Soward, ☎ 6686 3597.

### NORTH WEST: Tamworth & surrounds

**Pres:** Di Harband, **V-Pres:** Graham Tydd/Jennifer Porter, **Secty:** Jo Crossing, **Treasurer:** Steve Docking

**Venue:** Bi-monthly meetings, generally on the first Saturday at 1.30pm.

**Next Meeting:** 9 October at 1.00pm. Old Tamworth Cemetery, Wallamore Road. Speaker: Sybil Small. Topic: *Victorian Symbolism in Headstones*. For details contact Jo Crossing, ☎ 6766 8255.

### SOUTH COAST: Engadine to Burrill Lake

**Pres:** Fae McGregor, **V-Pres:** Stanley Keough, **Secretary:** Jean Mortimer, **Treasurer:** Terence Mortimer

**Venue:** Laurel Room, Ribbonwood Centre, 93-109 Princes Highway, Dapto. Meetings monthly on the 1st Tues, 10.00am to 1.00pm. **Next Meetings:** 5 October. Speaker: Margaret Shannon.

Topic: *The Spirited Women of the Colony*.

2 November. Speaker: John Watson.

Topic: *Harry Harbord Morant (Hero or Villain)*.

Details from Jean Mortimer ☎ 4257 5575.

### SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS: Mittagong, Moss

Vale & surrounds

**President:** Patricia Robinson, **V-Pres:** Pam Cornick,

**Secty:** Wendy Selman, **Treasurer:** John Kirkby

**Venue:** Mittagong Community Centre, monthly on second Wed, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

**Next meeting:** 13 October. Speaker: #4 Liz

Williams, horticulturist, a founding member of

the FFF. Topic: *26th January, 1788 - The Day*

*Before*. Details, Neville Usher, ☎ 4869 1406.



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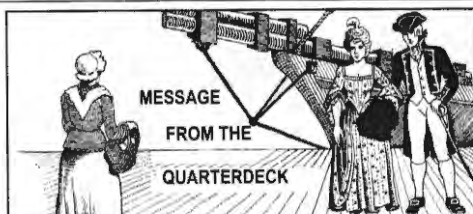
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**BIRTHS** Congratulations to the families of:  
**WILLIAM TUNKS/MARY PHILLIPS/THOMAS SPENCER**  
**Ellen Renae Walsh**  
 16 January 2009 at Kogarah NSW. First daughter  
 to Phillip and Larah Walsh, 8th grandchild for Brian  
 & Patricia Walsh. 9th generation.  
**Lachlan Thaddeus Glenn**  
 27 April 2009 at Benowa, Qld. Third son to Angus  
 and Kaylene Glenn. 14th grandchild for #6850  
 Brian Heldon. 9th generation.  
**Jayden Sven Heldon**  
 4 July 2009 at Benowa, Qld. Third son to Shane  
 and Lina Heldon, 15th grandchild for #6850 Brian  
 Heldon. 9th generation.

# THOMAS ACRES

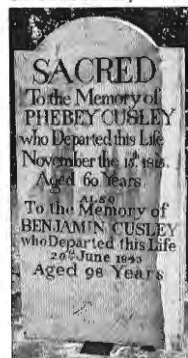
**Tristan James Paul Saulnier**  
 7 September 2009. Son to Stephanie and  
 Romain Saulnier. Great grandson for Ronald  
 (dec.) and #5409 Lillian Noonan. 9th generation.

# DEATHS Sympathy to the family & friends of:

**JOHN SMALL/MARY PARKER**  
 #1766.1 Sydney John Stone  
 30 July 2009. Husband of #1760 Molly Stone of  
 Ryde, NSW  
 #1790 Heather Elizabeth (Betty) Farlow  
 26 April 2010, formerly of Winston Hills, NSW.  
 Wife of #1790.1 Ernest (Bill) Farlow (dec.), sister  
 of #1760 Molly Stone of Ryde, NSW.  
 #7383.1 Zoe Richards  
 14 May 2010, aged 72. Late East Gresford, NSW.  
 Wife of #7383 Robert (Bob) Richards.  
**BARTHOLOMEW REARDON**  
 #2846.1 Stanley Clarence Knight  
 6 May 2010. Husband of #2846 Violet Knight of  
 Howrah, Tasmania.  
**MATTHEW EVERINGHAM/PETER HIBBS**  
 #6582 Desmond Simmonds  
 July 2010. Husband of Elsie Simmonds of  
 Durack, Queensland.  
**WILLIAM PARISH/PHEBE NORTON**  
 #5527.1 Margaret Withington  
 17 August 2010, aged 70. Late of Wentworth  
 Falls, NSW. Qur 2009-10 FFF Chapter Liaison  
 Officer. Wife of #5527 Ron Withington. (see p.2)



The Fellowship Library's latest acquisition is a donation by #7685 Jim Green of his compilation of the Family History of ancestor, **Benjamin Cusley 1762-1845**,



a First Fleet Marine on *Friendship*. The A4-size hardback is beautifully presented, with all documents, colour and grayscale, clearly legible, complete with an awesome 100-page Coded Family Tree. In June 1982 the Fellowship placed a plaque on Benjamin Cusley's headstone at St Matthew's Windsor and his life in brief appears on our website. To obtain a copy of the book, phone Jim on 07-3821 7272 or email [h.j.green@bigpond.com](mailto:h.j.green@bigpond.com)

Back in January of this year we noted that our plaque in Lang Park, York St, Sydney, dedicated to those of the First Fleet who were buried from the original St Phillip's Church had gone missing. Well, after some solid representation by Secretary Bruce Arnett, we can report that Sydney City Council has agreed to replace it. In fact by the time you read this it should be resplendent on its pathway pedestal!

The appearance of the FFF copyrighted **First Fleet Route Map** on our website and as a framed version in FF House, has created a lot of interest. Lots are selling.

Each A3 colour print costs \$1.80 plus postage, rolled into the smallest AP tube, which can take up to 20 copies. Contact the Editor on 02 4757 3984.

**Phil Alexander** of Hunter Valley Chapter is immersing himself in the preparation of an Index covering all of the issues of *Founders* (and its forbears) over the past 41 years. Only the past 15 issues have been digitised, so Phil must work from the bound hard copies, inputting each reference by hand. However, he is deriving important organisational assistance from the software CIN-DEX. Initially, Phil is concentrating on recording names and ships. Later, another pass can be done for topics and places. These discreet indices can then be merged. The resulting **Founders Index** will be made available to members in stages, through our Library, and in the fullness of time on the website.



This is a long, herculean task, and there is no doubt that once he gets a bit further down the path Phil will be looking for helpers. I caught him mopping his brow with a "white linen handkerchief with a purple border, value 20 cents" Not really — that was his ancestor, **FF James Bradley**, and that act was the reason Phil is busy here among us today.

The father of #4603 **Shirley Clark** was descended from George Best and his wife **Martha Chamberlain** (*Indispensable*, 1796). Shirley's mother was descended from John Small and his wife **Mary Parker** (*Lady Penrhyn*, 1788). Both were convict women. Shirley has sewn 'Roses for the Heart' bonnets for Martha and for Mary.

September of this year will see Bonnets' mastermind, **Christina Henri**, on a promotional tour to the Channel Islands via Birmingham and on to Cork, Wexford, Bray, Kilkeel and Dublin. Thousands of bonnets, many sewn by our members, are travelling with her, returning for a time to the place from which the convict women they represent were transported.

**Polo Shirt** orders are flowing in. You can download and print an Order Form from our website SHOP page or ring FF House for a copy.

Despite the promise on page 10, the final words in this issue must go to Macquarie. In 1979, Sir Roden Cutler officially opened the **Lachlan Macquarie Room** in the Library of Macquarie University. In 2010 the University is erecting a new high-tech Library, and the room dedicated to the 'Father of Australia' is being relocated to the new building. It will be a complete historical reconstruction of the parlour room from Macquarie's house on the Isle of Mull, containing original timber paneling, doors, windows and fireplace. On display will be his chair, a book from his library, a porcelain serving plate, a C17th Mull map and a replica of the 73rd Regimental Colours which Macquarie brought out in 1810. The Library is due to open in 2011.

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