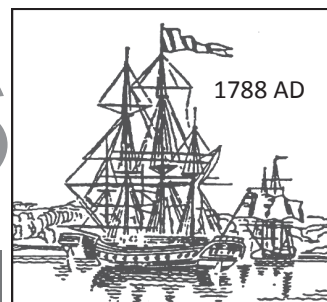


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To live on in the hearts and minds  
of descendants is never to die

## ANN ACKNOWLEDGED AT ST ANNES

It was with a sense of 'mission accomplished' that thirty members and friends gathered on Sunday 15th June at St Anne's church in Ryde to dedicate the memorial stone and honour the memory of First Fleeter and pioneer of Ryde, **Ann Colpitts**, who was buried there in 1832.

The hard work over many years by the late #13, **Joan Ross**, and also #8002, **David McGrath**, and others has resulted in the provision, by the family, of the handsome stone to sit alongside that of Ann's husband **Joseph Hatton**. As is the custom on such occasions, the Fellowship had put in place in front of the family memorial, its usual plaque on a small plinth.

Unlike the last occasion, seven years ago, when the stone for Joseph was dedicated, and when, as reported in *Dispatched Down Under*, the heavens opened to bless the gathering with a torrential downpour, this time the weather was fine, mild and in keeping with the needs of an outdoor event.

First, however, was the short service in the beautifully serene old church. This began with a welcome by the Rector, Rev **Greg Burke** and a scriptural message to follow. His theme, he said, was God's grace which is given to all who seek to follow him and which was just as relevant for our convict ancestors whatever their earthly failings as much as it is for us today. This is the Christian message that has always been the focus at St Anne's, the third permanent church constructed in the colony, where worship began in 1826.



Rev. Greg Burke

President **Ian Palmer** then spoke on behalf of the Fellowship, briefly outlining the latter's history and emphasising the fact that one of the Fellowship's main aims is to ensure the accurate recording of the lives and times of First Fleeters. The contribution of descendants through their research is always acknowl-

edged, and today, said Ian, we pay tribute to the efforts of Director **Karen Lovett** and her late mother, Joan, in bringing this to fruition. Since 1976 the Fellowship has been installing memorial plaques wherever our founders have been buried and today's is the 120th such dedication.

Ian explained that the work of identifying and then memorialising such burial sites is usually bound up with official requirements and is most often quite time-consuming. First, the family must grant permission for the installation and dedication to go ahead and then come the hurdles of local government, heritage and conservation issues to be dealt with to the satisfaction of all interested parties.

After Ian's presentation, descendant **Paul Coghlan** was called upon to give the eulogy to Ann Colpitts and this can be found on page 3.

At Paul's bidding, the gathering left the church and reassembled beside the new memorial stones where the Rector Greg Burke led in prayers of dedication.

There was no 'unveiling' as such, so the Queen Anne flag did not make an appearance, as it had done for Ann's husband Joseph. Even so, the Ann significance remained in the minds of some of those present.

Many photographs were taken of and by the family and the six directors present were happy to congratulate the family for their initiative in making the day possible.

The oldest descendant present, at 93, was **Mavis Coghlan**, the last surviving great great granddaughter of Ann Colpitts. The youngest was 8 weeks old **Sofija Joan Lasaitis**, granddaughter of Director Karen Lovett. Sofija is a 7th generation descendant of Joseph and Ann.

After the ceremony the group strolled around the corner to the Ryde City Bowling Club and shared fellowship and family reminiscences over lunch together.

### ARTHUR PHILLIP BACK AT HOME

Alas, not back at First Fleet Park at Circular Quay where the Fellowship strongly asserted he should be, but rather in the courtyard in front of his home site, the **Museum of Sydney**. If you can get over your disappointment you might like to join him there when his bust is rededicated - at 1100 on 28.08.14.

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**President's Pen**

Ian Palmer



In previous issues of Founders (39/3, 43/1 and 44/1) articles have outlined the work of Christina Henri and her initiative with the **Roses From The Heart** project.

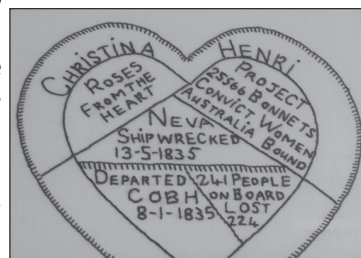
Robin and I have recently returned from a holiday in Ireland. While there we visited the port town of Cobh (pronounced Cove and previously known as Queenstown), situated on the southern coast of Ireland. In times past this important port was one of the embarkation points in Ireland for emigrants bound for Canada and America and convicts bound for New South Wales. At the main dock an old railway station has been converted into a museum and heritage centre and one of the prominent displays is a rowing boat that has been decorated with bonnets from the 'Roses From The Heart' project.



This is a tragic memorial as it records the sinking of the convict transport *Neva* with the loss of 224 lives, mainly female convicts and children. The ship was bound for the New South Wales penal colony when at around 5am on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 1835 she hit a reef northwest of King Island in Bass Strait, broke up and sank. This is a very sad reminder of the perils of sailing that was experienced by our ancestors.

I think it is marvellous that this Australian initiative has been embraced and acted upon by others.

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The next Annual General Meeting

Will be held on

Saturday 25th October 2014

Commencing at 11.00am

At: Brush Farm House

19 Lawson St Eastwood NSW

**AGENDA**

- 1 Welcome and apologies
- 2 To receive and confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26th October, 2013
- 3 To receive the President and other Director's report
- 4 To receive and consider the Balance-sheet and Profit and Loss Accounts of the Fellowship for the year ended June 2014
- 5 To approve the appointment of Dame Marie Bashir as Patron
- 6 To approve the appointment of Commodore Paul Kable as Vice-Patron
- 7 To approve the appointment of Peter Christian as Vice-Patron
- 8 Proposed Special Resolution: to elect a new Life Member
- 9 Election of Officers:
  - Appointment of Returning Officer,
  - Declaration of vacancy of positions and the election of Officers:
- President, Vice President, Treasurer and Committee members** (max 13 officers)
- Declaration by the returning Officer of the incoming Officers
- 10 General Business

T Luck, Secretary, 28 July, 2014

Keep those stories coming in. Yours may have already gone to the website while awaiting space in *Founders*.

**CHAPTER STORY WRITING CHALLENGE****Progress score as at 28.07.14 is:**

Moreton	4	Members at Large	2	Hunter Valley	1	Arthur Phillip	1
Non-members	3	Central Coast	1	Eastern Farms	1		



## ANN SMITH (COLPITTS) 1759 – 1832

Six years ago we gathered here at historic St Anne's Anglican Church, Ryde, which is the third oldest church in Australia. On that day we paid tribute to our ancestor **Joseph Hatton**, a First Fleet convict who in 1792 received from **Governor Phillip** one of the earliest colonial land grants in what is now Ryde. Also on the First Fleet aboard the *Lady Penrhyn* was our ancestor **Ann Colpitts**, one of a total of one hundred and eighty eight pioneer convict women on that historic first voyage of settlement by Europeans in Australia. Today we pay tribute to this remarkably resilient woman.

Until recently there had been some doubt about Ann's origins but recent research by family members has established with more certainty that the earliest record we have of her is that of **Ann Watson**. The early court records of the 1780s described Ann Watson as a widow and a Scot. Her actual maiden name however has yet to be established.

From a series of more than a dozen entries from the *Newcastle Courant* newspaper between 1780 -1785 both Ann and her partner **Thomas Colpitts** were involved in many acts of petty larceny. Together they were part of a long standing gang described as the Bishop Auckland gang. Although Ann and Thomas were often described as members of this Bishop Auckland Gang, it seems likely that these petty crimes were the sporadic acts of associated tinkers and villains rather than that of an organised gang of criminals. The gang was regularly reported as frequenting Gateshead and Gateshead Fell near Newcastle and had warerooms at both places. They were regulars at the local *Crown and Canon Inn* where no doubt nefarious transactions took place.

Over about a decade, Ann and her partner Tom Colpitts became quite notorious in the border area of north eastern England. Thomas was jailed on about five occasions and Ann on three occasions. One of her visits to the prison was for picking a Highlander's pocket. She must have been very skilled at her profession. Ann may have been traditionally Scottish, tight with her money, but she was not so inclined with other people's pockets and purses!

There is no evidence that Ann and Thomas were ever married.



They had at least three children over the period from 1779 to 1784. It is likely that the children may have ended up in the Work Houses since both their parents were often behind bars. Apart from petty lar-

ceny, Thomas was also convicted for forgery of the British currency. Despite public floggings and regular incarcerations, he remained a serial criminal of varied and dubious talents. Ann was tried at Durham on 20 July 1785 for stealing twelve handkerchiefs from a shop with a value of twenty shillings. She was sentenced to transportation for seven years and left England with The First Fleet on the *Lady Penrhyn*. She was listed as aged 28 years and her occupation as being a servant, perhaps to Tom Colpitts!

On the voyage to Botany Bay, Ann was recorded as acting as a midwife. She also formed a liaison with a marine **John Colethread**. She bore him a son during the voyage and another in the colony but both died in their infancy. On 25 September 1791, Ann Colpitts married **Thomas Smith** at St John's Parramatta. They had three daughters: **Mary** (1792), **Jane** (1795) and **Elizabeth** (1797).

Two months before receiving his land grant, Joseph Hatton had married a convict, **Rose Sparrow** on 18 March 1792. Rose arrived in the colony with her mother in 1791. However in June 1795 she stabbed Joe in the stomach in a fit of jealousy and we can only guess that a relationship with Ann Colpitts may have been the likely cause. Hatton generously requested that his wife be put well away from him and she not be committed to trial; perhaps he had a guilty conscience. While Joseph was well rid of her, thirty seven years later after Ann's death in 1832, Rose Sparrow, still Hatton by marriage, was to reappear and make an unsuccessful claim on his estate.

By the 1800 Muster, Ann and her three daughters were living with Joseph Hatton at Kissing Point together with **Joseph Hatton junior** who was born that year. Twenty-two settlers including Joseph Hatton partly subscribed to the building of the first bark schoolhouse and chapel – one of the earliest in the colony. In July 1800, the new structure was officially opened and Joseph and Ann's son, young Joseph, was one of three children christened on that momentous day for the settlers of the district. That bark structure was to be the forerunner of St Anne's Church.

While Joseph and Ann both came from northern England in the Yorkshire area, it is difficult to determine if they knew each other prior to their arrival at Sydney Cove in 1788. However, Joseph was described at his trial as a hawker and peddler and Ann was a clever pickpocket and thief so there is a somewhat complementary nature about their liaison.

By 1802, Joseph had sold his fifty acres to the colonial brewer **James Squire** and had purchased **John Jones** original grant of thirty acres. Life continued to be very hard on the land and to make matters worse, in December 1804, (*Continued p.9*)



## CHAPTER SECRETARIES

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# THE FORTIFICATIONS OF SYDNEY COVE - PART 3



The manning of the guns in the forts and other harbour redoubts was until 1870 the responsibility of the British army and to the Governor and NSW Legislative Council's thinking somewhat inadequate. Thus, in early 1856, the Legislative Council requested an additional 100 gunners and their commanders. This was agreed provided it was funded by the colony.

The Sydney Morning Herald of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 1856 contains a list of shipping arrivals among which is the entry:

**October 12. – Nimroud, ship, 1022 tons, Captain Gatenby, from the Downs 1<sup>st</sup> July. Passengers – Mrs. Gatenby, Captain Lovell, R.A., Captain Strover, R.A., Lieutenant B.P. Carey, R.A., Lieutenant Pitt, R.A., Dr. Poppelwell (84<sup>th</sup> Regiment), 115 non-commissioned officers and privates Royal Artillery, 40 women, and 62 children. Captain, agent.**

My great great grandfather, **John Roberts**, was one of that contingent of "privates Royal Artillery" arriving with his wife **Sarah** and young son **Edward**. There followed the birth of a daughter in 1857. In late 1858, a tragedy occurred for John and Sarah when a scarlatina epidemic raged in Sydney. This caused the death of both children within a few weeks of each other. The place of death was recorded as Artillery Barracks, Dawes Point.

John Roberts was born about 1821 in Flintshire, Northern Wales. Employed as a miner, probably from an early age, he joined the British army aged 18. He advanced to a Gunner & Driver in the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Artillery and is recorded as serving in Canada and Jamaica before being assigned to active service in the Crimea campaign in 1854. This campaign had aimed at limiting the expansionist policies of Czarist Russia.



John received the decoration of a Crimea Medal with clasp and the Turkish Medal from a grateful Ottoman Turkey for action at Sevastopol. He seems to have sustained some injury as in later life he always walked with a limp.

In 1860, when Sarah was about 40 years old a daughter was born, **Hannah Eleanor Roberts**, my great grandmother. In 1863

John, due to physical deterioration from his military service and campaigns was granted permission to retire on a small British

army pension. The family subsequently settled on a couple of acres in a community near Moruya at Dwyer's Creek, at that time supporting small scale reef mining for a little gold and silver. As he was originally a miner, this seems to explain his choice of habitation and clearly the further away from an unhealthy Sydney at that time the better. He established a small garden and fossicked nearby for the occasional find to supplement his meagre pension.

Sadly, Sarah succumbed in 1881 to phthisis (tuberculosis). In one of life's ironies, John Roberts, ex Gunner and Driver, Royal Artillery, was killed when his buggy tipped on the rough and gullied bush track as he returned home on Christmas Eve 1888.

In summary, it would seem that the fortifications of Sydney Cove seem were constructed or further strengthened only to be completed after a perceived threat had waned. However, since Sydney was a very remote outpost of the British Empire with a slow communications channel perhaps that is an unfair observation. Thankfully the guns were never fired in anger, afterwards becoming obsolete as navies of the world improved their fire power. The future is never certain, so preparedness is usually the best deterrent against potential aggression. The well-known adage "*Might is right*" still applies today in International affairs.

Thus in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries the only time the settlement at Sydney Cove was in real peril came not from external aggression but from within, when confronted by the real possibility of starvation in the autumn of 1790.

The handsome and robust Fort Macquarie nevertheless was used for important ceremonial harbour salutes and as the landing place when receiving important overseas dignitaries including the arrival of our early colonial governors until it was demolished in 1901. On the levelled area was constructed a large rectangular fort-like building for use as a depot for the trams then plying the city.



The tram depot was demolished in 1958 to make way for the magnificent Sydney Opera House, in itself seemingly a work in progress. Tunneling and excavation under the building in 2014 has resulted in improved car parking and service vehicle access. New public entrances have also been constructed.

*Prepared by #1888 Bruce Arnett*

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## First Fleet Brothers – John and Christopher Palmer

Brothers John and Christopher Palmer were both aboard the *Sirius* for the voyage of the First Fleet to Australia, **John** as the Ships Purser and **Christopher** as a civilian servant to Andrew Miller the Commissary General for the new colony.

John, born 17 June 1760 was the elder with Christopher born 27 September 1767. Both were born at Portsmouth to John, a shipwright, and Sarah Palmer.

In 1768, when John was just eight years old, he entered the Royal Navy as a captain's servant. It was in the Navy that he received his education from schoolmasters that the Navy maintained for such recruits. Little is known about John's early years in the Navy until March 1779 when he joined *HMS Princess Amelia* and then in November 1780 he was appointed to *HMS Royal George* as Purser. When John joined the Navy Christopher was about one year old and eleven years old when John joined the *Princess Amelia* in 1779. One wonders how well the brothers knew each other.

The first we know of Christopher is when he was a civilian servant to **Andrew Miller** aboard the *Sirius* for the voyage of the First Fleet. John was also on the *Sirius*, as Purser, so the eight month voyage from England to Australia was probably the longest period that the two brothers had ever been in daily contact with each other. One wonders what influence John may have had in Christopher gaining employment with Miller.

Christopher left his employment with Miller when the first Fleet arrived in Port Jackson. On 30 January, four days after the First Fleet anchored in Port Jackson, Christopher was taken aboard *Sirius* as an Able Seaman. On 10 June he was appointed as Clerk on *HMS Supply*, by "preferment" i.e. someone with influence had helped him obtain the appointment. Brother John?

John remained as Purser on the *Sirius* until it was wrecked off Norfolk Island in 1790. Andrew Miller, the Commissary General, became ill around this time and **Governor Phillip** appointed John to the position.

Christopher remained with the *Supply* until it returned to England in 1792. He held the position of Clerk on a number of ships until 1794 when he was appointed as Purser on *HMS Reliance*. This ship was being prepared for a voyage to Australia under the command of the new Governor, **John Hunter** with second in command **Henry Waterhouse**. Hunter had requested Water-

house be appointed to the role. Both had been on the *Sirius* with the First Fleet, Hunter as Captain and Waterhouse as Midshipman. Christopher would have been well known to both of them.

The voyage of the *Reliance* lasted six years until 1800. When the ship returned to England Christopher had been the Purser for the entire voyage.

John's fortunes in the colony had been prospering and he had decided to settle permanently in Australia. In 1796 he opted to return to England to settle his affairs and bring his wife and family to Australia. John sailed back to England on the *Britannia* which was accompanied as far as Cape Town by the *Reliance*, with Christopher on board.

John returned to Port Jackson on *HMS Porpoise* in 1800 accompanied by his wife, **Susan**, his sisters **Sophia** and **Sarah** and his sons **John** and **Edmund**. On his return John's fortunes continued to flourish with his involvement in farming, shipping and his bakery. He was also a magistrate.

As mentioned above the *Reliance* departed Port Jackson for England in February 1800. While in Rio de Janeiro Christopher became seriously ill, being confined to his bed and unable to

undertake his duties as Purser. In August 1800 the ship arrived back in England where Christopher had an appointment as Purser on a guard ship and another on a ship under construction, both would seem to be relatively easy jobs and given his state of health it would appear that he may have been receiving favours from associates.

In 1803, due to his ill health, Christopher obtained leave from the Navy and returned to Port Jackson on the *Experiment*, arriving December 1803. He obtained a number of land grants but in 1809 he suffered a stroke that robbed him of the use of all of his limbs and paralysed him down one side. For the last twelve years of his life he was incapable of caring for himself in any way and was cared for by John.

Christopher died on 7 April 1821 and John on 27 September 1833. They are buried together in the Palmer family burial plot at St John's Cemetery, Parramatta. The Fellowship plaques, pictured above, were dedicated in 1991.

*Prepared by # 5129.1 Don Cornford, husband of #5129 Julia Cornford, John Palmer descendant*



### ARTHUR PHILLIP COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

#### SYDNEY

- On daily:** View Foundation Stone Plate - Museum of Sydney - usual entry fee
- " Guided tour Phillip House - 11.00 Museum of Sydney - fee
- 20.8.14** Talk by Michael Pembroke 10.30 Botanic Gardens \$22 \* **9231 8182**
- " Talk by Lyn Ferguson - 12.30 State Library
- 24.8.14** Walking Tour : First Fleet Sites - 15.30 Rocks Discovery Museum
- 27.8.14** Talk by Michael Pembroke - 18.00 State Library \*
- 28.8.14** Out of the Vaults - Louise Anemaat - 18.00 at State Library \$30 \*
- " Talk on Phillip's Landing Place - 15.30 Rocks Discovery M. \*

- 31.8.14** Tours: Walk in Phillip's Footsteps - 11.00 & 14.00 Parramatta Park Trust
- " Choral service, 15.00 at St James' King St.
- 5.9.14** Symposium - The First Governor - 09.00-17.00 Museum of Sydney \$99
- 18.9.14** Tour: First Fleet, Encounters Farm - 14.00 Botanic Garden Shop \* **9231 8304**
- 2.11.14** Foundation of a Nation - Two Government Houses - 09.00-15.00 Sydney & Parramatta - National Trust \$90 \*
- 31.8.14** Picnic Day at First Fleet Park. From 0900: Tours, speeches, costumes, treasure hunt, trivia. \$5 entry. Details **6747 1226**

\* **Booking Essential**

# FACT OR FICTION

While researching for the book I am currently writing on First Fleeters **Andrew Goodwin** and **Lydia Munro** I have come across different views on why many of the female convicts from the First Fleet have been regarded as prostitutes. The collection of books written on the First Fleet is many and comprehensive and is readily available in libraries and on-line. The researcher of today has many resources including the journals and diaries from some First Fleet Officers and the Historical Records of New South Wales which contain **Arthur Phillip's** letters. Robert Hughes's book *The Fatal Shore* and David Hill's book *1788* is a must for anyone writing on the First Fleet to name just a few, but some of these authors, I believe, tend to insert a bit of fiction, perhaps to add some drama.

One event that caught my interest was what actually happened on the night of 6 February 1788 when the female convicts were finally allowed to come ashore. In most books a quote from the journal of **Arthur Bowes Smyth**, the Surgeon from *Lady Penrhyn*, has been included which states:

*abt.6 O'Clock p.m. we had the long wish'd for pleasure of seeing the last of them They were dress'd in general very clean & some few amongst them might be said to be well dress'd. The Men Convicts got to them very soon after they landed, & it is beyond my abilities to give a just description of the Scene of Debauchery & Riot that ensued during the night...The scene which presented itself at this time and during the greater part of the night, beggars every description; some swearing, others quarrelling others singing, not in the least regarding the tempest, though so violent that the thunder that shook the ship exceeded anything I ever before had a conception of.*<sup>1</sup>

Manning Clark in 1963 was the first modern historian to write about this drunken orgy in his *Short History of Australia*<sup>2</sup> and from there it appears that in most history books written after 1963 this tale is retold, sometimes the sex is consensual in other versions it is not and has even been re-enacted for television. The only problem is that on the night of 6 February Arthur Bowes Smyth was actually still aboard the *Lady Penrhyn* which was anchored offshore in the harbour. He went on to describe how the sailors on board his ship were so drunk they would have been incapable of rendering much assistance had an accident occurred. How could he tell what was taking place onshore in the dark during the terrible thunderstorm which began at dusk and continued throughout the night?

David Hill, in his book *1788 The Brutal Truth of the First Fleet*, quotes Surgeon Bowes Smyth and then goes on to state that **Captain Watkin Tench** spelled it out more clearly.

*.....While they were on board ship, the two sexes had been kept most rigorously apart; but when landed their separation became impracticable, and would have been perhaps, wrong. Licentiousness was the unavoidable consequence, and their old habits of depravity were beginning to recur. What was to be attempted? To prevent their intercourse was impossible.*<sup>3</sup>

However, this quote appears elsewhere within Tench's journal and does not refer to the landing of the women on 6 February.

He does state in his journal that: *February nothing of a very atrocious nature had appeared.*<sup>4</sup> The next day 7 February **Ralph Clark**, who was known to detest the female convicts only wrote about the horrendous thunderstorm the night before, not one word about the so called orgy. Not one other officer that kept a diary or journal made any remark on the women coming ashore, **Philip Gidley King**, **John Hunter**, **David Collins** nor Arthur Phillip had not made any comment on what Arthur Bowes Smyth claims he witnessed.

Undoubtedly there may have been many screams from the shore during that night but given the nature of the weather the women would have been terrified on their first night ashore. Leaving the sanctuary of their ships to spend their first night on land in a terrifying storm which blew their tents away and with lightning striking the surrounding trees they would have been frightened, as a result there may have been much screaming. It appears that once a story such as this is printed it continues to thrive and also expands even though there are no historical records to support it. The convicts were not issued with any alcohol until the King's Birthday the following June.<sup>5</sup>

In September 1788 an event took place which involved Lydia Munro accusing **William Boggis** of 'of wanting to have connexion (sic) with her against her will'<sup>6</sup> William was found guilty; his punishment 100 lashes, however, a notation stating '*Afterwards Forgiven*' has resulted in descendants of both William Boggis and Lydia Munro believing that William Boggis had gone back to the Court where he was able to persuade the magistrates that Lydia was considered a prostitute by the other convicts. In the book *Australia's Founding Mothers* Helen Heney states: 'William Boggis, established that Lydia Munro and **Elizabeth Cole** were considered prostitutes by the male prisoners'.<sup>7</sup>

A search carried out by Gail Davis, Senior Archivist, from the State Records of New South Wales has failed to locate any evidence that William Boggis did re-appear before the Court on 20 September 1788, or at any other time, to state his case that Lydia Munro was a prostitute. Having said that, there still is the notation '*Afterwards Forgiven*' to be explained. Here is the problem: who forgave him and why, bearing in mind there is still no historical evidence that Lydia was known as a prostitute. After the forgiven notation it is written '*The Court is Adjourned until Saturday next*', I have been advised by the State Records of New South Wales that this is written throughout the Bench of Magistrates' Book and simply means that the Court and not the case was adjourned until the next sitting.

In the absence of any source in Helen Heney's book on the second court inquiry it is pure conjecture on why '*Afterwards Forgiven*' was noted. There is one explanation however that can be found in Ralph Clark's Journal written on 6 June 1791 while he was on Norfolk Island. He wrote: *.....Walkd out to Queensborough after dinner and ordered Sarah Lyons to Receive 50 Lashes for abusing Mr. Wentworth – She only Received 16 as Mr. Wentworth begd that She might be forgiven the other thirty four which she was order.*<sup>8</sup>..... Watching William Boggis receiving his 100 lashes may have upset Lydia and she may have asked that he be forgiven

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Wentworth



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his remaining lashes. Unfortunately no one will ever know the truth on why or who forgave him. There is no historical evidence that Lydia was considered a prostitute or that William Boggis went back before the Magistrate. Has fiction won out yet again?

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## LARRIKINS AND LEG IRONS



Front: Malcolm Burns, Pauline Walker, Judy Aubin; Back: Yvonne Bradley, Delma Burns, Phil Aubin, Paul & Claire Wood, Pat & Darrell Davis

The Fellowship was invited to have a stall at the biennial Taree (NSW) Family History Fair on Sunday 25th May. Directors suggested that the two closest chapters might like to fly the flag on behalf of the Fellowship.

This they did with great enthusiasm, their efforts being well received. We will let #7487.1 **Phil Aubin** of Hunter Valley Chapter and #7397.1 **Pat Davis** of North Coast Chapter add their own take on the day.

Phil writes: Five Hunter Valley members, together with four from North Coast, plus a newly relocated 'local' First Fleeter from the Central Coast presented an impressive display, combining their tables for maximum effect. Pat says she was very pleased to share in the variety on show and will take on some ideas for next Australia Day celebrations on the north coast.

It was quite a distance from Gulmarrad and Nambucca Heads to meet the 8 am set-up requirement so the northerners came for the weekend and spent some time as tourists exploring the district. Pat says she was delighted on arrival when the whole delegation received gift packages containing toffees, bargain offers for research and even a

lucky door prize ticket. Pat won a \$100 cruise voucher with Gould Genealogy, and being unable to use it herself is offering it to any would-be voyager. Interaction with other stallholders was much enjoyed, as was the chatting with the general public who showed keen interest in the display. Copies of *Dispatched Down Under* and a *Founders of the Nation* chart were sold, and #7055 Pauline Walker happily took down names of those who may be interested in forming a local chapter of the Fellowship in the Taree - Port Macquarie area at some stage in the future.

Phil indicated that there was a wide variety of interesting exhibitions filling the auditorium at the venue, the Taree Golf Club. Represented were family history groups from Taree, Port Macquarie, Tomaree, Maitland, Newcastle, Gosford and elsewhere. State records gave lectures on what is available at their Kingswood centre and invited people to take up free group tours at that facility

Apparently it was a generally busy day in Taree itself with such things as aquatic activities and local markets as drawcards, so the organisers may have been a little disappointed with the attendance. Even so, all agreed that it was a great day, an excellent venue and well worth making the trip. The club bistro provided a fine lunch and the team enjoyed coffee and sweets after the fair was over.

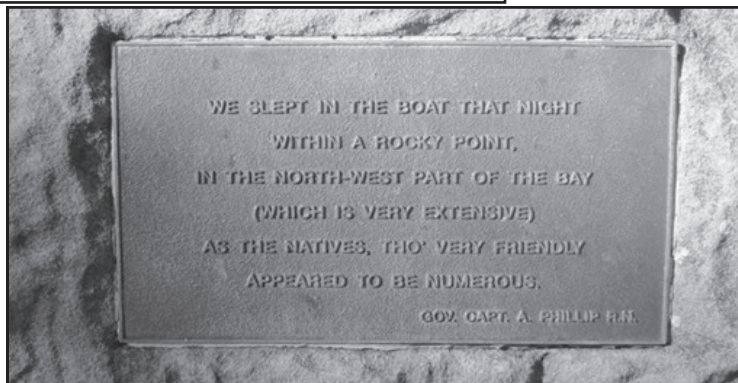
**Editor's note:** *The Fellowship compliments the team members and thanks them for volunteering to spend the day at the fair on our behalf. For others who live in the area and would like to start and/or join a local chapter you would be contacted with details when any such development is about to get under way.*



## WHERE IS THIS? NUMBER 8 IN AN OCCASIONAL SERIES

We are back in NSW for this one. Does anyone know its whereabouts? It seems we stumped our readership with Number 7. Go to **At the Helm** on page 12 for the details.

WE SLEPT IN THE BOAT THAT NIGHT  
WITHIN A ROCKY POINT.  
IN THE NORTH WEST PART OF THE BAY  
(WHICH WAS VERY EXTENSIVE)  
AS THE NATIVES, THO' VERY FRIENDLY  
APPEARED TO BE NUMEROUS  
GOV. CAPT. A. PHILLIP R.N.



# JOHN GOWEN – FIRST FLEETER – MARINE CORPORAL – HMS SIRIUS

**John Gowen** was born in 1763 in Ribbesford, near Bewdley, Worcestershire, England. According to his service record, he enlisted in the Marines in 1778. On 13 May 1787, 9 years later as a Corporal of Marines and 25 years of age, he sailed from Portsmouth, England, on board *Sirius*.

On 2 October 1788, on board the *Golden Grove* John sailed to Norfolk Island as a Corporal of a Marine detachment. This was the second detachment to arrive on Norfolk Island in 1788. John stayed on Norfolk Island until 1791 when he departed for Sydney Cove on board the *Atlantic* and requested permission to resign from the Marines and was honourably discharged. John returned to Norfolk Island the following year and settled as a marine-settler and was given a land grant of 60 acres on the Cascade Stream at Phillipsburg Town. This land was later listed as returned to the Government. He farmed on Norfolk Island for a further 2 years.

In November 1794 he returned to Sydney and joined the NSW Corps (the Rum Corps) or 102<sup>nd</sup> Regiment with the rank of Sergeant, where he served for 5 years. During 1799 he resigned from the Army and accepted the position as the Official Government Storekeeper with effect from 1 January 1800 in Sydney with a salary of £50. The Government Storekeeper of that time was a position of trust and ability with the Store controlling all kinds of supplies including convicts, which were needed to keep the colony alive. At the same time he received a grant of 200 acres at Liberty Plains, County Cumberland and this would have been where Sydney Olympic Park now stands. In 1803 John was living near what is now Macquarie Place, Sydney and his dwelling house was of faced stone, 50 feet in length and 20 feet high allowing for a 'principal and an attic storey'. Behind this building were two very good houses meant as granaries and out-offices. His neighbours were **Thomas and Mary Reibey**.

The *Earl of Cornwallis*, a convict transport arrived in Sydney Harbour in 1801 with a young convict girl on board, **Ordery Appleyard**. Ordery, born in 1778 in Lincolnshire, England, was sentenced to 7 years transportation at the Lincoln Quarter Sessions in 1798. When she first arrived in Australia she was initially engaged as a servant at Windsor. John and Ordery were married on 1 June 1805 at St Phillips Church Sydney. Ordery was 27 years old and John 42. John leased 31 rods of land at the corner of O'Connell and Bent Street Sydney at 10 shillings for a period of 14 years. It is now opposite the Royal Exchange. In the 1805-1806 Muster, John and Ordery were living in Sydney and had two servants, **Abraham Whittaker** and **Sarah Gould** or Gilbert.

In 1806 John Gowen was granted 100 acres at Banks Town which the next year was recorded as being entirely under pasture with 6 cows and 1 sheep. This land is now situated at the junction of the Prospect Creek and the Orphan School Creek near the site of what is now the Carramar Railway Station, the current Artie Street being in the middle of John's land. This property was known as *Bewdley Farm* – John's home town of Ribbesford in Worcestershire was just outside Bewdley.

John obtained more land on 8 August 1809. 208 acres in the parish of Camden at what is now Minto. In 1810 he was granted an additional 160 acres at Banks Town, adjacent to his other property and on 1 January 1815 he was granted another 208 acres at Banks Town, adjacent to his existing land (also de-

scribed as Parramatta). On 8 October he was granted an additional 260 acres at Banks Town.

From 1803 to 1810 John Gowen was on a salary of £75 per annum in his position as Government Storekeeper.

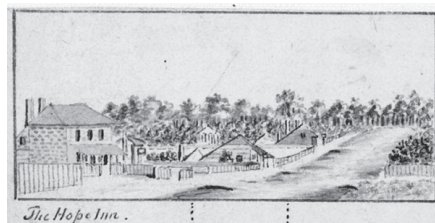
John and Ordery had 5 daughters, one of whom died in infancy and one son between May 1806 and April 1816. **Mary Gowen** was born 17 May 1806, **Ann Gowen** born 12 October 1807, **John Gowen** (Junior) born 23 January 1810, **Frances Gowen** (1<sup>st</sup>) died in infancy in 1808, **Frances Gowen** (2<sup>nd</sup>) born 17 September 1813 and **Elizabeth Gowen** born 24 April 1815.

John resigned from the Office of Storekeeper at Sydney in 1810 and became a farmer. On 25 March 1815 he was appointed Government Storekeeper at Liverpool on a salary of £50 and was granted 11 rods at Liverpool. John sold all of his land at Banks Town to enable him to build a house on this land situated at what is now the south west corner of Elizabeth and George Streets, Liverpool. The property was, some time later, described as 'having a small garden in front with a frontage of 138 feet to George Street, by a depth of 189 feet. The half-acre at the back is enclosed in cultivation well stocked with Vines, Mulberry, Apple and Peach Trees etc, a pond and well of excellent water in the yard. The house consists of 2 sitting rooms, a kitchen with oven and stoves, 2 bedrooms above and all neatly finished. 2 Store rooms are adjoining. There is also a detached building containing 2 servants' rooms'. In 1815 John Gowen was listed as having **John McKeag**, convict assigned to him.

In 1819 Ordery Gowen aged 41 years died and is buried in the Old Pioneer Cemetery, Liverpool. Two years later in 1821 John Gowen married a second time to **Mary Wood** nee White, who had been convicted and sentenced to 7 years at the Middlesex Quarter Sessions and arrived in New South Wales on the *Surprise* from Cork on 25 October 1794 and by 1822 was free by servitude. Mary was born in 1774 and died in Liverpool in 1827 and is buried at the Pioneer Cemetery Liverpool. Her first husband was **Archibald Balfour Wood** (convicted of being an Irish Rebel) and was married to him on 20 August 1817. The couple lived at 90 George Street Sydney which was owned by Mary. Archibald was in trouble with the law one week after their wedding and was charged with assault and battery of his wife Mary on 8 February. It is clear that within 6 months of their wedding it was not a success and Mary divorced Mr Wood between 1818 and 1821.

In 1821 John and Mary Gowen lived in Sydney near O'Connell Street, 'near the fountain'. The fountain referred to was the drinking fountain designed by Francis Greenway in 1818 but demolished in 1883 and replaced by a statue of Thomas Sutcliffe Mort, which is still standing in Macquarie Place Park.

John Gowen was appointed to the position of Storekeeper at Parramatta on 26 October 1822. In the 1822 General Muster, John Gowen owned 2 horses and 5 hogs at his property near Liverpool and was listed as holding the position of Government Storekeeper at Parramatta. A convict, **William Currey** was listed as being assigned to him.





John and Ordery's six children all married. **Mary Gowen** married **William Henry Jones** in 1821, when she was 15 years old. William Jones later served in India and Gibraltar before finally settling in New Zealand. **Ann Gowen** married **George Taber** on 22 September 1824 in Sydney. **John Gowen**, junior, married **Mary Smith**, granddaughter of another First Fleeter, Thomas Acres and they had 10 children, John dying in 1885 in Braidwood. **Frances Gowen** at the age of 16 married William Sutherland, a Baptist Minister with no children.

**Elizabeth Gowen** was 34 years old when she married Joseph Hush, a widower from the Braidwood area with 5 children all under the age of 6. After 1 year of marriage Joseph Hush died leaving Elizabeth expecting a child born 2 months after his death.

John Gowen, senior, retired on a pension of £52.50 per annum on 23 January 1823, assisted by references from **John Macarthur** and **Rev. Samuel Marsden**. As a Liverpool landholder John applied to Governor **Thomas Brisbane** for more land and was granted 280 acres in that district on 15 July 1824. He took up the position of Pound keeper at Liverpool in 1827, the year his wife Mary died. She is buried at the Liverpool Pioneer Cemetery. The next year, in the 1828 Census, John Gowen is shown as aged 65 years, a farmer at Upper Minto with 10 acres, all cleared and cultivated with 2 horses and 13 cattle.

On 1 July 1830 William Sutherland, (Frances Gowen's husband) is listed as holding a licence for the retail of wine and malt and spiritous liquor for the *Hope Inn* situated in Bigge Street Liverpool. His father in law, John Gowen was surety for him. William and Frances Sutherland moved from the Hope Inn to their own home, also in Liverpool. Back in 1815, William's father in law, John Gowen had also been granted land there, but in 1834, John transferred the land to William. However, 7 months later, William had put John Gowen's property on the market to sell. The reason that William sold this property was that he and Frances had decided to move to Kiama. In 1834, John was receiving an annual pension of £50 and in the same year he sold his land at Minto to **Charles Throsby**. In 1835, William and Frances moved to Kiama, living on a farm 13 kilometres from Wollongong with her father John and her twenty-year-old unmarried sister, Elizabeth living with them. In 1836 William Sutherland was officially appointed to the position of Police Constable in the Kiama area. John died in 1837 while living with the Sutherlands at Kiama.

Just prior to his death John received a further grant of 280 acres of land at Bong Bong, near Moss Vale in 1837 but died before he could take possession. His son John applied for the transfer of the property to him but was informed that it had already been transferred to Dr Charles Throsby.

John's life was very quiet in the latter part and he died at Kiama on 28 April 1837. He had spent nearly 50 years in Australia. He is buried at the Protestant Cemetery which pre-dated the church. The first church in the valley was the Church of England which opened on 6 March 1842 and was built near the Protestant burial ground. This burial ground is now known as Christ Church Anglican Cemetery, and John's headstone mentions that he arrived in the *Sirius*.

#### #7220 Barbara Turner

Sources: 1. Colonial Secretary's Correspondence 1788-1825.

2. Braidwood and District Historical Society, various documents and archival material.

3. NSW Convict Musters 1806-1849, p79, p134.

4. Sydney Gazette and NSW Advertiser, Saturday 21.02.1818, p2 \*

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*Sydney Gazette* reported

that the family had been robbed of all its possessions. So having become respectable settlers in their new homeland, it is ironic that Joe and Ann became victims of the very sorts of crimes they themselves had committed while back in England. Nevertheless, after their turbulent lives back in the Old Dart, Joe and Ann took their opportunities and together became a leading family in the life of the small rural community of Kissing Point.

Joseph died on 1 June 1828 having lived half of his life in England and the other half in New South Wales. Ann died four years later on 3 August 1832. Her death notice and obituary referred to her as Mrs. Hatton of Kissing Point. This was the name she was known by for many years in the local district. She was buried however by her legal married name of Ann Smith.

After her death young Joseph took control of the whole thirty acres and laid claim to it. He had probably been working the grant through Joe senior's later years and before Ann's death. Apparently young Joseph stated that the original will made by his father in 1823 had gone missing.

However his half sister **Elizabeth Bryan** (nee Smith) must have known the contents of her stepfather's will and attempted to win back her share. Meanwhile in 1834, Rose Sparrow, Joe's legal wife, reappeared and won her case in the Supreme Court for the ownership of all of Joseph Hatton's possessions including Jones Farm. She based her case on the fact that Joseph Hatton had left no will. By now it became evident that young Joseph would need to "find the will" or Rose Sparrow would become the owner. Miraculously, young Joseph was soon able to find it and in March 1837 Elizabeth finally won her case and received from Joseph jr. as her share of the estate the adjoining twenty acres of **Richard Hawkes** farm that Joseph senior had previously purchased. Rose Sparrow received only a small amount of cash. Justice was finally delivered.

The Hatton families' long association with St Anne's goes back now for seven generations. From such humble beginnings Joseph Hatton and Ann Colpitts have left an enduring legacy of which we can all be proud and it is fitting that after all these years Ann's two memorial plaques are now rightfully placed next to those of Joseph Hatton.

In conclusion I should mention that my mother, **Mavis Coghlan**, is here today and in her ninety fourth year. It is very likely that my mother is the last surviving great-great grand daughter of Ann and Joseph. It is also sad that my recently deceased aunt, **Joan Ross**, is not with us today to celebrate the life of her great-great grandmother. Joan was passionately proud of her First Fleet ancestry and a driving force in researching our family history. Mention should also be made of **David McGrath** who successfully prosecuted our case to get permission from the church wardens to install the two plaques. Karen Ross also played an important role in organizing today's commemoration. The meticulous research on Ann Colpitts by another two descendants, **Tony Laffan** and **Judy Dack** has been quite remarkable and of course I have relied on much of their work in putting together this tribute. Tony has written a book on Ann Colpitts that I would recommend to all who are descended from her. And finally thanks those descendants who generously donated to the cost of making and the installation of the two plaques. The cost of one plaque was fully covered, a donation to St Anne's will be made and the cost of the FFF plaque will be more than half met by the collected funds.

*Eulogy delivered by Paul Coghlan*



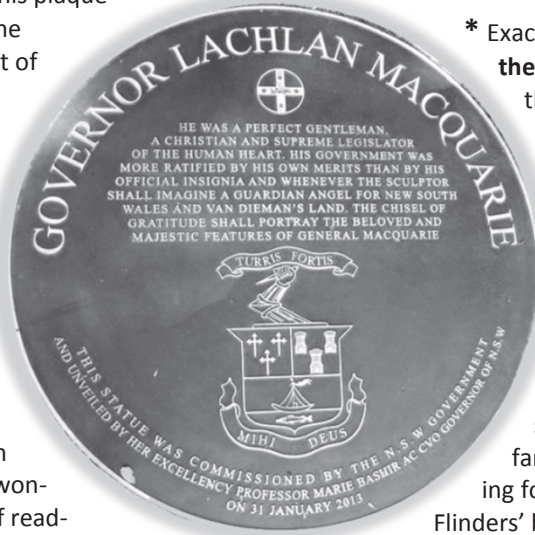
## PHOTO GALLERY



\* Central Coast Chapter Secretary **Jon Fearon** presents a copy of *Dispatched Downunder* to **Wendy Condon**, the President of the Central Coast Family History Society. The Chapter has donated copies of the book to six local societies and libraries in Wyong Shire and the City of Gosford. Wendy is also a member of the Fellowship and is a descendant of First Fleeter.



\* Early in 2013, this plaque was installed in the pavement in front of the government commissioned sculpture of **Governor Macquarie** at Hyde Park in Sydney. But ... there is a spelling mistake! Get out your magnifying glass and see if you can find it. Who, we wonder, did the proof reading!



\* Exactly 200 years to the day since his death on 19 July in 1814, **Matthew Flinders** was honoured at a Naval memorial service outside the NSW State Library. In attendance were high ranking naval officers, representatives of the Prime Minister, the Premier and the Lord Mayor, and music was provided by the Royal Australian Navy band. The welcome to country by Auntie **Norma Ingram** was particularly apt, given that the artwork includes **Bungaree**, the important Guringai leader who contributed to the success of Flinders' explorations through cultural liaison at all landfalls. The eulogy was read by the Secretary of the Matthew Flinders Society and proceedings were chaired by its President, **Vic Grant** who in the picture is standing on the near side of the bronze. **Ashley Taylor**, the artist, is standing on the far side, next to the plinth of the main statue. The society is looking for a significant locale for the work to be permanently installed in Flinders' honour.



\* Members of **Swan River Chapter** gathered formally in front of the 1986 tall ship *Leeuwin* before becoming crew members for three hours at sea. We believe some of them climbed the mast during their time on board and lived to tell the tale. Pictures and the story are in *Fleeting News*, the chapter newsletter.

\* At a reception at NSW Government House in Sydney, **Gillian Doyle** and **Denis Smith** point to the portrait of our First Governor, Arthur Phillip. Both Gillian and Denis and other Fellowship members, then travelled to London for the official ceremonies at Westminster Abbey and elsewhere. Full reports from the Abbey and the other venues will appear in the next issue of





## Our Sixteen Chapters in Action

### ALBURY-WODONGA DISTRICT – *Both sides of the Murray River.*

**Venue:** Albury Library/Museum, Kiewa St. Albury -monthly meetings, third Saturday at 10am for 10.30

**Next Meetings:** 16 August: Speaker, *TBA*; 20 September: Speaker, *TBA*. **Next Event:** **Contact:** Val Heel 03 57282613

### ARTHUR PHILLIP – *Milsons Point to Brooklyn and across to all northern beaches.*

**Venue:** Meeting Room, Old Gordon Public School. 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon - monthly meetings, third Friday at 10.30 .

**Next Meetings:** 15 August: Special Arthur Phillip Bicentenary Luncheon at the Roseville Club; 19 September: Patrick Dodd, *Governor Macquarie*; 17 October: John Brock, *The first Surveyors in the Colony*. **Contact:** Joy Zamiatin, 9451 8665

### CANBERRA – *ACT, Queanbeyan and surrounds.*

**Venue:** Various locations to be advised. **Next Meeting:** *TBA*

**Next Event:** Saturday 23 August: Annual Lunch 12 midday **Contact:** Geoff Cameron 6251 4095

### CENTRAL COAST – *Gosford, Tuggerah Lake, Wyong, Budgewoi and surrounds.*

**Venue:** Wyong RSL Club, Anzac Ave and Margaret St, Wyong - monthly meetings, second Saturday at 10am for 10.45.

**Next Meeting** 9 August: Members, *Family Wills*; 13 September: Dennis Roe, *English Magistrates, then and now.*; 11 October: Speaker, *Caring for Norfolk Island Cemetery*. **Next Event:** 15 September: Outing to Fort Denison with Hunter Valley Chapter, **Contact:** Jon Fearon 4323 1849

### DERWENT – *Southern Tasmania*

**Venue:** Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Sandy Bay. **Next Meetin:** 2 August : AGM and talk by Cecily Dougan: *James Morrisby*; 6 October, Members, *History Show and Tell*. **Next Event:** 6 September: Tour of Claremont House includes Afternoon Tea, \$25 pp. **Contact:** Cecily Dougan 03 6231 1256

### EASTERN FARMS – *Ryde, Eastwood, Parramatta, Kings Langley, Pennant Hills and surrounds.*

**Venue:** The Hall at Brush Farm House, 19 Lawson St. Eastwood -monthly meetings, first Saturday from 10am – 12.00 noon

**Next Meetings:** 2 August: Yvonne Stewart, *Benevolent Asylum First Fleeters*. 6 September, Chris Bennett, *Matthew Flinders*; 4 October: Speaker *TBA*. **Contact:** Robin Palmer 9871 4102

### HUNTER VALLEY – *Hunter Region, Newcastle and surrounds.*

**Venue:** Adamstown Senior Citizens' Hall, 153A Brunner Road, Adamstown - bi-monthly meetings, usually third Monday from 10am – 12.30pm. **Next Meetings:** 11 August: AGM and Soup and Damper Day, Ian Palmer: *FF John Palmer*. 20 October: Ron Withington: *Arthur Phillip UK commemoration events*. **Next Event:** 15 September: Combined chapter outing to Fort Denison. Book with Yvonne on 4957 4758. **Contact:** Raymond Green 4964 1328

### LACHLAN MACQUARIE – *Orange, Bathurst, Parkes, Dubbo, White Rock, Cowra, Kelso.*

**Venue:** Kinross Wolaroi School Library, Orange - **Next (Quarterly) Meeting:** 17 August: *TBA* **Contact:** Judy Dwyer 6365 8234 or 0428 173 213 or dyr.tara@bigpond.com

### MORETON – *South East Queensland.*

**Venue:** St. Augustine's Anglican Church Hall, Hamilton - bi-monthly meetings, on an available Saturday. **Next Meetings:** 9 August: AGM, George Dean, *Numismatics* 11 October: Speakers David Vine & Jeff Thomsett, *Their First Fleeters*. **Next Event:** 28 September: Meet with NR at Tweed Heads BC. **Contact:** Don Cornford 04 5746 6020

### NEW ENGLAND – *Armidale to Glen Innes and surrounds.*

**Venue:** Various locations - five times per year, **Next Meeting:** at Anglican Parish Centre, Armidale. 2 August: 12 noon, AGM and *special activity*; 11 October: *Annual excursion to Glen Innes*. **Events:** . **Contact:** Wal Whalley 6772 3499

### NORTH COAST – *Boambee, Coffs Harbour, Dorrigo to Woolgoolga.*

**Venue:** Often Mylestom Hall, Bi-monthly meetings, first Sunday at 11.30am. **Next Meetings:** 3 August, AGM, at 21 Queen St Woolgoolga; 5 October: at 45 King Parrot Parade Gulmarrad. **Next Event:** . **Contact:** Robyn Condliffe 6653 3615

### NORTHERN RIVERS – *Lismore and surrounds.*

**Venue:** Various locations - bi-monthly meetings, fourth Sunday at 11.30am; **Next Meeting:** 28 September, Combined meeting with Moreton Chapter at Tweed Heads Bowls Club, morning tea at 10.00 am followed by Bistro lunch. **Contact:** Richmond Manyweathers 6628 7684

### NORTH WEST – *Tamworth and surrounds.*

**Venue:** Various locations - bi-monthly meetings, usually first Saturday at 1.30pm at Tamworth Croquet Club. **Next Meeting:** 2 August: AGM. *Members' stories*. 4 October: (at Family History Rooms) **Contact:** Barbara Hodgson 6766 5355

### SOUTH COAST – *Engadine to Burrill Lake.*

**Venue:** Laurel Room, Ribbonwood Centre, 93-109 Princes Highway, Dapto - monthly meetings except. Jan, May and Dec. - first Tuesday at 10am - 1pm **Next Meetings:** 3 August: Winter Warm Day and 13th Birthday; 2 September: Speaker: Gwen Weule, *TBA & Fae McGregor's UK Report*; 7 October: Ralph Scrivens, *Poet*. **Contact:** Warwick Grace.4272 7013


### SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS – *Mittagong, Moss Vale and surrounds.*

**Venue:** Mittagong Community Centre - bi-monthly - second Wednesday at 10.30am \$5 Admission. **Next Meetings:** 13 August: AGM and *Members Show and Share Day*. 8 Oct: Speaker *TBA*. **Next Event:** **Contact:** Neville Usher 4869 1406

### SWAN RIVER – *Perth, Fremantle and surrounds.*

**Next Meeting:** 9 August: AGM, 2 pm at 14 Outram Street, West Perth. **Next event:** 20 September, Swan River Chapter Car Rally. **Contact:** Jodi Gratton 08 9384 5944

*Karys Fearon*, Chapter Liaison Officer

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS		BIRTHS
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		DEATHS
		<p><b>HENRY KABLE/SUSANNAH HOLMES</b> <b>#7663 Dr James Gaudry</b>, of Castle Hill, died 23.04.2014, much loved and devoted husband of #7663.1 Maureen Gaudry. Jim was a member of Eastern Farms Chapter.</p> <p><b>THOMAS ACRES</b> <b>#3707 Mabel Pearce</b>, of North Parramatta, died 12.11.2013, mother of Susan Menger of Eastern Farms Chapter and Jeanette McBeath of South Coast Chapter.</p> <p><b>THOMAS JAMISON</b> <b>#665 Ross Aiken</b>, of St Ives, died 01.03.2014, reported by #8239 Philip Aiken.</p> <p><b>THOMAS CHIPP/JANE LANGLEY</b> <b>#6577 Peter McInnes</b>, of Goolwa, South Australia, died 06.02.2014.</p> <p><b>JOHN ROBERTS</b> <b>#6220 Roger Monck</b>, of Taree, NSW, died 14.2.2014, aged 90.</p> <p><b>JOHN SMALL/MARY PARKER</b> <b>#180 Dorothy Jean Graham</b>, of Mitcham, Victoria, died 03.04.2014, aged 90. A founding member and long-time supporter of the Fellowship. Her passing reported by #8249, David Graham.</p> <p><b>DANIEL STANFIELD/EDWARD KIMBERLEY/WILLIAM STANDLEY/ALICE HARMSWORTH</b> <b>#3641 Ken Kimberley</b>, of Roselands, NSW, died 01.05.2014, aged 84, brother of #3642 Bonney Savill.</p> <p><b>HENRY KABLE</b> <b>#769 John Kable</b>, of Blackburn, Victoria.</p> <p><b>JAMES WILLIAMS</b> <b>#7111.1 Leslie Simmonds</b>, died July 2014, husband of #7111 Anne Simmonds and father of #8088 Dean Simmonds. Sadly missed by all his Albury-Wodonga chapter friends.</p> <p><b>BENJAMIN CUSLEY</b> <b>#2083.1 Emma Parkes</b>, of Armidale, died 17.07.14, founding member and keen supporter of New England Chapter.</p>
<div></div> <p>The Fellowship will be represented at the annual <b>conference</b> of the NSW and ACT Family History Societies. This will be held at the Fraternity Bowling Club, Fairy Meadow, NSW, from 19-21 September. There will be a free Family History Fair there on Friday 19th, open to the public.</p> <p>Once again we have had nobody correctly identifying the location of the <i>Where is it?</i> <b>puzzle</b> number 7, as pictured last issue. To see this one you would have to visit Lyndhurst village in the New Forest in England. The plaque is attached to the wall of <i>Lyndhurst Park Hotel (Glass Hayes)</i>.</p> <p>The Africa Day Council of NSW holds annual celebrations at Blacktown in May each year. They wish to honour those of <b>African</b> descent that came in 1788 and are keen to get in touch with their descendants. Please contact Patricia Daniels on 0420704122 or at <a href="mailto:nsw@africadayaustralia.org">nsw@africadayaustralia.org</a></p> <p>Director Tony Holden thanks all those who have added names to the <b>Nominal Roll</b> of those who served. The 2014-5 edition is now available for purchase. For details, see the website, under Shop.</p> <p>If you would like <b>Founders e-mailed</b> to you in pdf form, please e-mail your request to the Editor, <a href="mailto:jkfearon@iinet.net.au">jkfearon@iinet.net.au</a> and copy it to the Secretary, <a href="mailto:ffaus@optusnet.com.au">ffaus@optusnet.com.au</a>. Indicate whether or not you still require a posted copy. We hope in future to produce the e-mail version in colour.</p>		<p><b>We got it wrong. Sorry</b></p> <p>In the last issue we failed to give the correct honour for member Rod McLeod who died in April. He was awarded an AO, honouring a distinguished career in many fields.</p>

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