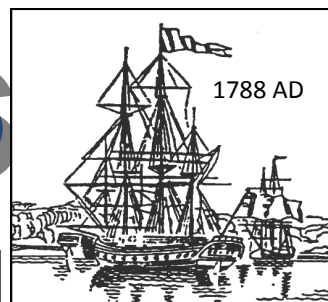


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To live on in the hearts and minds
of descendants is never to die

BRITAIN HONOURS OUR NATION'S FOUNDER

It is an irksome reality for members of the Fellowship that despite our dedicated efforts (notably strong in recent months) that the prodigious contribution of **Governor Arthur Phillip** to the founding of our nation is scarcely recognised by our governments and educationalists and therefore neglected by the general population of Australia.

Thus with the bicentenary of his death approaching it had been left to the people of England, specifically the UK arm of the Britain-Australia Society to spearhead a series of high profile celebratory events.

Foremost among these is the establishment of an enduring legacy in the form of the Admiral Phillip Scholarships and Grants. The scholarships will celebrate the values of rule of law, humanity, maritime studies, languages and foreign relations, all of which were defining characteristics of Governor Phillip. The size of the endowment will determine the amount which can be made available on an annual basis by the trustees to fund master's study or equivalent for UK students in an Australian University, and Australian students for master's study or equivalent at a university in the UK. The aim is that Arthur Phillip scholars, demonstrating a commitment to his civic ideals will carry them forward in their lives, thereby strengthening the UK -Australia bond in the future.

As a profound adjunct to this initiative, the Society obtained the consent of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey to have a memorial to Arthur Phillip carved from Sydney sandstone and embedded in the floor of the nave of the Abbey. It was dedicated in a major service on 9 July 2014.

Not content with this magnificent gesture the Society, with the support of the community of Bath commissioned an informative tribute sculpture in the garden of the Assembly Rooms in Bath. This was unveiled on 12 July 2014.

Then on 14 July the Society assisted in a range of celebratory

activities at Lyndhurst in the New Forest and at Lymington, both of which towns had known Phillip as a resident.

The Fellowship of First Fleeters, led by the spirited negotiations of Vice-President **Denis Smith** and the President of the Arthur Phillip Chapter, **Gillian Doyle**, became an important participant in these three key festivities. A number of members of the Fellowship travelled to Britain specifically to be present and the role of 'FFF foreign correspondent' was given to the writer, **Ron Withington**.

Denis and Ron augmented the experience with an extended pilgrimage to sites of First Fleet significance along the south coast of England and within London. They culminated their visit by attending the unveiling of a new statue to **Captain Matthew Flinders** at Australia House on 18 July 2014, in memory that he too died in that year.

AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY The Welcome

Celebrations began with a welcome reception on 8 July in Australia House, hosted by the recently-appointed The Honourable **Alexander Downer** AC, High Commissioner of Australia to the Court of St James. The great and the good, and many others besides, came to pay tribute to Phillip. Our own much-loved Governor was there, and the Governor of Victoria. So were the Attorneys General and High Commissioners of both countries. **Lord May**, the Australian physicist who became President of the Royal Society and Chief Scientist to the British Government was there. So was **Baroness Gardiner of Parkes**, the only Australian woman in the House of Lords – she took her title from 'Parkes' in the central west of New South Wales. **Lord Carrington**, who is about the same age as the Duke of Edinburgh, also paid his respects to Phillip. His offices have included High Commissioner in Canberra in the 1950s and he related how he used to ride his horse to the office, across the site of the new Parliament House.

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FFF, SHC & Royal Wreaths laid at memorial

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President's Pen

Ian Palmer



Relocation of Arthur Phillip Bust

On Thursday 28th August Vice Patron Paul Kable AM, Director John Boyd, Ron Withington and myself were privileged to attend the Museum of Sydney to witness the unveiling of the bronze bust of Arthur Phillip by our Patron and Governor of New South Wales, the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO. The monument was originally a gift by Sir Edward Hallstrom to the people of Australia and sculptured by his daughter, artist Jean Hill. It stood for many years near the Museum of Contemporary Art on the western side of Circular Quay and was first unveiled in 1954. As reported in an earlier edition of *Founders*, when the Museum was extended recently the bust was removed and placed in storage. The bronze has since been cleaned and the sandstone plinth it stands on restored. After due deliberation it was decided that this monument to our first Governor should now reside in the forecourt of the Museum of Sydney, the site of the first Government House that was built by Arthur Phillip.

This was just one of a series of events that have been organised recently to commemorate the Bicentenary of the death of our first Governor, Arthur Phillip.



Dame Marie Bashir

EDITORIAL

Some months ago it was thought that the bicentenary of the death of Arthur Phillip would pass unnoticed in Australia, and that major events in Britain might well put us to shame. *Founders* is pleased to report that this has not been the case and major coverage has occurred in both countries. We report on a few of these in this special Arthur Phillip Issue.

The Britain articles have been provided by Ron Withington, our roving reporter. Our thanks go to Ron for some great reporting. Read the fully illustrated version, *Peerless Pilgrimage*, on our website. Follow the links from the **Arthur Phillip** tab.

As well as visiting the New Forest our members have been to Wallabadah, the Museum of Sydney, the Australian National Museum in Canberra, NSW Government House, St James Church Sydney, and many other places where plaques have been placed and statues sited. Recent chapter newsletters have highlighted commemorative events that some members have attended. It is good to know, too, that our **Prime Minister** regards the arrival of the First Fleet at Sydney Cove as **the** defining moment in our history.

Dame Marie Bashir, our patron, received a warm letter from the Arthur Phillip Awareness Society, thanking her for dedicating a new plaque at Lymington and suggesting a permanent friendship link be fostered between NSW and the New Forest.

In this issue we revisit three amazing documents that date from the Arthur Phillip era. Thanks **#901, Brian Garth**, for sending us Phillip's Commission by George III. **JON**

(from page 1) The invitation was “for Sherry” but wines were in abundance with no soft drink and a poverty of finger food, possibly signifying the current budget restraints on the home front. The High Commissioner gave the large gathering a warm greeting, and the Governor of New South Wales, Professor The Honourable **Dame Marie Bashir** AD CVO, in looking forward to the ceremony of the morrow, paid the first of her many tributes to her illustrious predecessor. The Chairman of the Britain-Australia Society Education Trust, **Sir Christopher Benson**, outlined the aims and objectives of the Trust, not omitting to warn those present good humouredly that he would be seeking further very tangible financial support.

From the Fellowship the attendees were **Suzanne Cattell, Gillian Doyle, Petrea Doyle, Ruth Ellis, Margaret Hogge, Denise Jalbrit, Meg Murphy, Julia Wallace Walker, Robyn Ford, Glenda Miskelly, Paul Miskelly, Denis Smith** and **Ron Withington**. **Fae McGregor** arrived in a lightning day trip from Scotland for the service. Accompanying these 14 folk there were 62 Britain-Australia representatives and 113 from the Cook Society.

Unveiling in the Abbey

The Fellowship had arranged that Denis and Gillian should place a bouquet of flowers at the memorial stone during the service of dedication. Accordingly on the morning of 9 July they arrived early for a rehearsal through the Great West Door of the Abbey, rather curiously managing to bypass security officers who were still attempting to establish what was happening. It was odd to find that the Precentor was putting not only our two folk through their paces and places, but also checking the Governor, the High Commissioner and most other participants for voice, positioning and volume. Denis and Gillian were seated directly beside the stone and I managed to seize the unallocated chair beside them.

The nave was full when at 11.00am His Royal Highness the **Duke of Edinburgh** arrived to a guard of honour provided by pupils of the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, who were dressed in naval uniform. The official party contained our Governor, our High Commissioner, the Trust Chairman, the Lord Mayor of Westminster Locum Tenens, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and representatives of the Lord Speaker, the Speaker of the House of Commons and the Prime Minister. All

were received by the Dean of Westminster, the **Very Reverend Dr John Hall**.

The Westminster Special Service Choir led the congregation in the John Marriot (1780-1825) hymn, *Thou whose almighty word, chaos and darkness heard* and the Dean gave the Bidding. Our Governor delivered a reflection on the life and work of Arthur Phillip in her familiar relaxed and intimate style. **Vice Admiral David Steel**, Second Sea Lord, Royal Navy, read appropriately from Isaiah 60: 1-11— *Lift up thine eyes all about, and see: all they gather themselves together: they come to thee: thy sons shall come from afar, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear and be enlarged: because the abundance of the sea shall be con-*

verted unto thee. The High Commissioner sustained the sea-born image in reading just as relevantly from Matthew 8: 23-27, *But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?*

In the actual act of dedication the Chairman of the Trust asked the Dean to receive into safe custody of the Dean and Chapter the memorial in honour of Admiral Arthur Phillip and the Dean replied:

To the greater glory of God, and in thankful memory of Arthur Phillip, and of all that he achieved and contributed to Australia and to the United Kingdom, I dedicate this memorial, in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At this point the Duke of Edinburgh, who is in fact Patron of the British-Australia Society, moved in sprightly fashion to lay a wreath predominantly of red roses beside the stone. But he was afterwards heard to say that as the years go by the floor gets lower! Denis and

Gillian then jointly presented the Fellowship wreath, a sumptuous arrangement of banksias and roses in Australian national colours.

Prayers were led by the Precentor; the Honourable **George Brandis**, Australian Attorney General and Minister for the Arts; the Right Honourable **Dominic Grieve** QC MP, Attorney General for England and Wales; the **Reverend George Bush**, Rector of St Mary-le-Bow Church and Chaplain of the Britain-Australia Society; and the **Reverend Andrew Sempell**, Rector of St James Church, King Street, Sydney.

The Dean, in his brief but perceptive (*Continued Page 5*)



Denis Smith and Gillian Doyle with FFF wreath



Prince Phillip lays the wreath

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MICHAEL MURPHY - PRIVATE MARINE

The young **Michael Murphy** doubtless had an adventurous streak as he abandoned his trade of cordwainer - a leather worker, or shoemaker - for a career in the Royal Navy.

For his time he was a relatively tall man of 5ft 8ins, thin faced and of dark complexion, with grey eyes and dark brown hair. He was born in Wexford, Ireland most probably in February 1758 so was about 21 years of age when he enlisted in the Portsmouth Marines as a private on 3 July 1779. (Records of 16 September 1808 give his age as 50 years and six months.) Between 1780 and 1783 he saw service in the West Indies where the sun and heat and colour must have seemed as far removed from the mists of Ireland as it was possible to be. In 1785 he was back in Britain, serving on the Portsmouth guardship *Ardent*.

He was a Private from the 41st Company when he joined *HMS Sirius* at Portsmouth on 24 February 1787 as part of the ship's marine complement. He was No 22 in a list of 23 Marines which included a Second Lieutenant, a Sergeant, a Corporal and a 'Drum'. Also on board was **Samuel King** from the 50th Company who was to become a dear friend of Michael's. The Captain was **Arthur Phillip**.

The British Government had begun assembling what would become known as the First Fleet at the beginning of 1787. The *Sirius* was one of two Naval ships, the other being the *Supply*. There were three stores ships - the *Fishburn*, *Golden Grove* and *Borrowdale*, and six convict transports, most of which had been black slavers and consequently conditions below decks were cramped and unsavoury, to say the least. These ships were the *Alexander*, *Scarborough*, *Charlotte*, *Lady Penrhyn*, *Prince of Wales*, and *Friendship*.

The assembled fleet set sail at dawn on a pleasant Sunday morning, 13 May 1787, after many delays, travelling via Tenerife in the Canary Islands where they broke their journey briefly, to Rio de Janeiro in Brazil where they arrived on 4 August, a journey of 12 weeks. After a month at anchor there re-provisioning the ships and collecting various seeds and plants for food crops in the new colony, they departed for Cape Town and the Cape of Good Hope. They arrived in October and again spent a month resting and taking fresh food and water on board, as well as further useful plant material. They set out on their final long leg of the journey on 12 November, and reached their destination some eleven weeks later, the ships arriving between 19 and 23 January 1788. They began offloading on 26 January, now celebrated as Australia Day.

Later that year, on 30 August, Michael Murphy, Private Marine on board His Majesty's Ship the *Sirius*, Captain Arthur Phillip Commander, Number 22 on the Marine List. 'made, declared and published his last will and testament in favour of his beloved friend Samuel King, in the presence of **John Hunter** 2nd Captain and **John Palmer**, Purser. Michael was illiterate, so he 'signed' with his mark.

The following year, on 5 June, Michael was discharged from the ship's books to the Port Jackson detachment. He continued his service career, doing duty on board the *Gorgon* while she was in port, from 31 October to 11 December 1791, joining the NSW Corps

on 6 April 1792 and serving his five years until April 1797. On 6 April 1798 he received a land grant of 60 acres on the Georges River in the district of Bankstown, at a rent of 1 shilling per year commencing after 5 years, and eight months later, in January 1799, he and **Stephen Gilbert** shared a grant of 200 acres, also in the district of Bankstown at a rent of 2 shillings per year commencing after five years. This grant was subsequently cancelled when Lieutenant **Matthew Flinders** was granted 300 acres on 1 January 1800 including the Murphy-Gilbert land which he purchased from them.

A new century had dawned, and Michael rejoined the Corps on 6 February 1800, becoming a member of the 102nd Regiment in which he served in Van Diemen's Land until the Corps was recalled in 1810. At that time he applied for transfer to the 73rd Regiment, but was instead transferred to the NSW Veteran Company and remained in VDL, being about 52 years of age at the time.

It is not known how, when or where Michael Murphy and **Hannah Williams** met, but it is assumed that their relationship began some time soon after she arrived in the Colony in December 1801. Their first child, Ellen, or **Ellinor**, was born about 1803, and their second, another daughter, named **Elizabeth**, in 1804.

Also in that year a new settlement was established by **Colonel Paterson** in Van Diemen's Land, at Port Dalrymple. Michael, as a member of the 102nd Regiment, went on the *Buffalo* from Port Jackson to Port Dalrymple, accompanying the *Lady Nelson*, *Integrity*, and *Frances*. It is highly likely that Hannah was one of the contingent of convicts which also made the journey. There were 74 convicts in all but it is not recorded if they were male or female. Certainly she was with Michael, as the births of their subsequent children attest.

Twelve months after their arrival in VDL, Colonel Paterson wrote to **Earl Camden** describing some of the difficulties they had encountered, and indicating that he considered these to be largely overcome. *Buffalo* had brought 'a proportion of such stores and provisions as could be spared, 120 ewes, 2 rams, 6 cows, 2 bulls, 1 mare, and 1 horse: 50 prisoners were also sent' Some five free settlers also arrived, allotments were chosen and measured out and 'everyone exerted themselves as much as possible' Unfortunately many of the blocks proved to be unsuitable for cultivation - the lots on the hillsides produced poorly and those on low ground were subject to flooding. Col Paterson recommended that, as the first settlers, they be compensated for their losses by being granted better blocks on the banks of the Tamar River.

It was quite common in the early days, when ministers of religion were few and far between, for couples to commence their life together until such time as it was possible to have their union formalised. This was probably the case for Michael and Hannah. On 10th March 1811 Michael Murphy and Hannah Williams, both of Launceston, Port Dalrymple, were married after banns by **Robert Knopwood** MA. Both signed with their mark, and the witnesses were Maj Commandant G A Gordon, and a **Kenny**, first name unknown. On that day their daughters



Ellinor, Elizabeth, and two more, **Mary** and **Jane**, were baptised. There were two more children – a son, **Michael**, reportedly born about 1812 and baptised at St John's Launceston on 13 March 1814, and **Maria**, born about 1814.

From this time on there is some doubt about the exact movements of Michael. As previously noted, he transferred to the NSW Veteran Company and is recorded as serving back in New South Wales, at Parramatta, between 1814 and 1816, and at Emu Plains until his death in 1823. A land grant of 100 acres was made to a Michael Murphy at Parramatta in 1809 – whether this is the same man or not is unclear. There are various other records of land held by Michael Murphy – in October 1816, 35 acres at Appin; in 1820, 81 acres by grant plus 50 purchased at Parramatta. There was at least one other Michael Murphy in the

colony at the time, so some of these parcels of land may not have been 'our' Michael's.

Michael died on 10 January 1823, aged 63, and was buried the following day at St Matthew's, Windsor. The transcribed death certificate supplied is made out in the name of **Archibald Murphy**. Researchers who viewed the original document, or a photocopy, stated that the name was abbreviated and that there is a strong similarity between that for Archibald and that for Michael. There are no records of an Archibald Murphy.

Gayle Thomsett FF Associate # 2038.1

Jeff Thomsett # 2038 FF Nathaniel Lucas, Olivia Gascoigne and Michael Murphy

Note: For full references as supplied, see website entry under *Ships – Sirius*.

(continued from P 3) address pointed out that the Phillip memorial was the latest of the 3301 graves and tributes within the Abbey. It was significantly sited in the centre of the nave near the graves of **David Livingstone** and **Thomas Cochrane**, each of whom in their own way left a distinct mark on the 19th century. (Cochrane (1775-1860), 10th Earl of Dundonald, was a Scottish naval flag officer of the Royal Navy, a radical politician and a captain of the Napoleonic Wars, and like Phillip, ultimately an Admiral of the Blue. Phillip may even have known him). Not far from the new memorial are the grave and memorial to **Isaac Newton** whose influence on the 17th and 18th centuries and ever since has been profound. The design of the Phillip sandstone memorial is simple, nestling comfortably within the stone matrix of the surrounding pavement. The inscription: *Admiral Arthur Phillip, Royal Navy 1738-1814 First Governor of New South Wales and founder of modern Australia* is embellished only by a small image of a kangaroo.

In essence the location of the memorial stone is simply out of this world. Every major and minor procession in the Abbey must pass over it, even that of a royal coronation!

Following the singing of both National Anthems, the dignitaries processed to the west end of the Abbey to a movement of Sonata in G Op 28 by English composer Edward Elgar.

Then the bells of Abbey Church rang out.

Aftermath in the Abbey Gardens



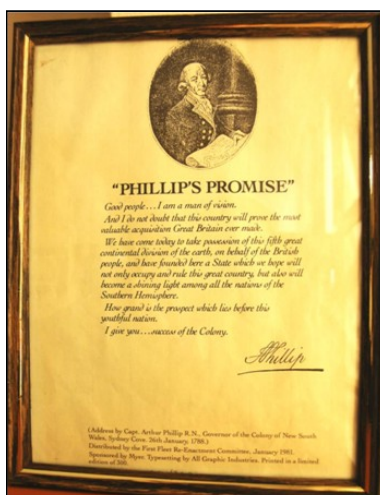
Australian contingent in the Abbey garden

The Duke of Edinburgh had departed, but the official party, church dignitaries and invited guests were hosted by the Dean to refreshments of champagne, wine, soft drink and finger food in the Abbey Gardens. The First Fleet contingent, identical to the day before, was becoming accustomed to the cocktail party scene and members were busy in circulation. **Glenda Miskelly** took the opportunity to place a floral

offering beside the stone on behalf of her Southern Highlands Chapter.

The weather was sunny and mild and the Australian flag flew from the top of the Cathedral. Thank you speeches were made with particular focus on the members of the Britain-Australia Society Steering Committee, including Pauline Lyle-Smith, who had brought the auspicious event to such an inspiring fruition.

RW



PHILLIP'S PROMISE

Good people ... I am a man of vision.

And I do not doubt that this country will prove the most valuable acquisition Great Britain ever made.

We have come today to take possession of this fifth great continental division of the earth, on behalf of the British people and have founded here a State which we hope will not only occupy and rule this great country, but also will become a shining light among all the nations of the Southern Hemisphere.

How grand is the prospect which lies before this youthful nation.

I give you ... success of the Colony.

A Phillip

(Address by Capt. Arthur Phillip R.N., Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, Sydney Cove, 26th January, 1788) Distributed by the First Fleet Re-enactment Committee, January 1981. Sponsored by Myer Typesetting by All Graphic Industries. Printed in a limited edition of 300.

MARINE PRIVATE WILLIAM STANDLEY

The First Fleet marine **William Standley** was born about 1752 in England. He may be the William Standley who was born at Plymouth, Devon, on 3 July, 1752 (Woods, 2005)

Standley was a private of the 5th Portsmouth Company of the Royal Marines. He joined the ship *Sirius* on 24 February, 1787 (Gillen, 1989).

Standley made a will on 30 August 1788 in favour of fellow marine friend, **James Williams**. At the same time Williams made out his will favouring Standley. Both these wills, witnessed by *Sirius* Captain **John Hunter** and Purser **John Palmer**, still exist in the UK National Archives.

Remaining on the *Sirius* until 24 June 1789, Standley was subsequently discharged to the Port Jackson detachment, where he remained until the completion of his service. Deciding to remain in the colony, Standley was one of the marine settlers granted land on Norfolk Island. He travelled to Norfolk Island on the *Atlantic*, on 26 October 1791, part of a group on 29 marine settlers, including his friend James Williams, who had previously been posted for a marine term on Norfolk Island.

Elected as a member of the Norfolk Island Settlers Association, by the end of November Standley had 10 acres under cultivation on his leasehold grant of 60 acres, Lot 43, at Phillipsburg.

Standley married **Mary Anstey**, a convict who had arrived on the *Lady Juliana*. This was possibly one of the marriages officiated by the Reverend **Richard Johnson** on 5 November, 1791, and for which records do not exist. Mary had been convicted in 1787 at the Warwickshire Assizes, for the theft of two silk handkerchiefs from the shop of **George Stubbs** in Birmingham, and sentenced to seven years transportation.

Mary arrived at Norfolk Island on the ship *Lady Nelson* on 4 November, 1791. If she and Standley were married on the following day, she either knew Standley in Sydney, or this was a marriage of convenience. On 16 August 1792, a daughter, **Mary**, was born and a second child, **Joseph**, was born about three years later.

By 1805, Standley is recorded as selling grain to the stores and by 1807 he had nine acres of grain, eight sheep, three sows and had 100 bushels of maize in store.

Following the government decision to abandon Norfolk Island,

William, Mary and their children sailed on the third embarkation to Van Diemen's Land on board the *Lady Nelson*, on 14 February 1808. They left behind all their land cleared, a shingled, boarded and floored house (22x12ft), and three thatched log outhouses all valued at £20 (Gillen, 1989).

The *Lady Nelson* arrived at Derwent Bridge on 1 March, 1808. Standley was initially awarded 50 acres at Clarence Plains.

William Standley's wife, Mary, died on 15 November 1812, with her burial recorded at St David's, Hobart.

By January 1817 Standley had 50 acres at Tea Tree (Ulva), where he appears to have lived in close proximity to his daughter, Mary and her husband, ex convict and Government Coxswain on Norfolk Island, **James Lowe**.

On 20 February, 1830, William Standley drowned in the Derwent River at Compton Ferry. According to newspaper reports the night was very dark and he stepped off the platform to the punt, falling into the river. A search found only his hat. James

Lowe subsequently advertised, offering a reward for the location of Standley's body, but there is no record of this being claimed.

Advertisement: (Colonial Times, 26.02.1830) *Five Pounds Reward Whereas, on Saturday evening last, William Standley aged 77 was drowned at Compton Ferry, while in the act of getting into the Punt, owing to the darkness of the night. The above Reward will be paid to any Person finding his Body and delivering it to me, James Lone.*

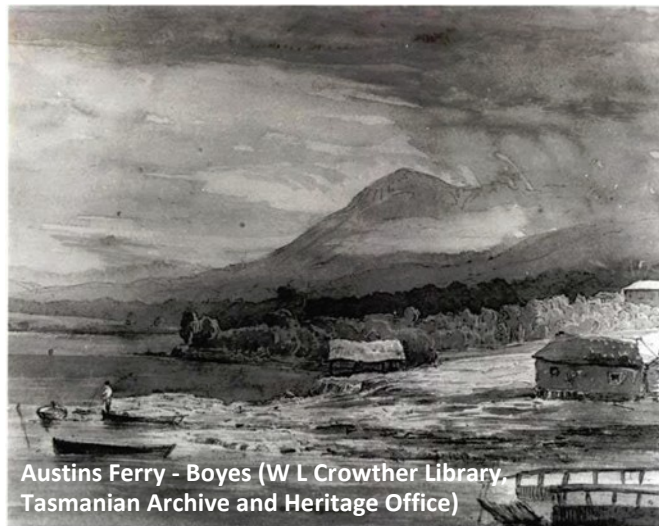
- Tea Tree Brush: Feb 22, 1830

As his friend James Williams had died some ten years earlier it would be of interest to know whether William Standley, at the time of his death a family man, had replaced his earlier will with one favouring his own children or descendants.

Note: This story has been prepared by #7701 **Gloria Wallace**, a descendant of James Williams. The author invites descendants of William Standley to replace this version, which is on the website, with a more comprehensive account of their own.

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GEORGE the THIRD etc., to our trusty and well loved **Captain Arthur Phillip**,

Greeting:- We, reposing especial trust and confidence in your loyalty, courage and experience in military affairs, do constitute and appoint you to be Governor of our territory called New South Wales, extending from the northern cape of the coast called Cape York & of all the country inland to the westward as far as the one hundred and thirty fifth degree of Longitude, including all the islands adjacent in the Pacific Ocean.

Given at our Court at St James', the twelfth day of October 1786, ...
in the twenty-sixth year of our reign. By His Majesty's Command.

Sydney ...

ARTHUR PHILLIP REMEMBERED AT ST JAMES, KING ST, SYDNEY

After all the rain, Sydney turned on a beautifully sunny and even warmer day for the Choral Evensong service at St James, King St for the unveiling of the plaque to remember our first Governor, **Admiral Arthur Phillip**, on 31st August at 15.00.

In the tradition of the Anglican church, the choral service was presented by their excellent choir and several dignitaries from various churches were in attendance and participating.

The Introit was in Latin, from Psalm 116:12-13 **ard Johnson** used for his first Christian service held at Sydney Cove on 3rd January, 1788.

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. The Bible and Prayer Book which Rev Johnson used on that occasion were on display for the congregation to view at the conclusion of the service.

The Anthem's opening lines used the words from Psalm 107:23-30

repeating the verse which **Rev Rich-** sermon at the

"They that go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business in great waters; these men see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep..."

The Honourable **Justice Michael Pembroke** brought the occasional address, detailing the contribution of Arthur Phillip to the success of the establishment of the colony at Sydney Cove and his desire and efforts to befriend the Aboriginal population.

The highlight of the service came with the procession to the site of the memorial, led by the Bishop of South Sydney **Right Reverend Robert Forsyth**, Her Excellency the Governor of New South Wales Professor the Honourable **Dame Marie Bashir** AD CVO and the donor of the memorial, **Mr Christopher White**, President of the Australasian Pioneer's Club. A presentation speech by Mr White and response of acceptance by the Rector were then followed by the unveiling as the Bishop prayed a prayer of dedication to the glory of God and thanksgiving for the life and leadership of Admiral Arthur Phillip.

The retiring offertory was received for the Admiral Arthur Phillip Scholarship Fund.



Unveiling of the plaque (under curtain) & inset, the plaque

PHILLIP DISPLAY AT MUSEUM

One of the most significant items in the Museum of Sydney collection is an inscribed copper Foundation Plate that was laid on 15 May 1788 by Governor Arthur Phillip during the construction of Australia's first Government House. Remarkably the plate was discovered between two sandstone foundation blocks by a telegraph line worker in 1899. The text reads:

His Excellency ARTHUR PHILLIP Esq Governor in Chief and Captain General in and over the Territory of New New South Wales, landed in this Cove with the first Settlers of this Country, 24 Day of January, 1788, and on the 15 Day of May in the same Year being the 28 Reign of His present Majesty, GEORGE the THIRD the first of these stones was laid.

Heritage Minister Rob Stokes paid tribute to Governor Arthur Phillip as a man who made an indelible contribution to modern NSW and Australia.

Mr Stokes joined Governor Dame Marie Bashir at the MOS to unveil the re-positioned bronze memorial bust of Governor Phillip to mark the bicentenary of his death on August 31, 1814.



WHERE IS THIS?
NUMBER 9
FINAL IN SERIES

Our readers will know that this has been a big year for Arthur Phillip plaques so it is opportune to call a halt to our regular identification challenge. Thanks to those who have been in touch throughout the series. No clues are given for this one. Go to **At the Helm** on page 12 for the solution to Number 8

ARTHUR PHILLIP ACTIVITIES IN BATHAMPTON AND BATH

Arrival and Welcomes



Bath Guildhall built in the magnificently coloured Bath stone between 1775 and 1778

At 11.30am on Friday 11 July the First Fleet contingent, accompanied by local and overseas delegates most of whom had been at the Abbey dedication, caught a bus from Mercure Bloomsbury Hotel in London for the drive to Bath. We were scheduled to arrive in Bath at 3.00pm, but following a comfort-coffee stop at a Services way-side the bus refused to start. A backup vehicle got us to the Hilton Bath City Hotel barely in time

for the first function, a cocktail reception by the West Country Branch of the Britain-Australia Society in the Brunswick Room of the Guildhall, a stunning Georgian structure housing the City's Council offices built between 1775 and 1778 to a design by Thomas Warr Atwood. The Guildhall forms a continuous building with the Victorian Art Gallery, and on 11 July it flew the Australian Flag!

The reception was followed by a welcome by the Mayor of Bath, Councillor Cherry Beath and her consort Mr Richard Beath, in the presence of our Governor. For this event we convened seated in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, rendering the occasion suitably dignified, but at the same time very busy and convivial.

St Nicholas' Church Bathampton

At 10.30 am on Saturday 12 July the party boarded a bus for the next leg of the "pilgrimage", a short ride to St Nicholas' Church in Bathampton, a village 2 miles east of Bath on the south bank of the river Avon. It has a population of 1603.

The Parish Church of St Nicholas has 13th century origins with 15th century alterations and tower. Phillip was buried in the church after his death in 1814 and although it was unnoticed for many years, the grave was discovered in 1897 and the Premier of New South Wales, Sir Henry Parkes, had it restored.

The side chapel of St Nicholas was redesigned and dedicated as the Australia Chapel on 26 January 1975. It contains memorials to the Allen family and to Admiral Arthur Phillip. The Phillip gravestone just inside the entry porch was turned from its original east-west orientation to north-south, so that the visitors are greeted by the inscription as they enter the church. Stained glass windows were installed showing the coats of arms of the federal government and the six Australian states. The floor is of Australian Wombeyan marble and all the woodwork of Australia

lian blackbean timber. The kneelers were given by Tasmania. The wooden chairs were donated by many Australian cities and organisations, and the donor is noted on the back of each one. The Fellowship contributed funds to the enterprise.

The gravestone is highlighted by a beautiful carved wooden memorial screen which contains this inscription:

ARTHUR PHILLIP

1739-1814

Founder of Australia
and First Governor of
New South Wales

The Fellowship Plaque, installed in 1985, is fixed to the base of the screen. Its inscription, and that of the gravestone are given on pages 405 and 408 of the Fellowship's publication, *Dispatched Downunder*.

The ceremony at St Nicholas' was overseen by Mr Keith Newton, the new Chairman of the Britain-Australia West Country Branch which embraces the counties of Bristol, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire. Keith, an Australian, was a reluctant replacement for Richard Pavitt, the former chairman who although present, was unable through ill health to preside. Richard with his wife Kay, had been instrumental in organising these bicentenary Arthur Phillip celebrations, especially at Bath. Denis and I had the pleasure of being their guests for lunch at their home in the village of Martock two weeks earlier. Our Governor was not in attendance at Bathampton; instead, grabbing a well-earned break, she was seen taking a stroll around the town of Bath.

The occasional speaker was the Reverend Paul Burden who

up until April 2014 was rector of St Nicholas' for more than a decade. Paul is now Director of Ministry and e-learning at STETS ordination course based in Sarum College, Salisbury. As a very articulate academic, with abundant local knowledge he had engaged the redoubtable Australian barrister, author and media man, Geoffrey Robertson, in a "hypothetical" over the latter's assertion that Arthur Phillip's body should be returned to Australia.

Paul Burden, updated his lecture previously given at St Mary-le-Bow in London. It was the most remarkable tribute to Arthur Phillip that



Denis Smith and Suzanne Cattell make the floral offering on behalf of the Fellowship

one could hear. I put it up alongside Michael Pembroke's 2013 book, *Arthur Phillip, Sailor, Mercenary, Governor, Spy* for insights and forthright clarity, especially in its dealing with the so-called retirement activities of Phillip after his return to England. The full text of Paul's lecture can be found appended to the website report. You are urged to read it. (Incidentally, Michael Pembroke was a delegate at all of the events, both in London and in Bath)

Following the lecture, Denis with Suzanne Cattell of the Arthur Phillip Chapter placed a wreath, again in our golden wattle colours, at the gravestone on behalf of the Fellowship. The gathering then had a good hour to roam the church and take a look at the occasional Phillip display in the rear alcove: as well as to explore the churchyard and proudly take a photo of the Australian flag flying steadily from the grey, groaning Gothic tower.

Civic Reception

Following lunch at sundry pubs in Bath, the delegates were given a rather hasty tour of Bath City. Then at 3.00pm we gathered at the Great Octagon Room of the Bath Assembly Rooms in Bennett Street for a one-hour Civic Reception. This event was hosted by the Chairman of the Bath and Northeast Somerset Council, **Councillor Martin Veal**, a delightful man whom we had previously met over champagne at the Westminster gardens.

The Assembly Rooms are owned by the National Trust but are administered by the Council. The stunning Grade 1 listed rooms, dating from 1771 are adorned with the original Whitefriars crystal chandeliers and house portraits by Gainsborough, Ramsey and Hoare. Governor Phillip who lived in the same street would have visited on many occasions.

Unveiling of the Admiral Arthur Phillip Memorial

At 4.00pm the dignitaries and delegates together with mem-



Lady Elizabeth Gass, the Governor and Sir Christopher Benson

bers of the public gathered at the garden outside the north east corner of the Assembly Rooms diagonally opposite Admiral Phillip's home for eight years at 19 Bennett Street. The gravel-paved formal garden with encircling box hedges was an ideal setting. Within the garden was the sculpture we had come to unveil: the armillary sphere with a Bath limestone carved pedestal unveil: the armillary sphere with a Bath limestone carved pedestal, commissioned by the Britain-Australia Society Education Trust and constructed by international sundial designer **David Harber** and renowned local sculptor **Nigel Fenwick**.

With Keith Newton again presiding, a naval cadet corps in attendance and a loan bugler, and in the presence of our Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie, the Chairman of the Trust, Sir Christopher Benson DL FRICSC, with the assistance of the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset, Lady Elizabeth Gass DCVO, removed the flag from the sculpture.

The Reverend George Bush, Chaplain of the Britain-Australia Society invoked the blessing.

General applause gave way to minor bewilderment, as the

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memorial, although telling so very much of Phillip's life through its inscriptions and features, is essentially quite complex.

A hand-rotatable internal globe shows the track of the eleven First Fleet ships and the dates and places of the ports of call. Inscribed on the horizon band is the inscription:

Captain, Governor and later Admiral Arthur Phillip. Born London 11th October 1738; died Bennett Street, Bath, 31st August 1814. Buried in St Nicholas Church, Bathampton. and appointed Commander of the First Fleet and Governor-designate of New South Wales in 1786. The base plate tells the story of Philip's achievements:

Inscribed on other bands of the armillary are quotations from Phillip and descriptions of his qualities:

Made of bronze and oxidised to a subtle verdigris colour, the sundial is a highly accurate instrument allowing the observer to determine the time in Greenwich in one minute intervals, as well as local solar time in Bath and Sydney.

It incorporates a compass rose and a topograph indicating the true bearing and distance in nautical miles to key points on the journey of the First Fleet.

The imaginative stone pedestal 2.5 metres in diameter symbolises the unprecedented voyage and the transition, half a world away, from inhospitable, rugged, uncharted terrain to an aspirational society and successful colony and nation. It includes a dressed quayside bollard which supports the armillary sphere. A stone upstand with bronze plaque at the gate of the garden bears the inscription:

*In tribute to and in memory of
Admiral Arthur Phillip Royal Navy (1738-1814)
First Governor of Australia
Founder of the modern nation of Australia*

There you have it, so intricate, such a mine of information, even if the sculpture appeared to me to lack a certain presence and solidity when viewed as it must be from the footpath.

19 Bennett Street, Phillip's Home

One could not leave the Assembly Room garden without paying a visit to the home of Arthur Phillip diagonally across the road. The house is now privately owned, and cannot be inspected within, but it carries a White Ensign flag and two decorative metal plaques, one seemingly an afterthought, combining to record that:

*HERE LIVED
ADMIRAL PHILLIP
1806 - 1814
FIRST GOVERNOR OF AUSTRALIA*

William Pitt, Clive of India and Horatio Nelson all lived nearby. Phillip leased the house for

£2200. In-terest otherwise centred on the floor first win- dow which from the Admi- ral may or not have fallen to death.



Gravesite of Henry Lidgbird Ball Found

Ron Withington reports on his and Denis Smith's recent visits to gravesites of First Fleeters buried in England.

At the Flinders Statue unveiling ceremony at Euston Station Denis Smith fortuitously met up with Lt. Cmdr Ted Bourn RN (Rtd) of Hampshire, who had been to Australia in the 1980s as one of the officers on loan to the RAN and had been sailing on *HMAS Supply*. This had aroused his interest in Australian Colonial Naval history and in particular Henry Lidgbird Ball who was captain of *HMS Supply* in the First Fleet.

Ted later began a long process of looking for the gravesite of Ball and in October 2011 had found it at St Peter's Church, Petersham, in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. What's more the tomb was still intact.

Denis subsequently met Ted at St Peter's along with Church historian Jean Allsopp. Jean had assisted in an ingenious wax rubbing which exposed an amateurish inscription on the vault. This confirmed that Ball was buried there along with three others, Gabriella Martha Johnston, Georgetta Felaine Maria Johnston and Lt. General Gabriel Johnston.

As recently as 20 October 2013

a Church dedication service was held at the tomb, the accompanying stone plaque being inscribed as follows:

Within this vault lie the remains of

HENRY LIDGBIRD BALL

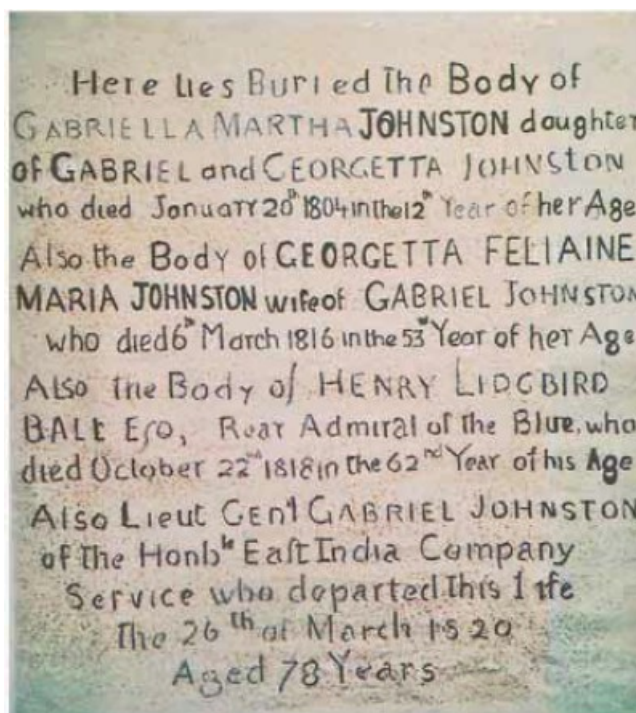
7 Dec 1756 – 22 Oct 1818

*Rear Admiral of the Blue Commanding Officer
of HMS Supply and a Founding Father of Australia*

The plaque, adorned with the Australian Coat of Arms, was unveiled by the vicar of St Peter's, the Reverend Canon Tim Marwood, and the Australian High Commissioner, the Honourable Mike Rann. Ted later provided Denis with documentation and photographs covering the event.

Dispatched Downunder correctly records that Ball died at Mitcham, but at the time of publication the Fellowship had no knowledge of his place of burial.

It is to be hoped that the Fellowship will open negotiations to have our own plaque also attached to the tomb, quite possibly a marble or stone carved version. RW



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SWAN RIVER	Julie Aitken #7766	Bill Cutler #8024	Jodi Gratton #7767	Lynton Symington #7947

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: 18 October: Dawn Power, *Olivia Gascoigne*; 15 November: Ron Withington, *Despatched Downunder and Westminster Abbey Report*; **Next Event:** 20 December: Picnic at Brown's Lagoon Park; **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: 17 October: John Brock, *The first Surveyors in the Colony*; 21 November: Gordon Mar, *Early Chinese in Australia*; 19 December: Meeting and Christmas Party. **Next Events:** 12 October: Coffee & Cake for Phillip's birthday; 29 November: 10.30, Botanic Gardens Tour with Sally Kalina; **Contact:** Jane Ann Tainsh 9488 5453

CANBERRA – *ACT, Queanbeyan and surrounds.*

Venue: Various locations TBA. **Next Event** Christmas BBQ to be held at 12.00 on Sunday 14 December at 7 Portus Place, Bruce

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 11 October: Speaker, *Caring for Norfolk Island Cemetery*. 8 November: Topic, (to be confirmed), *Mercy Ships* **Next Event:** 13 December, from 11.30, Christmas Lunch. **Contact:** Jon Fearon 4323 1849

DERWENT – *Southern Tasmania*

Venue: Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Sandy Bay. **Next Meeting:** 6 October, Members, *History Show and Tell*. **Next**

Event: 7 December: Christmas Picnic/barbecue at Pooley's Wines, Richmond. **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 **Next**

Meetings: 4 Oct: John Howells, *NSW Lancers*; 1 Nov: Dick Witaker, *Meteorologist*. **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:** . 20 October: Ron Withington: *Arthur Phillip UK commemoration events*. **Next**

Event: 8 December: Christmas Party, 12,30 at Adamstown Meeting Hall **Contact:** Raymond Green 4964 1328

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

Venue: Yet to be arranged. Contact Judy nearer the date. **Next Meeting:** Saturday. 15 November at 2.00pm **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:**

11 October: Speakers David Vine & Jeff Thomsett, *Fleeters. Henty Kable, Susannah Holmes and Michael Murphy*. 22

November: John Moore, *First Fleeters*, with luncheon to follow. **Next Event:** **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. 11 October: *Annual*

excursion to Glen Innes. **Event:** 13 Dec: Christmas Party at Saumarez Homestead. **Contact:** Wal Whalley 6772 3499

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

Venue: Varies, Bi-monthly meetings, first Sunday at 11.30am. **Next Meetings:** 5 Oct: at 45 King Parrot Parade Gulmarrad.

Next Event: 7 December: Christmas Party, from 10.30 am at Mylestom Hall. **Contact:** Robyn Condliffe 6653 3615

NORTHERN RIVERS – *Lismore and surrounds.*

Venue: Various locations - bi-monthly meetings, fourth Sunday at 11.30am; **Next Meeting:** **Contact:** Margaret Soward 6686 3597

NORTH WEST – *Tamworth and surrounds.*

Venue: Various locations - bi-monthly meetings, usually first Saturday at 1.30pm at Tamworth Croquet Club. **Next**

Meeting: 4 October: (at Family History Rooms) **Next Event:** 13 December: Christmas Party at Saumarez Homestead with New England Chapter. **Contact:** Diana Harband 6765 2122

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:** 7 October: Ralph Scrivens, *Poet*. 4 November: Bob Williams, *Cochlear implants*. **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:** 8 Oct:

Robert Griffin, *Colonial architect Edmund Blacket* **Next Events:** 9 November, 2pm, Theatre Party, *Importance of Being*

Earnest. 19 November: Tour of Sutton Forest with Linda Emery. \$5. 10 December, 10th Anniversary Lunch at Mittagong RSL. 11.45. **Contact:** Wendy Selman 4862 4849

SWAN RIVER – *Perth, Fremantle and surrounds.*

Next Meeting: 22 Nov: 4.30 pm at 14 Outram Street, West Perth, followed by wine and cheese tasting. **Contact:** Jodi Gratton 08 9384 5944

Karys Fearon, Chapter Liaison Officer

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Ordinary and Pensioner Members

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BIRTHS

NATHANIEL LUCAS/OLIVIA GASCOIGNE

Sophia Veronica Lucile Cornish, born 26.07.2014, daughter of #1377 James Cornish and his wife Rae, and granddaughter of #1376 Nanette Cornish.

THOMAS ACRES

Edward Liam James Collins, born 28.04.2014, in Sydney to Rebecca and Anthony Collins, 8th grandchild of #7476 Susanne and Neil Menger of Eastern Farms Chapter.

DEATHS

MATTHEW EVERINGHAM

#4856 Mary Cook of Ashfield, died 16.07.2014.

ANTHONY ROPE/ELIZABETH PULLEY

#5825 Stella Minter of Caves Beach died 08.07.2014, mother of #5897 Pam Potter and #5957 Roslyn Kildey. Sadly missed by her 6 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

MATTHEW EVERINGHAM/JOHN CROSS/WILLIAM HUBBARD/ANN FORBES

#5721 Kathleen Ivin of Faulconbridge died 23.06.2014, aged 74.

ANN FORBES

#7406 John Chapman, of Werris Creek, a member of North West Chapter, died 11.08.2014.

FRIEND

#F30 Ron Tuckwell, of Goulburn, died 14.08.2014. Condolences from both his chapters, South Coast and Southern Highlands, were sent to his widow, Norah, and family.

PATRICK BURN/ANN SMITH/JAMES WILLIAMS

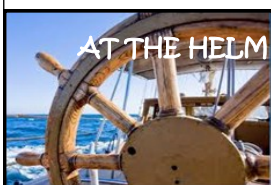
#7104 Graham Howard, of Kandanga, Queensland, died 28.01.2014 after a long battle with cancer.

FREDERICK MEREDITH

#8328 Winston John Reynolds, of Pearce, ACT, died 26.08.2014

CHAPTER BEGINNINGS

INAUGURAL MEETING: 1.Canberra 18.6.1987; 2.Northern Rivers 15.11.1987; 3.Hunter Valley 21.11.1987; 4.North Coast ?.6.1997; 5.North West 2.6.2001; 6.New England 19.5.2001; 7.South Coast 7.8.2001; 8.Southern Highlands 25.11.2004; 9.Central Coast 17.6.2006; 10.Eastern Farms 5.4.2008; 11.Lachlan Macquarie 20.9.2008; 12.Moreton 14.3.2009; 13.Arthur Phillip 13.8.2010; 14.Swan River 19.3.2011; 15. Albury-Wodonga 19.11.2011; 16.Derwent 3.8.2013.



We offer both an apology and congratulations to **#3304 Glenn Brown**. He correctly identified **Where Is It Number 7** as being the plaque on the wall at Lyndhurst Park Hotel in the New Forest. His solution was unfortunately lost in our system and we neglected to honour him accordingly. Now he has done it again, and in true Poirot fashion has identified **Number 8** as one of the plaques set on stone at Pearl Beach on the Central Coast of New South Wales. Congratulations, Glenn.

Thank you to those who have opted to have their copy of **Founders** e-mailed to them each issue in pdf form. You can still do this by e-mailing your request to the Editor, jkfearon@iinet.net.au and copying it to the Secretary, fffaus@optusnet.com.au. Indicate whether or not you still require a posted copy. We now produce the e-mail version in colour and the result, we are happy to state, is quite stunning..

We got it wrong. Sorry

The Directors wish to apologise to Vice Patron, Commodore Paul Kable, for the omission of his AM award after his name in the Notice of the Annual General Meeting on page 2 of the last issue.

OUR OLDEST FAMILY BUSINESS

When First Fleeter **Daniel Stanfield**, a marine from the *Sirius*, settled in Van Diemen's Land in 1808 he would not have known that *Summerville Farm*, which he established on his land grant at Brighton, north of Hobart, would still be a family concern after 206 years. This is by far Australia's oldest family business.

The present owner, Jim Thompson, says the farm was initially controlled by the female side of the family, with Daniel passing it on to his daughter. The farm has stayed in the family ever since, and in the early part of the twentieth century it was producing livestock, chaff and grain and was feeding most of Hobart's horses. Jim's sons Walter and Peter are currently growing poppies and raising beef cattle on *Summerville*.

Jim hopes that his granddaughters will continue family farming when it is their turn to carry on the tradition.

Founders notes that while the Thompsons don't appear to have

joined the Fellowship there are many of Daniel's descendants who have. Our website is still waiting for his story.



Summerville Farm