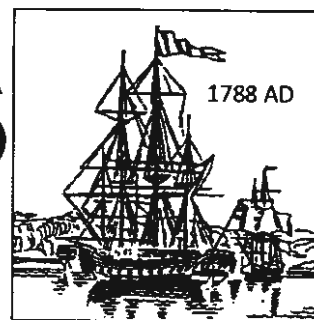


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EDITORIAL

It is with great pleasure that the Founder's Committee has found a volunteer to be the Editor and take over the production of this important magazine, in 2013. The temporary committee wishes to thank you for being patient while this search has been on. Your articles that will interest our readers are still required so please send them addressed to The Editor, The Fellowship of First Fleeters, 105 Cathedral Street Woolloomooloo NSW 2011 or email to fffaus@optusnet.com.au.

The Articles that you have previously sent to the Fellowship and have not been published to date, will be forwarded onto the new Editor for inclusion in future editions of Founders.

The Founders Committee

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday 19 January 2013—Fellowship of First Fleeters Australia Day Luncheon in the Ibis Room, Pullman Hotel, College Street Sydney. Special Guest will be Her Excellency the Governor of N.S.W. Marie Bashir and Sir Nicholas Shehadie. **BOOKING FORM INCLUDED IN THIS EDITION**

1 to 3 March 2013—A Gathering on the Norfolk Plains 2013 will be held to commemorate 200 years since the Norfolk Islanders settled the Norfolk Plains in Tasmania. A feature event on the program is Descendants Day on Saturday 2 March. For further information please contact Fiona Dewar on email: Fiona.dewar@nmc.tas.gov.au or phone: 03 6397 7321

March 2013— Norfolk Island Trip—It is not too late to book for this trip to join other members of the Fellowship of First Fleeters from all over Australia and New Zealand. As it is the 225th Anniversary of the arrival of the First Fleet on Norfolk Island it should be full of celebrations. For further details please contact Sharon Lamb on 0298312149, 0419434776 or slamb1950@gmail.com

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FROM THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

Able Seaman GEORGE GRAVES-HMS *Sirius*, a 46 year old from Fife, Scotland died 10th July 1788 and was buried at Dawes Point, a site believed to be very near the present southern pylons of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. His headstone which is now on display at the Rocks Discovery Museum in Kendall Lane, is the oldest of a settler extant in Australia.

A small group of four First Fleeters attended a ceremony where we placed a replacement plaque adjacent to the headstone, which is in two parts, as the previous plaque had been separated from the headstone, (installed 1985 by the Fellowship), in its travels from being used as a stepping stone at Cadman's Cottage to lying in state at Elizabeth House, eventually arriving at State Archives.

Janette Pelosi from State Records read a short history of its travels which will be unveiled in a future article by her in 'Founders' next year. Both John Boyd and I made a small contribution to the ceremony, followed by a photo shoot of those present.

The last plaque installation for 2012 will be held on Monday 12 November at East Maitland Glebe Cemetery, (associated with St Peter's Anglican Church between Banks and William Streets East Maitland). This plaque is in remembrance of Joseph Trimby/Elliott who was a convict on the '*Friendship*'. The gathering will be at approx 10.30am at the church, allowing enough time to travel to the grave site a good 15 minute walk, over uneven surface, from the entrance of the cemetery. The Hunter Valley Chapter has been intimately involved in preparing for this event.

As this is my last report to the membership at large, may I say a very big thank you for the support you have given to me and the Board. We all wish you and your families the Compliments of the Festive Season, and a very prosperous New Year for the 225th Anniversary of the Fleet's Landing.

In fellowship, John Haxton.

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PART 3 Voyage of the First Fleet.

Rio de Janeiro to Cape Town and Botany Bay

Watkin Tench records; 'Our passage from Rio de Janeiro to the Cape of Good Hope was equally prosperous with that which had preceded it. We steered away to the south-east, and lost sight of the American coast the day after our departure. From this time until the 13th October, when we made the Cape, nothing remarkable occurred except the loss of a convict on board the 'Charlotte' who unfortunately fell into the sea and perished in spite of our efforts to save him by cutting adrift a life buoy and hoisting out a boat.

At seven o'clock in the evening of the 13th October we cast anchor in Table Bay, and found many ships of different nations in the harbour".

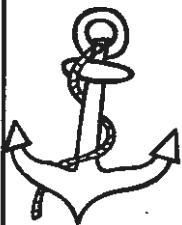
At Cape Town, Phillip was involved in long and tedious negotiations with Dutch Governor, Mynheer Van Graaffe, as they had the previous season suffered a drought, thus severely cutting their stock of grain and produce. This being the last port at which they could obtain refreshments for present consumption as well for stocking the intended settlement, they applied for such quantities as they could find room on board the different ships. Eventually on the Government account were loaded, one stallion, three mares, three colts, six cows, two bulls, forty four sheep, four goats, and twenty eight hogs. The officers aboard the transports provided themselves with such livestock as they could find room, with the view of stocking their farms in the new colony, determined to live on salt provisions, to preserve the livestock.

There was one hiccup in the harbour when one of the convicts, by name of Phoebe Norton, (definitely a lady of quality) fell into the water while using the outside latrine on the *Lady Penrhyn*. She was fished out of the water by one of the sailors, none the worse for wear.

The Fleet sailed from Cape Town on the 12th November on the last leg of its voyage to Botany Bay. This was the dangerous part of the voyage, as Phillip had to sail deep into the Southern Ocean to make full use of the Trade Winds; the threat of icebergs was an obvious hazard.

On 25th November Capt. Phillip decided to split the fleet into two convoys; in the hope that the faster ships might reach Botany Bay, to prepare for disembarkation. Due to the need to erect temporary store-houses he transferred his pennant to the 'Supply', taking with him second lieutenant Philip Gidley King, Lieutenant Dawes of the marines, several carpenters, sawyers and blacksmiths. As he would need workers to help in this regard he selected three of the best sailing transports, under the command of Lieutenant Shortland, to also head for Botany Bay ahead of the slower vessels.

The ships however arrived at their destination within two days of each other, Phillip having anchored on the 18th January, with the rest of the fleet arriving on the 20th. Immediately Phillip went ashore, and on making contact with the original inhabitants, he ordered all weapons to be laid down, the Aborigines responded in like manner, accepting beads and trinkets, albeit in a suspicious manner. The following day a



large band of Aborigines assembled at Cape Solander waving their spears, many of the newcomers felt they were not welcome.. Not finding a sufficient supply of water at Botany Bay Phillip visited Port Jackson on 21st January, and decided to prepare a settlement at Sydney Cove. Returning to the fleet he sailed the 'Supply' on 25th with orders for Capt Hunter to follow with the other ten ships.

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To Capt. Hunter's astonishment, as they were preparing to leave Botany bay, two French ships were trying to enter the Bay. They were the 'Bussole' and "Astrolabe", commanded by Mons. De la Prouse and Mons. De L'Angle, on a tour of discovery, having left Brest in June 1785.

Meanwhile Capt. Phillip having anchored in Sydney Cove, the marines and party began clearing ground near a run of fresh water, later known as the Tank Stream, a flagstaff was erected, the Queen Ann Flag was raised and possession was taken for His Majesty King George the Third. A toast was proposed, not only to the Royal Family, but to the success of the colony on the 26th January 1788.

Capt. Arthur Phillip had accomplished an incredible feat of endurance, undaunted by unknown dangers, navigated some 15,000 miles with nearly 1500 souls in his care. En route only 55 people were lost during the voyage.

Sources for these articles have been taken from:

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The Extraordinary Watkin Tench by Tim Flannery
An Historical Journal 1787-1792 by Capt. John Hunter*

Did You Know?

Between the 1780s and 1860s some 160,000 men, women and children were banished to the new colony of Australia, many for crimes that would be called petty these days. While they awaited transportation, they learned to inscribe old "cartwheel" pennies as keepsakes for those they left behind. Some of these have survived and one was made by John Harris who was given the death penalty for stealing worsted and cotton, a sentence commuted to transportation. His inscription reads: "When this you se [sic] remember me until I gain my liberty".

Botany Bay Swell

The convicts' term for a freed prisoner was 'Botany Bay Swell'. It was used in the early years of penal settlement in New South Wales.

Three Classes

It used to be said of Cobb and Co's coaches, as of similar vehicles, that they carried three different classes of passengers. Whenever a coach came to a boggy patch or a steep hill, the driver used to shout, 'First class, keep yer seats! Second Class, get out an' walk! Third class, get out an' push!'

Hawkesbury Duck 'Hawkesbury Duck' was an early Australian colloquialism for a convict assignee, sent to work in the Hawkesbury River district of New South Wales.

Old Dogs

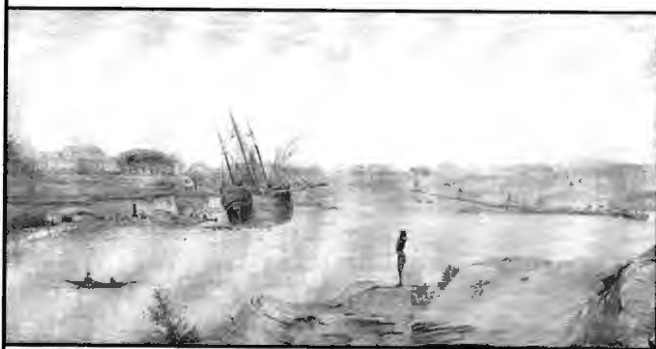
Convicts' term for experienced prisoners was 'old dogs'

'Bring Your Own Bread' Captain Watkin Tench, describing the famine conditions in Sydney during the year 1790, wrote: 'If a lucky man, who had knocked down a dinner with his gun, or caught a fish by angling from the rocks, invited a neighbour to dine with him, the invitation always ran, "Bring your own bread." Even at the Governor's table, this caution was constantly observed. Every man when he sat down pulled his bread out of his pocket, and laid it by his plate.'

Source: Quoted in George Thompson, Slavery and Famine; Punishments for Sedition &c. At Botany Bay, edited by George Mackaness (Sydney, 1947)

Henry Kable, James Underwood and Their Colonial Ship "King George"

As early as 1800, only 12 years after the foundation of the settlement at Sydney Cove, a partnership had developed between Henry Kable and James Underwood for the building and repair of boats and ships. Their activities would have been closely watched by the Governor whose permission was required for the construction of all vessels, because, it would seem, of the possible use of boats by convicts to escape and also to comply with the requirements of the British East India Company. However, with the development of the sealing and whaling industries, suitable vessels were required and the firm, first known as Kable & Co, built several smaller boats before embarking on the major project of constructing the *King George*. The *King George* was the first real ship to be built in the Colony, deemed as such because it had three



Painting by John Lewin, possibly showing the *King George* with her yards lowered, undergoing hull maintenance in Sydney Cove, c 1808. (The original painting is in colour)

masts. Its construction had been approved by Governor King in October 1803 and Simeon Lord helped to finance the project. It is probable that Governor King recognised the need for the Colony to have a substantial and fast ship in case of emergencies, and to maintain better communications with the rest of the British Empire from such a far outpost. Because of the East India Company's monopoly on trade in the East, the *King George* was to be fitted out as a whaler for service around the coast of New Zealand, this at a time when whaling off the east coast of Australia was rapidly developing with the arrival of not only British but also American whalers¹

By March 1805, the ship was almost complete. The *Sydney Gazette* of 17 March, reporting on activities at the shipyard, said—"The Governor King is to undergo a thorough repair; and in the interim, Messrs Kable and Underwood expect to launch their new ship, of which, as we before hinted, Mr Moody is to take command". The latter ship was, of course, to be the *King George*. On 21 April, it was reported that the vessel would be launched on the next spring tide (it is interesting that April was still being described as "spring").

An account of the launching of the *King George* was given in the *Sydney Gazette* of 5 May 1805: "The King George was got afloat on Tuesday night; and every expedition is on foot to equip her for the sea. The distance of the spot upon which she was built from water of sufficient depth rendered the launch, which took place at midnight, a laborious and tedious task, owing to the long flat that was to be passed over and to accomplish with extreme darkness was very far from an auspicious circumstance: but obstacle yielding to perseverance, she was deposited on the bosom of the tide without any incident to damp the acclamation that accompanied her, and in which unconscious enthusiasm had a share in reiterated appeals to loyalty, to which her name was so peculiarly favourable, 'Long live KING GEORGE' was occasionally interrupted with 'Prosperity attend her for her Name's sake.' The Owners, actuated with a two-fold impulse, acceded to the universal wish, and cried—Amen!"

The difficulty of launching the vessel into Sydney Cove is highlighted in an article by the historian, Charles Bertie, many of whose histories appeared in *The Truth* newspaper—"James Underwood was ... Like his partners, Simeon Lord and Henry Kable, a man of energy and making the most of his great opportunities. He had the credit of being the first to build a ship of considerable dimensions. This was the King George, launched April 19 [sic], 1805. She was employed as a whaler with a crew of 24 men, her measurement being 185 tons, her captain William Moody, and though built by Underwood, was regarded as being the property of Kable and Co. In those days Sydney Cove ran up to Bridge-street. Mr James Underwood had a lease of land in Lower George-street, on the east side, near Agnew's Place, north of the Crooked Billet public house. It was from the eastern extremity of this lease that the ship was launched"²

¹ Based on details at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonial_Ship_King_George

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The *King George* was described variously as a square-rigged ship and a three-masted schooner, known in America during the later 19th Century as a "tern". She was actually modelled on the Baltimore-built three-masted schooners that had sail plans resembling the square-rigged ships which came into use in the late 18th Century and would have been known to James Underwood. The distinctive sail plan of these ships was based on the two-masted Boston pilot schooner that eventually evolved into the famed Baltimore clippers in the 1830s but the fore and staysail booms were omitted to allow stowage of extra whaling boats and other equipment³.

The 188 tonne fully rigged *King George* was Underwood and Kable's most ambitious construction. The keel was laid down in 1804 and she was completed with an overall length of 87 feet, a beam of 22 feet 7 inches and a 14 feet hold. Her tonnage was computed at upwards of 200 tons. This was probably her burthen as she is in other places said to have a tonnage of 180 or 185 tons, presumably her displacement tonnage. She was registered and ready for service in May 1805.

The early voyages of the *King George* were mostly for whaling and seal trapping. Records of only some of these early voyages reveal the arrival of the vessel, often at Van Diemen's Land, as follows:

In the Derwent 17 to 21 July 1805, the new colonial ship *King George*, 185 tons, William Moody the Master, Lord Kable & Underwood the owners, with a cargo of provisions including wheat; departed Sydney on 27 June and called at Storm Bay on 16 July on its maiden voyage. This was a case where supplies for Hobart Town must have been urgently needed.

In the Derwent 21 to 29 September 1805, the *King George*, colonial whaler of 185 tons, William Moody the Master, Kable & Co, the owners. It anchored on the eastern side of the river and landed 100 tons of oil which was sold to Mr Collins before returning to Sydney. [arrived back in Sydney on 9 October carrying ballast and 23 crew—HRA⁴ Series I, Vol V, p640.]

The *Sydney Gazette* of 6 April 1806 reported that the *King George* had just returned from a whaling excursion on which it had "very bad success, having been out four months, and returned almost empty".

In the Derwent 13 to 18 May 1806, the *King George*, private colonial whaler, 185 tons, Wm Moody the Master, Kable & Co the owners; left Sydney 27 April with stores, despatches, etc; passenger—Deputy Judge Advocate, Mr Bate. Bound a' whaling.

In Hobart Town 20 to 30 July 1806, the *King George*, anchored in Sullivan's Bay, from local sealing en route to Sydney with despatches, etc. And 120 tons of black oil. The *Sydney Gazette* of 10 August 1806 recorded the arrival of "the private colonial ship *King George*, from a successful cruise, in which she had the good fortune to kill fifteen black whale".

In the Derwent 6 to 10 October 1806, the *King George*, Wm Moody the Master, Kable & Co of Sydney the owners. Left Sydney 21 September. It was initially anchored at Frederick Henry Bay with salt provisions, seeds and despatches. No port fees or pilotage was charged as the ship was on Government hire; bound for Sydney via King Island, with ballast. Passenger—Captain W. Collins. Took on mail and papers for Sydney from the Ferret, whaler, in Storm Bay."

On 1 March 1807, the *King George* left Sydney bound for the "Feege" Islands with James Aiken as Master and carrying 23 crew and 18 guns (HRA Series1, Vol VI, p193).

Over the next few years her Master was Captain Chace and she continued to work off the New Zealand coast. She was spotted by the *Perseverance* towards the end of November 1809 at the Aucklands after sailing from Sydney in June 1809. On 2 March 1810 she arrived in Sydney with skins and whale oil after 18 days sailing from the Bay of Islands.

James Underwood and Henry Kable sold their shares in the *King George* to Joseph Underwood on 4 December 1811 and Joseph sold a third share in the vessel to Captain Losco Jones⁵. In subsequent years, colonial policy allowed the *King George* to undertake longer voyages. In 1813, with Captain Jones her Master, she returned to Sydney after 14 months visiting ports and whaling in the Pacific Ocean, carrying 30 to 35 tons of oil.

In her later history, the *King George* took on cargo and general trade voyages and, around 1820, with Captain Beveridge her Master, she was reported as returning from the Bay of Islands and the Marquesas laden with sandalwood and pork. This was one of her last voyages from Port Jackson. The *King George* finished her life in Sydney as a hulk in the 1820s.

Julia Kable

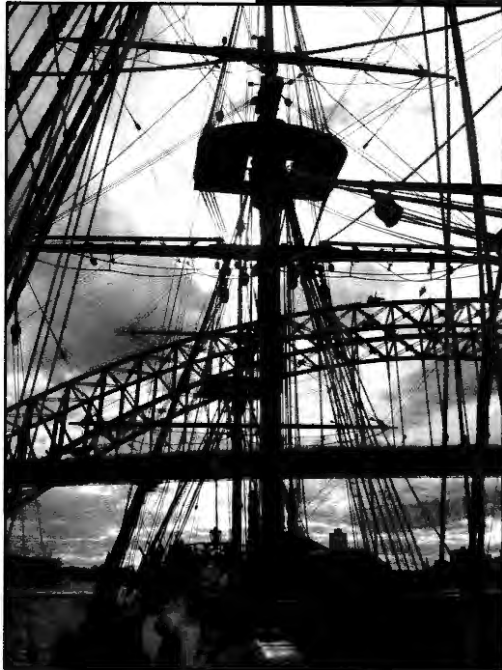
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² *The Truth, Sydney, 15 August, 1920, quoting a paper read before the Royal Australian Historical Society on "The Genesis of Commerce in Australia", 1 September 1902.*

³ *The details in this and some following paragraphs is adapted from the Wikipedia reference.*

⁴ *HRA—The Historical Records of Australia*

⁵ *Parkinson, Liz, The Underwoods: Lock, Stock and Barrel, The Lazy Lizard, Terrigal, NSW, 1989, p 17*



Views through the Ropes of the replica of James Cook's ship 'Endeavour' to the Sydney Skyline. If only our First Fleeters could see the changes over the last 224 years. The ropes rising from the ship's deck to the masts above would have been a familiar scene when they were allowed on deck. The ships that our ancestors sailed in would have had decks similar to the 'Endeavour'. Below deck would have been fitted with many cells and cramped wet and smelly conditions

Photos taken by Sharon Lamb on Saturday 29 September 2012 on board the Endeavour

TO BOTANY BAY

Away with those whimsical bubbles of air
Which only excite a momentary stare;
Attention to plans of utility pay,
Weigh anchor, and steer for Botany Bay.

Let no one think much of the trifling expense,
Who knows what may happen a hundred years hence?
The loss of America what can repay?
New colonies seek for Botany Bay

Anonymous

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Valued Donors to the Work of First Fleet House

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Family Tree Information

Due to privacy laws, the Family Trees and the relevant certificates, are not available for general viewing by Members.

The Fellowship is able to allow Members access to certificates under the same circumstances that apply at the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, i.e. Birth certificates older than 100 years, Death certificates over 30 years old and Marriage certificates over 50 years old.

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FIRST FLEET ANCESTORS (updated 26 August 2012)

The 190 First Fleet ancestors listed have descendants that are members of the Fellowship of First Fleeters. Please advise the Fellowship if your ancestor's name is not included.

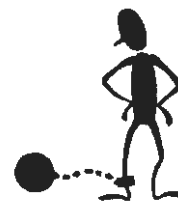
Among these First Fleeters there must be thousands of stories that have been passed on through the generations of family members that have followed. As there were nearly 1500 people who sailed on the First Fleet into Sydney Harbour in 1788, the 190 First Fleeters mentioned below represent a small group of those arrivals. Many of the First Fleeter's lives intertwined with other First Fleeters and it is the discovery of those well kept secrets that whet the appetite of history lovers. The Fellowship's motto is 'To live on in the hearts and minds of Descendants is never to die' so I encourage you to put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard and write those stories to share with others.

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Abrahms Rosanna	Colley Elizabeth	Frazier William	Hubbard William	Martin Stephen
Acres Thomas	Cross John	Freeman James	Huffnell Susannah	McCarthy John
Allen Mary	Crowder Thomas	Garth Edward	Hughes Hugh	McManus James
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Barrisford John	Devine Philip	Guest George	Jones Edward	Munday Ann
Beardsley Ann	Dickinson Mary	Hacking Henry	Kable Henry	Munday John
Bellamy Sarah	Douglas William	Hambley William	Kennedy Martha	Munro Lydia
Bellett Jacob	Dring William	Hamilton Maria	Kidner Thomas	Murphy Michael
Bishop Mary	Early Rachel	Harmsworth Alice	Killpack David	Nash William
Bloodworth James	Eaton aka Beddington Martha	Harmsworth Ann	Kimberley Edward	Nichols John
Boggis William	Eggleton William	Harmsworth Thomas	King Philip Gidley	Norton Phebe
Bradley James	Ellam Deborah	Harris John	King William	O'Brien Thomas
Broughton William	Elliott aka Trimby Joseph	Harrison Mary	Langley Henrietta	Ogden James
Bruce Elizabeth	Ellis William	Hatton Joseph	Langley Jane	Palmer John
Burn Patrick	Everingham Matthew	Haynes Maria	Laycock Caroline	Parish William
Butler William	Fishburn Andrew	Haywood Elizabeth	Lewis Sophia	Parker Mary
Cavanaugh Owen	Fitzgerald Elizabeth	Headington/Eddington Thomas	Long John	Parsons Henry aka Harry
Chipp Thomas	Flarty Phoebe	Herbert John Alexander	Lucas Nathaniel	Partridge Richard
Clark Zachariah	Folley John	Herbert John (Scarborough)	Lucas Thomas	Peat Charles
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Piggott Samuel	Rowe John	Smith Hannah	Thompson William	Williams Robert
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Pully Elizabeth	Saltmarsh William	Spencer Mary	Tuzo Joseph	Wood George
Ramsay John	Sandlin Ann	Spencer Thomas	Tyrril William	Wright James
Randall John	Scriven Philip	Springham Mary	Wainwright Ellen	Wright Joseph
Reardon Bartholomew	Shiers James	Squire James	Walbourne James	Yeats Nancy
Redchester Eleanor	Shortland John Jr.	Standley William	Wall William	Youngson Elizabeth
Risby Edward	Shortland John Snr.	Stanfield Daniel	Westlake Edward	
Roberts John (Marine— Friendship)	Shortland Thomas George	Summers John	Whiting William	

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The Founders of a Nation Chart	\$20 plus \$6.50 postage & handling

The Founders of a Nation Chart is the new 2011 edition of our 420mm X 590 mm (A2) full colour wall chart recording the names of all of the people who arrived on the First Fleet, together with sundry data on the voyage.

BOOKS

'Where First Fleeters Lie' by Joyce Cowell & Roderick Best \$10 plus \$5 postage & handling

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THE CHAPTERS IN ACTION

ALBURY-WODONGA DISTRICT: **Next Meeting,** 17 November, Mini bus trip to Corryong. Speaker: Guide & Host: Stewart Ross. 15 December, Meet at St Matthews. Presentation by Chris Powers: Life & Times of Rev. Richard Johnson. Christmas break-up to follow. **Next Event** 26 January, Information booth at local Australia Day celebrations.

Contact: Sue Webb 60213727

ARTHUR PHILLIP: **Next Meetings:** 16 November, Speaker: Lyn M Fergusson, Admiral Arthur Phillip, 21 December, Jonathan O'Dea, State Member for Davidson, Light Christmas lunch follows. **Next Event:** 22 November, Tour of National Art School, Old Darlinghurst Gaol. **Contact:** Joy Zamiatin 9451 8665 or Gillian Doyle 9440 5340

CANBERRA: **Next Events:** 2 December, Christmas Barbeque, 12.00. Details from Geoff Cameron 62514095: 26 January, Traditional Australia Day Chapter Lunch

CENTRAL COAST: **Next Meeting:** 9 November, Speaker: Helen Jones: First Fleeter, Edward Price/Weaver. **Next Events:** 8 December, Christmas Party, Wyong RSL, from 11.30am; 26 January, Chapter tables at Gosford and The Entrance waterfronts.

Contact: Jon Fearon 4323 1849

EASTERN FARMS: **Next Meetings:** 3 November, Speaker: Yvonne Stewart, Benevolent Society & 1 December, Christmas morning tea

Contact: Robin Palmer 9871 4102

HUNTER VALLEY: **Next Events:** 12 November, Dedication of Trimby plinth.plaque, Glebe Cemetery, East Maitland; 8 December, Chapter Christmas Party,12.00, Charlestown Leagues Club; 26 January, Chapter Barbeque on Newcastle foreshore.

Contact: Yvonne Bradley 4957 4758

LACHLAN MACQUARIE: **Next Meeting:** 17 November at the Errowanbang Historic Woolshed Open Day, 11.00am RSVP Judy Dwyer 6365 8234 or 0428 173 213

MORETON: **Next Meeting :** 24 November at St Augustine's, Hamilton, Speaker: John Campbell: History and Tour of Church, followed by Pot Luck lunch. **Next Event:** 26 January, TBA

Contact: Don Cornford 04 5746 6020

NEW ENGLAND: **Next Meeting:** .8 December, 11.30 for 12.00, at Saumarez Homestead Next Event 26 January, Displayat Armidale-Dumaresq Council Celebrations, venue TBA.

Contact: Wal Whalley 67723499

NORTH COAST: **Next Events:** 2 December, Christmas Party at Mylstrom Hall, courtesy Jean & Mal Dale; 26 January, Australia Day celebrations at Dorrigo Community Centre.

Contact Robyn Condliffe 66533615

NORTHERN RIVERS – Next Meeting: .25 November, 25th Anniversary from 11.30 for lunch at Alstonville Bowling Club, Information from Margaret Soward 66863597

NORTH WEST Next Events: 8 December, 11am, Christmas Party at Worrads, 13383 New England Highway; 26 January, Re-enactment of FF landing at First Fleet Gardens, Wallabadah, afternoon.,

Contact: Jo Crossing 6766 8255

SOUTH COAST : Next Meeting: 6 November, Speaker: Michael Adams: Lawrence Hargraves. Next Event: 1 December, Christmas lunch, Sinclair Room, Dapto Leagues Club, 11.30 for 12.00

Contact: Stan Keough 4232 1060

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS –Next Event: 12 December, Christmas Lunch, with Speaker, Mittagong RSL, 12.00 **Contact:** Neville Usher

SWAN RIVER – Next Meeting: 17 November at C. R. Community Hall, Swanbourne, 2.00pm

Contact: Toni Mahony 08 9271 7630

EVENTS

The NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc recently held its Conference at Tradies' Sports Club at Gymea. The conference was hosted by the Botany Bay Family History Society and the Fellowship of First Fleeters had a trade table during the event.

It is wonderful to witness the interest that our First Fleet ancestors have created, 224 years after they stepped ashore at Sydney Cove.



There are many people still searching, in the hope of finding their link to a First Fleeter.

The conference next year will be hosted by The Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra Inc and will be held from 20 to 22 September 2013 in Woden, ACT, and the Fellowship is hoping to attend.

If you get a chance, book into a family history conference as it is a great way to meet people who share a common interest and love for early Australian history.

You may even meet a new relative.

Sharon and Bob Lamb with Jon Fearon at the Fellowship of First Fleeters' Table at the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Society's Conference



Thankyou

"The Arthur Phillip Chapter kindly invited members of the Eastern Farms Chapter to a Macquarie Street excursion on 6 September last. I accepted the invitation and would like to extend my thanks for a very pleasant and enlightening day. We had a conducted tour through the State Library followed by a tour through the NSW Parliament and then sat in on the day's session. I very much enjoyed having lunch and a chat with some of the members and was made most welcome by all."

Judith Newell #7599

Founders

A WARM WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

<p>JAMES WILLIAMS #8088 Dean Simmonds</p> <p>EDWARD PUGH/HANNAH SMITH #8155 Robert Francis Burns</p> <p>THOMAS LUCAS #8149 John Raymond Barlow #8149.1 Margaret Evelyn Barlow</p> <p>JOHN MARTIN/JOHN RANDALL #8153 Helen Veronica Strickland Elmitt #8165 Lisa Georgina Adams</p> <p>WILLIAM TUNKS #8166 Colin David Lapworth #8167 Amelie Joy Lapworth (jnr) #8168 Yvette Sade Lapworth (jnr) #8169 Caroline Joy Remenyi #8170 Hugh Kenneth Remenyi (jnr) #8171 Sebastian Joseph Remenyi (jnr)</p>	<p>THOMAS SMITH/ANN COLEPITS #8154 Ann Lorraine Stevens</p> <p>JAMES RUSE #8157 Valerie Davey</p> <p>NATHANIEL LUCAS/OLIVIA GASCOIGNE #8162 Denis Michael Delaney #8162.1 Sandra Delaney</p> <p>ELEANOR FRAZER #8159 John Henry Morgan #8159.1 Dorothy Joan Morgan</p> <p>WILLIAM BAKER/SUSANNAH HUFFNEL #8150 Roslyn Aprile Barry Autard #8150.1 Serge Jerome Barry Autard #8151 Joshua James Barry Autard (jnr) #8152 Grant Nathan Morley</p>	<p>JACOB BELLETT #8156 Susan Faye Lambert</p> <p>HENRY KABLE/SUSANNAH HOLMES #8163 Alison Margaret Anderson</p> <p>JOHN NICHOLLS #8160 Athol David Searston #8160.1 Winifred Elizabeth Searston</p> <p>JOHN MARTIN/JOHN RANDALL/ RICHARD PARTRIDGE/MARY GREEN- WOOD #8158 Lance William McNaughton #8161 Janine Iris Brown</p> <p>JOSEPH HATTON/ANN COLPITTS #8164 Nathan Daniel McGrath</p> <p>ASSOCIATES #B107.1 Suzanne Jane Lukins</p> <p>FRIENDS #F113 Flemming Olsson #F114 Raymond Green</p>
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BIRTHS **Congratulations to the families of:**

JAMES WILLIAMS/JOHN RYAN

Leroy Samuel Mulry

16 June 2012 in Wollongong, first child for Larni Jones and Justin Mulry, 2nd great grandchild for Robert Edward #6459 and Pamela Mary Harvey #7455



JOHN HERBERT/DEBORAH ELLAM

Marie Fardell #1443 has the following 3 great grandsons

Riley William Reichelt, born on 15 October 2011 in Dubbo to Sonja and Lloyd, a brother for Benjamin Jaymes

Andrew Peter Burnheim, born on 4 June 2012 in Moore Regional Hospital, Pinehurst, North Carolina, U.S.A. To Elena and Peter, a brother for Matilda May. Riley and Andrew are grandsons for Brenda and Peter Lesueur of Dubbo

Asher Patrick William Smith, born on 17 August 2012 in Dubbo to Alison and Mark of Parkes, a brother for Blair. Asher is the grandson for Annette and Colin Fardell of Geurie.

DEATHS: OUR SYMPATHY GOES TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF:

GEORGE CORKHILL #1163 FF Charles Peat (*Scarborough*) and Hannah Mullins (*Lady Penrhyn*)

MARGARET CRANFIELD #3273 wife of Geoff for 62 years, passed away on Saturday 1 September 2013

FF William Tunks (*Sirius*) and James Ogden (*Alexander*)

BERYL ALEXANDER #7929 wife of Don (deceased) passed away 20 August 2012 in Wollongong FF William Douglas (*Alexander*) and Mary Groves (*Prince of Wales*)