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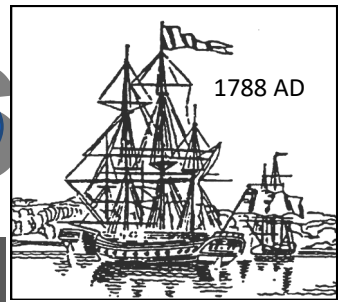
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To live on in the hearts and minds
of descendants is never to die

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FF JOHN ROWE Convict 'Scarborough' (1757-1810)

John Rowe was born on September 7 1757 at Lanivet, Cornwall, England and baptised in the Lanivet parish church on June 5 1757. He was the second child of William and Grace Rowe.

On the March 19 1785, John Rowe, at the age of 28, along with **Edward Miles** (shown incorrectly as "Moyle" in trial records) aged 24 years, were standing in the dock at the Assizes held in Launceston, Cornwall and both charged with 'feloniously breaking and entering the dwelling house of **Benjamin Barrett** at about 11 in the fore noon, no person being therein and stealing thereout two cloth coats valued at 50 shillings and other goods valued at 17 shillings and 8 pence his property.'



Launceston, Cornwall during the Assizes. 1802. Thomas Rowlandson (1756-1827)

The jury found them guilty of stealing the goods but not guilty of breaking and entering the house in the day. They were both sentenced to be transported 'beyond the seas' as soon as practicable for the term of seven years.

At the same time and place, his older brother **William Rowe**, at the age of 30, was charged first with breaking into a house with intent to murder the owner, and second, for the theft of a canvas bag with money totalling 33 shillings and 6 pence. He was found not guilty on the first charge but sentenced to seven years transportation for the second.

John and William Rowe, along with Edward Miles then survived for a year in Launceston Gaol before being

transferred in 1786 to the prison hulk "Dunkirk" in Plymouth harbour. On March 11 1787 they were placed aboard the convict transport *Charlotte* in Plymouth, and on April 6 1787 transferred to the transport ship *Scarborough*, at Portsmouth to be part of the First Fleet bound for Australia. John was aged 31.

On Monday the July 12 1790, John Rowe, aged 33, married fellow convict **Isabella Manson**, aged 28, who had arrived in the colony on the *Lady Juliana* as part of the second fleet. They were both literate and both signed the register. Isabella was born in 1762 in Maidstone Kent.

On 5 January 1788 ISABELLA MANSON was indicted for stealing, , four cloth coats, value 10 s. a cloth waistcoat, value 3 s. a pair of cloth breeches, value 3 s. a woollen night-gown, value 6 s. a linen petticoat, value 2 s. and a linen pillow-case, value 4 d. the property of **Daniel Earle** ; and a linen apron, value 2 s. the property of **Elizabeth Earle**, spinster. (The witnesses were examined apart at the request of the prisoner.) DANIEL EARLE sworn. *The prisoner came to lodge with me about a fortnight before Christmas; she was with me about five weeks; she went away on Saturday, the 12th of January; she left the door locked; my daughter found the key in a corner by the room door; we had some suspicion she was gone, and we opened the door, and missed the things mentioned in the indictment (repeating them); she was searched before the Justice, and several duplicates were found upon her, by which some of the things were found again.*

ELIZABETH EARLE sworn. *When the prisoner left our house, I missed the things mentioned in the indictment. William Burlen, a pawnbroker, produced an apron and petticoat, which he had in pledge of the prisoner, and which were deposed to by Elizabeth Earle. COLE sworn. I searched the prisoner, and found three duplicates upon her. (Producing them.)*

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PRESIDENT'S PEN



Back in 1953, yes, here in Australia, having had a primary school education steeped in British history, I remember how excited I was to visit the cinema and watch newsreels of the coronation service for Queen Elizabeth II at Westminster Abbey. My aunt in Durham even sent me the official commemorative book to remember the occasion. No doubt I was an avid Royalist in those days, eagerly adding royal stamps to my collection.

Now, seventy years later, it has happened again. The world has changed, our nation has changed, and modern communication allowed viewers to be there with those in the abbey. A new King and Queen, Charles III and Camilla, are now on the throne and were commended and crowned according to traditions dating back centuries. I was particularly moved by the solemnity of the communion service and the avowal to serve communities, country and commonwealth expressed by their Majesties.

It was fitting, therefore, that the Fellowship's pledge of loyalty forwarded to the palace on our behalf by our patron, indicated a reciprocal response in keeping with the first objective of our constitution, 'to honour and be loyal to our country – the Commonwealth of Australia; and to honour and acknowledge the Crown and Monarch as Head of State'.

In 1988, under the presidency of Beryl Lewis, a similar pledge, lovingly hand-calligraphied, was made to our late Queen. The visit in colonial costume to Government House in Sydney by President Beryl and many Fellowship members is still fondly remembered by those who took part in the presentation. Such expressions of loyalty were often presented to colonial governors on royal occasions by our ancestors and their kin.

Looking back to the past and our Fellowship traditions may be sufficient for some, but we are in a new century and the future beckons. A vibrant society awaits your input. In this issue you are invited to move forward with the times and consider the 'Fellowship of the Future'. **You may like to join a working party on one of the six topics selected by the Board. Do express your area of interest, by the end of June, by contacting our Company Secretary, Rod Best, at membershipfff@optusnet.com.au**

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PRISONER's DEFENCE. *Soon after I came to lodge at this house, that young woman's mother went out of town; the young woman desired me to pawn these things for her, which I did; she desired me to keep the duplicates, for she might lose them; some time afterwards, I asked her if I should fetch the things out; she said, no; she had been guilty of pawning three pounds and a half worth of property of her parents to put in the lottery; since I have been taken up, her father and mother said, if I would give them two guineas they would make it up; if not, they would hang me if they could.*

COURT to Elizabeth Earle. Is there any truth in this? - I deny it all, on't please you my honor. You never desired her to pawn the things? - No.

GUILTY: Transported for seven years. Tried by the second Middlesex Jury, before Mr. Recorder.

Isabella left England in June 1789 and arrived at Sydney Cove, Sydney, New South Wales on June 6 1790 aboard the *Lady Juliana* after an horrendous 12 month journey. It is said that the ship needed to be towed into the harbour and the condition of the women on board was appalling.

On April 1 1792, John and Isabella settled on 50 acres at the Northern Boundary Farms, 2 miles from Parramatta. Their first child, also named **John**, was born on June 4 1793 and baptised at Parramatta on June 30 1793. Their second son, **Joseph**, was born on May 15 1795 and baptised on June 7 1795. He died in 1887 aged 91. In 1796 a daughter was born and christened **Mary**. Then on November 1 1799 Isabella gave birth to a daughter whom they named **Sarah**. She was baptised on December 22 1799 and died in 1833 aged 33.

On May 1 1797 John Rowe received a grant of 60 acres in the district of Prospect Hill for a rent of 1 shilling per year commencing after 10 years. By 1800 he had 5 acres of wheat sown but no animals so it is possible that they had either leased their land or surrendered it. He was living off stores; his wife and children were living on stores. Eight acres had been cleared by 1802.



Prospect Parish Map. n.d. Source NSW Lands Dept map no. 140726

1806 they had moved to the Hawkesbury district where they were tenants on a 22 acre farm which they rented from a **James Roberts**. They consisted of 5 acres of wheat, 1 acre of barley, 6 acres of pasture, and 10 acres of fallow pasture, supporting his wife and four children. John and Elizabeth and family were mentioned in the 1806 muster records.

Rowe received a further grant of 100 acres at Parramatta in 1808 from the anti-Bligh regime.

In January 1810 Isabella petitioned **Governor Macquarie** for confirmation of the grant. She stated that her husband was confined to bed and further asked that her family and their assigned convict, **Michael Higgins** (Convict *Boyd* 1809), be placed back on Public rations.

The petition read; *'in consideration of his well-known Industry and heavy losses he sustained at the Hawkesbury, my husband who is now Confined to his Bed, and my wheat being destroyed by the last Inundation, I am totally destitute of Provisions. I urge His Excellency allow her Unfortunate Family, which included four children as well as our assigned convict Michael Higgins, be placed back on public rations'.*

John Rowe was moved to Sydney Hospital and he died in Sydney in February 1810. His burial on the February 14 1810 was registered at St Phillips, Sydney. His age was given as sixty but he was really fifty-three. He was probably buried in the old Sydney Burial Ground which was located at the site of the present Sydney Town Hall. This was the official cemetery until 1819.

His wife Isabella (Manson) is described in the 1814 and 1822 Musters as a widow with 4 children and living at Windsor, all off stores. Isabella was living at Wilberforce with **Joseph Fowke/Folkes/Fowkes** at the time of the 1825 Census. Joseph was a convict who had arrived in New South Wales aboard the *Fortune and Alexander* on 12 July 1806.

Isabella 'Rowe' has not been located in the 1828 Census records but an Isabella 'Kew', aged 73 years, who had arrived aboard the "*Lady Juliana*" in 1790, who was free by servitude and a housekeeper, was living with Jos Foulks, in the District of Lower Portland Head NSW.

Isabella Rowe died on June 15 1847 aged 88 at Popran Creek near Gosford and is buried at Gosford NSW.

Compiled by John Boyd 2020

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The Fellowship of the Future

The Directors of the Fellowship of First Fleeters have identified six projects, to be commenced in the short term, to help guide the Fellowship into the future. These projects have emerged from comments and questions received from members, prospective members or individual directors.

The six initial topics are:

1. Supporting Chapters

A number of Chapters have said that the current by-laws dealing with Chapters could be more helpful especially when dealing with bank accounts. Others have commented that they find it unclear as to what Chapters are meant to do and what the Board of Directors is responsible for.

What the Directors would like to achieve is:

- 1.1 Recommended changes to the by-laws
- 1.2 A draft guide for what a Chapter should do and how it should operate.

2. Membership

The membership of the Fellowship continues to grow, and that is very pleasing. The rate of growth has slowed and the composition of our membership has changed so that it has become older.

What the Directors would like to achieve is:

- 2.1 A document setting out a strategy to increase membership or types of membership.
- 2.2 Recommendations as to whether any part of the Constitution needs to be changed on the types of membership offered.

3. Keeping members informed

Feedback has been received by the Directors that members are not clear as to why the Fellowship does certain things, or what it is planning or offering and why it might do so. Further some people have said that they would like more information on what is happening in Chapters that they do not belong to. Everyone says that they like *Founders* and it does not need to be changed.

What the Directors would like to achieve are:

- 3.1 A plan to inform the Board of Directors about what communications to members should look like – other than *Founders*.

4. Giving back to our members

A number of members have commented that the Fellowship used to do things like sponsor art works (eg the Bonds of Friendship at Circular Quay, Sydney) or provide scholarships to support young people who are members of the Fellowship. Other organisations like the Mayflower Association provides educational scholarships.

What the Directors would like to achieve is:

- 4.1 A plan discussing the feasibility and, if feasible, the proposed structure of a scholarship scheme.

5. Better using the Fellowship resources

A number of directors are concerned that we don't currently best utilise our library nor do we best fulfil our objectives which include researching and spreading information about the First Fleet, its families and our national day, 26 January. These directors say that most of our research effort is currently expended on processing membership applications and that the objectives in our Constitution require us to be much broader in our approach.

What the Directors would like to achieve are:

- 5.1 A paper discussing the pros and cons of broadening our research base.
- 5.2 If the working party is supportive of doing so produce a plan of possible research topics including why these have been selected, what will be done with the research and how would we go about doing the research.

6. Our website

It is time to look at our website and we have a small grant to help us do this. The directors are in agreement that this should be a significant funding expenditure over the next few years to help it become increasingly useful into the future.

What the Directors would like to achieve are:

6.1 Taking the current website development plan and making it more useable and giving us more detail about what is involved and needs to be done.

Roderick Best, Company Secretary

EDITOR’S NOTE: Please refer to the President’s Pen on Page 2

MATTERS DISCUSSED BY THE BOARD

1. AGM 28th OCTOBER

This will be hosted by the South Coast Chapter. Formal notification will be in the next issue of Founders.

2. ABORIGINAL POLICY

The draft policy is being reviewed and will be amended as required. Please be clear that this policy is merely a statement of the way the Board will behave in relation to any action it takes in relation to Aboriginal issues. It is not a statement suggesting action. The policy is only a commitment to behaviour if any action is taken.

3. MACQUARIE PLACE, SYDNEY

The Fellowship is a stakeholder interested in proposed upgrades for this Sydney precinct.

4. NEXT YEAR’S ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Date: Saturday 10 February 2024

Details: Captain Cook Cruises, vessel 3.

Embarking and disembarking from Circular Quay. 3 hours. \$100 each.



FIRST FLEETERS WEEK ON NORFOLK ISLAND IN MARCH 2024

Many will have previously travelled to Norfolk Island to celebrate the 6 March 1788 arrival of a small group of First Fleeters led by Commandant Phillip Gidley-King to establish the 2nd settlement of the NSW Colony. Such is the importance of this event that 6th March is a declared public holiday on the Island, with the centre-piece being a re-enactment of the landing at picturesque Emily Bay.

The ceremony includes local school children reading the stories of ‘their’ convict, marine or Commandant parents



as the group arrives ashore and sets up camp, creating a very poignant and real connection to those hardy First Fleeter souls. This is especially so for descendants witnessing the event.

In 2024, 7 day holiday travel packages are available from \$1599pp departing Brisbane or \$1629pp departing Sydney including return airfares, accommodation and car hire. In addition, a First Fleeters package is available for \$295pp including the Foundation Day re-enactment and Luncheon; The Music Valley Experience including visiting First Settlement remains of the Bellett family home; and Settlement Secrets Tour of World Heritage Listed Kingston.

If you haven’t witnessed this First Fleeter celebration before, you really must. And if you’ve been before you know that a special time is waiting for you on Norfolk Island. We’d love to welcome you back.

For full details contact Norfolk Island Travel Centre on 1800 140066 or email cici@travelcentre.nf

THE REMARKABLE REACH OF DNA

How DNA helped identify the first Indigenous soldier to die for Australia

Knowledge of one's DNA data can greatly aid genealogical research. The DNA sequence is a unique identifier of each person on the planet and parts of it will match the DNA of their parents, their grandparents and so on up the ancestral tree, spanning many generations. Similarly, some of your DNA will be in common with their siblings, cousins and other relatives – the degree of overlap depending on the family relationship. Making these comparisons requires, of course, access to other people's DNA data and that's a problem when it comes to distant deceased ancestors. But all is not lost as it is possible to identify your ancestors via matches with the DNA of distant living cousins that allow one to cut through the *fog of records* and smash through decades-old brick walls. It has even proved my relation to two first fleters, **Anthony Rope** and **Elizabeth Pulley**.

Knowing your DNA sequence has another more subtle benefit – it provides an approximate “ethnic history” of your ancestors. People living for millennia in a given region acquire similar sequences in their DNA, and these can be used to reveal where ancestors came from. This is how I discovered that I have an indigenous great-great-grandmother.

My First Fleet Ancestry

I have ample documentation to show that I am the 6xgreat-grandson of Anthony Rope and Elizabeth Pulley. Even without these paper records I can easily demonstrate this connection from DNA matches with the hundreds of Rope-Pulley descendants who have submitted their DNA data. What is particularly intriguing, however, is that I could have also established this relationship from DNA matches with *indirect* descendants! **William Pulley**, the son of Elizabeth's brother **Tobias**, was transported to NSW in 1822. He had a family and one of his descendants has DNA data on Ancestry that matches some of mine. He is my 8th cousin – the Pulley genes have a truly remarkable reach!

As a descendant of fourteen convicts and with many family stories posing more questions than answers I decided to complete a DNA test. This test proved to be much more significant than I could ever have imagined.

My Indigenous Ancestry

The Rope-Pulley family are my mother's relatives, but my father's family is equally interesting.

Annie Dickson, my great-great-grandmother, has always fascinated my family because she firmly refused to discuss her childhood. The snippets that slipped through the cracks included that she was raised in a West Australian orphanage, was probably born around 1881 and that she was very proper. Annie also had a darker complexion with

supposed Middle Eastern features, speculated to be the result of an Afghan camel trader father. On Annie's 1905 marriage certificate her parents were listed as **Walter Dickson** and **Mary Parker** (both deceased).

After years of researching this line and nothing to show for it I decided it was time for a DNA test with Ancestry. My ethnicity results showed the usual suspects; English, Irish, and Scottish as well as German, which aligned with my prior research. I was expecting a small amount of Afghan but upon scrolling down the page it showed Aboriginal Australian DNA. This was exciting, was this finally a breakthrough after years of searching?

Of the hundreds of people matching my DNA in Ancestry, one was related to a **John Parker** who married a **Mary Benyup**. Mary's mother was an Indigenous Yuet Noongar woman named Banyup. John and Mary had a daughter they named **Mary Ann Parker**. When John died (he was a WA ex-convict), Mary Benyup married **George Dickerson** and had more children.

Armed with these surnames I was able to establish that Annie Dickson was born Mary Ann Parker in Gingin WA and when George Dickerson also died her mother was unable to care for her or her siblings. A request was made to the Anglican Bishop of Perth to send them to the Native and Half Caste Mission but it was overflowing and, as the Parker-Dickerson children were named as “*almost white*”, they were placed in the Perth Protestant Orphanage.



Orphanage Industrial School for Protestant Girls, Perth, 1900, courtesy of Department for Child Protection and Family Support.

Walter Parker

After the confirmation of Annie Dickson's upbringing it was found that she had a number of other siblings, all whom had been accounted for, except an older half-brother named Walter.

Research proved that Walter was baptised in Gingin in 1874 as Walter Joseph Mortimer Benyup, the same day his mother married John Parker and was likely sent away from home to work when his two step fathers died in quick succession.

On his mother's 1927 obituary it was said that 2 of her sons died in "the war" so we obviously assumed this meant the First World War. Further research uncovered a particular *Walter Parker* who died in the Anglo-Boer War in 1902 in South Africa. This soldier was a labourer, born in Gingin and was 26 years old in 1900.

Furthermore there were no registered births with the name Walter Parker in Western Australia until 1893!



Troops marching across a bridge on their way to Fremantle to embark for South Africa, c 1899.

It was written in the *Geraldton Advertiser*, 14th Feb 1902, Page 3:

Mr Walter Parker, who was well known here, has died in South Africa from fever. Poor Walter was anxiously waiting for his turn to go to South Africa. He wanted to go badly with the 1st W.A. Contingent but did not seem to be able to get on, and till recently. Walter was strongly advised to stay on the Greenough. Like a good many more young fellows, however, he was anxious to see the Boers.

Following this discovery, Annie's half-brother, Walter Parker, became the only known Aboriginal soldier to die in the Anglo-Boer War and the first Indigenous person to be killed wearing an Australian uniform. Annie and Walter's younger stepbrother **James Dickerson** later enlisted in the 1st AIF and was the only WA Indigenous

soldier to die at Gallipoli in the First World War.

Walter's name is memorialised on the Boer War Memorial in Perth as well as the Honour Roll at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

Without DNA he may have remained just a name.



The misspelt inscription of Walter Parker's name on a memorial in the Standerton Garden of Remembrance, Mpumalanga, South Africa.

Conclusion

I have uncovered more interesting stories about my family with the help of DNA but they will have to be for another time. The message I hope to convey here is that the power of your DNA data for genealogical research is enormous, and I would encourage many more FFF members to make use of it. If you have any questions on how to go about this, email me at matthewgrice23@gmail.com

The ability of DNA to cut through the *fog of incomplete genealogical records* has enticed over 30 million people worldwide to publish their *standard* DNA (the use of *mitochondrial* and *Y-chromosomal* DNA is a topic for another article). If you have an ancestor with aliases, jumped ship or was adopted now is the time to hunt them down. As the story of Walter Parker proves, you never know what you might find!

#9210 Matthew Grice

EDITOR'S NOTE: Daily, at approximately 4.45 pm AEDT, the Australian War Memorial farewells visitors with its moving Last Post Ceremony in the Commemorative Courtyard. Each night the ceremony shares the story behind one of the names on the Roll of Honour. On Thursday evening, July 7, 2022, during NAIDOC Week, Walter Joseph Parker's story was told.

FF ELIZABETH (THACKERY) KING (1767 – 7 August 1856)
 Sailed on the Friendship & arrived on the Charlotte

Elizabeth Thackery was a married woman of about 22 years when she was convicted on 4 May 1786 for stealing "two black silk handkerchiefs and three others, total one shilling."



Black silk handkerchiefs were some of the most common handkerchiefs worn about the neck of both men and women throughout the 18th century.

Elizabeth spent some time on Norfolk Island after she was sent there in *Sirius* in 1790. She was with **James Dodding**, but knew **Samuel King**, a marine from whom she was able to purchase 10 acres in 1800. When Dodding went to Van Diemen's Land in 1807, Elizabeth Thackery went with him as his wife, but it is likely they were never married as she parted company with him on 28 January 1810.

She married Samuel King and they settled on King's grant at Back River, only about half a mile distant from the Methodist Chapel at Magra. Magra is a tiny settlement just off the Lyell Highway, about 35 kilometres from Hobart.

Here the early pioneers had built for themselves a meeting place — a square-fronted solid building of roughly-hewn stones plastered together with lime and mortar. This building was dedicated as a church in 1837.

She was tried at Manchester Quarter Sessions, found guilty and sentenced to seven years transportation. She was received onto hulk *Dunkirk* at Plymouth on 1 November. When she sailed on *Friendship* for Botany Bay, she left behind her husband **Thomas Thackery** who was recorded as a soldier.



Back River Methodist Chapel, Tasmania



*Watercolour of convict hulk with smaller boats carrying convicts in foreground
 Rex Nan Kivell Collection, National Library of Australia*

Samuel and Elizabeth called their property King's Rocks, and the area retains the name today. They became successful farmers. By 1815, King owned 28 acres and Elizabeth had 20 acres in her own name at New Norfolk. Both lived to be old and respected pioneers of the district. Samuel King died in 1849 aged 86, and Elizabeth died on 7 August 1856 aged nearly 90.

She was one of the most troublesome convicts on the First Fleet and is mentioned several times by **Ralph Clark** in his diary. She was punished for fighting with other women convicts and put in irons for being found with some of the seamen. Clark was glad to see the last of her when she was transferred to *Charlotte* at the Cape of Good Hope, along with the other badly-behaved women. He comments in his diary "30 sheep came on board this day and wair put in the Place where the women convicts Were — I think we will find much more Agreeable Ship mates than they were".

THE FIRST WHITE WOMAN IN NEW SOUTH WALES.—Mrs. Elizabeth King, the first white woman that landed in New South Wales, died this week at the Back River, New Norfolk.

Courier (Hobart, Tas. : 1840 - 1859), Thursday 7 August 1856, page 2

Both were buried in the cemetery of the Methodist chapel in which they had been married by the **Reverend Knopwood** 46 years before.

Her headstone is prominent, in the form of a moulded cross, on the eastern boundary of the graveyard. It is inscribed to "BETTY KING, the First White Woman to set foot in Australia." There is no historical evidence to prove this assertion. More reliable is the statement that she was the last known female survivor of the First Fleet.

In 1988 the Fellowship dedicated a memorial plaque to Elizabeth, fixed to the base of the cross.

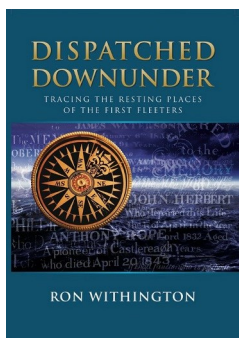


The Grave of Elizabeth

An update on TROVE from the National Library of Australia

The National Library of Australia welcomes the commitment made by the Albanese Government to provide \$33m over the next 4 years to maintain Trove, with \$9.2m ongoing and indexed funding from July 2027. We are delighted that Trove's future has been secured. Trove has a place for every story, with 14 billion Australian moments captured for future generations. The overwhelming support we have received from the *Trove* community (both new and old) has been humbling. We take our role as the custodians of Trove, on behalf of the Library and our partner organisations, very seriously. The certainty of this funding decision will allow the National Library to continue to provide this essential service, enrich it with new content, and stabilise and secure the platform, in line with the TroveStrategy.

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JOHN NICHOLS FAMILY SOCIETY REUNION

Celebrating 40th Anniversary of the John Nichols Family Society at the 11th Family Reunion for Descendants of First Fleet Convict John Nichols, & wife Ann Pugh.

DATE: Saturday 21 October 2023, 10.00am to 4.00pm

VENUE: St. Agatha's Hall, 20 Boundary Rd. Pennant Hills, NSW. Enter via Treloar Rd

FREE: A Pizza lunch will be provided. All are welcome! Funded by John Nichols Family Society

PHOTOS: Many old photos will be on view in folders, & members' donations of old photographs encouraged. We can also copy them on the day

CERTIFICATES: Certificate lists will be on view in folders. Orders for up to 10 certificates per member can be placed. Certificate donations encouraged

SOUVENIRS: will be available for purchase

RAFFLE: with family "collectables" as prizes, will be conducted

DINNER: A family dinner will be held on Friday 20 October.

Venue: Hornsby RSL Club, in the Waratah Room

Address: 4 High St Hornsby, NSW 2077

Time: Meet at the Club at 6pm for complimentary pre-dinner drink, then buffet dinner at 7pm. Cash bar service available.

Cost: \$55 per head. There is a limit of 100 for the dinner.

Money to be paid in advance to JNFS to secure your booking.

EFT to JNFS CBA account BSB: 062669 Account: 10087182

Please provide your full name as reference. Advise Treasurer Gerard Abrams by email (gerard@benbowpike.com.au) with the date and time of transfer with your full name & address



To register your attendance or interest, & for any questions, please contact Peter Nichols - JNFS Convenor

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MEMBERS' MESSAGE BOARD

Good Day,

My uncle Terry who lives in Newcastle NSW brought your website to my attention. He is really into history and has traced back my family's history to Matthew Everingham who came over on the Scarborough. I have been learning all about this history over the last few months.

Anyway, I just wanted to say hello and am enjoying the content on the FFF website. I find it amazing that our ancestors were able to travel that distance on such small sailing ships way back then, and furthermore survive once they landed.

Best, **Sean T. Machin**, Scottsdale Arizona USA

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sean's uncle is Terry Musgrave, HVC President

I am always interested to read articles by members giving interesting details from their research into the lives and times of their various ancestors. Their hours spent in meticulous research is very rewarding.

It is therefore with some sadness that I read the two recent articles by Elizabeth Warren about William Tunks and Sarah Lyons. my ancestors. The articles contained some very interesting information that I had never seen before. The disappointment arises from the fact that no references are given for the sources of the new information. Unfortunately this makes the articles read like a story made up to fit a few known facts.

In a magazine of this quality is it possible to ask authors to reference their sources so that readers can confidently take the research further knowing they have a reliable base to work from?

Ron Baird #7804 4th great grandson of William Tunks

Membership Matters

This is a friendly reminder to make sure you renew your FFF Membership. Our Members are very important to the Fellowship and we value your continued support. Why not encourage your friends or family members to join this wonderful Fellowship? The more the merrier !

Warren O'Shea, FFF Treasurer

First Fleet House is now open three days a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 3pm. The House is available to our members and for research. If you are planning a visit contact us on 02 9360 3788 to ensure that someone will be there to let you in.

AT THE HELM



Two of our FFF volunteers have been looking into the quantity of Fellowship members having 4 or more First Fleeters .As at 28 July 2022 they have found : 71 members have 4 First Fleeters, 31 members have 5 First Fleeters, 18 members have 6 First Fleeters and 2 members have 7 First Fleeters.



Have you read a book lately that is related to the First Fleet? Members might be interested in your opinion of the book you've read. Book reviews are always welcome. Send your review to: firstfleetfounders@optusnet.com.au

JACOB NAGLE



Jacob Nagle, Patriot & 1st Fleeter

The date for the Jacob Nagle dual plaque ceremony is May 18 2024. It will take place at the Westbrook Veterans Memorial Park, Canton, Ohio, USA. The event convenors will be delighted if any of our members

visiting USA at that time can join the commemoration.

Visit to First Fleet House

It's always interesting to see where all the hard work of our head office is carried out. For some members it was their first visit. Coincidentally it was also the first opportunity for our Chapter members to welcome our new member Tony Smith who was there handing in his information. Many thanks to First Fleet House for the warm welcome and all enjoyed the lovely morning tea organised by our member Kerry Negline.

Judy Aubin #7487



Hunter Valley Chapter Members at First Fleet House which is in Woolloomooloo, Sydney, NSW

OUR CHAPTERS IN ACTION

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

Venue: Usually at Albury Library/Museum, Kiewa St. Albury, monthly meetings, third Saturday at 10:00 for 10.30 am.
Next Meetings: 17 June: Speaker TBA, 15 July: Speaker TBA, 19 August: Speaker TBA
Next Event: **Contact:** Ian Anderson 0426 147 365

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:** 16 June: John Brock *The Ferryman of Parramatta River*, 21 July: AGM, 18 August: Speaker TBA
Next Event: **Contact:** Judith O’Shea (02)9797 0240

BOTANY BAY - *Southern Sydney, from Cooks River to Waterfall and west to Liverpool*

Venue: Our Lady of Fatima Church, 825 Forest Rd, Peakhurst. Monthly on third Tuesday of the month 10.30am. **Next Meeting:** 20 June: Adam Courtenay *Mister Todd’s Marvel*, July 18: Speaker TBA, August 15: AGM
Next Event: **Contact:** Carol Macklin 0415 376 434

CANBERRA – *ACT, Queanbeyan and surrounds.*

Venue: Various locations in Canberra. **Next Meeting:** Early August-date TBA: AGM and Afternoon Tea
Next Event: **Contact:** Toni Pike 0410 412 778

CENTRAL COAST – *From Lake Macquarie to Broken Bay, highlands to coast.*

Venue: Point Clare Community Hall, – meet monthly, second Saturday at 10 am for 10.30. **Next Meetings:** 10 June : Members talking about an item of memorabilia
Next Event: **Contact:** Margaret Morelli (02)4362 2042

DERWENT - *Southern Tasmania NB: New Venue*

Venue: Bi-monthly, 11am, Lindsfarne Community Activities Centre, 37A Lincoln St. **Next Meetings:** 3 June: Collette McAlpine *The Last Convict Women*, 5 August: AGM, Speaker TBA
Next Event: **Contact:** Paul Dobber 0401 566 080

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 Meeting: **Next Event:**
Contact: Jennifer Follers (02) 9799 1161

GOLD COAST— *Gold Coast and immediate hinterland.*

Venue: Ashmore Rotary Community Centre, 133 Currumburra Rd Ashmore (Men’s Shed)—Bi-monthly meetings, usually 3rd Saturday, 3 pm. **Next Meeting:** 22 July: AGM
Next Event: **Contact:** Robyn Porter 0407 223 600

HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN --*Western Sydney, Penrith to Windsor, Blue Mountains.*

Venues: Central Library Windsor unless otherwise advised.
Next Meetings: 10 June: Lorraine Stacker *Combewood House*, 12 August: AGM and Speaker Judith Dunne Topic TBA. **Next Event:** 20 July: Tentative-Tour of Rookwood Cemetery/Lunch at Strathfield Golf Club. **Contact:** William Hempel 0410 950 101

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

Venue: Teralba Community Hall Supper Room. 15 Anzac Pde Teralba—bi-monthly meetings, usually third Monday from 10am-12.30pm. **Next Meeting:** 19 June : Show and Tell
Next Event:
Contact: Kerry Neinert (02)49615083.

MID NORTH COAST -- *Taree and Surrounds, Bulahdelah to Kempsey.*

Venue: Presbyterian Church, 76 Albert Street, Taree, Bi-monthly on 4th Tuesday at 2pm. **Next Meeting:** 25 July at 1pm: AGM and Speaker TBA
Next Event: **Contact:** Heather Bath 427 018 566

MORETON – *Brisbane and South East Queensland.*

Venue: St. Augustine’s Anglican Church Hall, Hamilton unless otherwise advised– bi-monthly meetings, at 10 am on an available 2nd Saturday. **Next Meetings:** 10 June: Col Sutcliffe *The Old Curiosity Shop*, 12 August: Keith Boulton *South Brisbane Dry Dock*
Next Event: **Contact:** Jan Grant (07)54911891

NORTH COAST – *Nambucca Heads, Dorrigo, Boambee, Coffs Harbour to McLean.*

Venue: Either Mylestom Hall or Coramba Hall, or at members’ homes, Bi-monthly, usually first Sunday at 10.30am. **Next Meetings:** 4 June: at the home of Margaret and Joe Bass, 95 Ferretts Rd, Nana Glen. Speaker TBA, 6 August: Mylestom Hall, 18-20 River Rd, Mylestom. AGM. Speaker TBA. **Next Event:** **Contact:** Robyn Condliffe 0420 923 140 or (02)6653 6315

NORTHERN RIVERS – *Ballina and surrounding districts*

Venue: Ballina Cherry Street Sports and Bowling Club - bi-monthly meetings, fourth Sunday at 10.30am followed by lunch; **Next Meeting:** 23 July: Please arrive by 10:15.
Contact: Roddy Jordan (02)6687 5339

NORTH WEST – *Tamworth and surrounds.*

Venue: Various locations – bi-monthly meetings, usually first Saturday at 1.30pm
Next Meeting: 3 June at the Family History room: Local Aboriginal Studies teacher *First Nations History & the First Fleet*
Next Event: **Contact:** Janet McLean 0438 465 529

PORT PHILLIP—*Melbourne and Regional Victoria.*

Venue: Various; quarterly meetings, days and times vary
Next Meeting: **Contact:** Peter Yates pyatesfff@gmail.com

SOUTH COAST – *Engadine to Burrill Lake.*

NB: New Venue: Artisan Room, Wests Illawarra Club, Unanderra – monthly except. Jan, May and Dec. – first Tuesday at 10am - 1pm
Next Meetings: 6 June: David Christian *Kimberley Coast from Darwin to Broome*, 4 July: AGM and Pamela Baxter TBA, 1 August: Winter Birthday Cake and Fellowship Day
Next Event: **Contact:** KerrieAnne Christian (02)4267 1488

SWAN RIVER – *Perth, Fremantle and surrounds.*

Venue: 16 Inwood Place Murdoch, bi-monthly, usually first Saturday, at 2pm. **Next Meetings:** 3 or 10 June TBD
Next Event: **Contact:** Toni Mahony (08)9271 7630

EDITOR’S NOTE: Thank you to the Chapters that submitted details of their upcoming meetings and events. Closing date for this page for the next issue is **24 July 2023.**

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

DEATHS

Ordinary and Pensioner Members

JOSEPH WRIGHT

#9225 Kerry Daniel Mowett

JOHN SMALL/MARY PARKER

#9226 Brett Andrew Solanov

#9229 Lara Natalie Worthy

THOMAS O'BRIEN

#9232 Patrick John Justin McCarthy

WILLIAM HAMBLY/MARY SPRINGHAM

#9233 Pamela Joy Rowell

JOHN RANDALL/JOHN MARTIN

#9234 Heidi Garmonsway

THOMAS SPENCER/MARY PHILLIPS

#9235 Ayse Leilani Helmi

ANDREW GOODWIN/LYDIA MUNRO

#9238 Michelle Elizabeth Kern

#9239 Stephen Owen Kern

#9240 Heidi Louisa Kern

JAMES SQUIRE

#9241 Rhonda Estelle Brownlow

EDWARD HUMPHREYS

#9242 Garry Frederick Foster

Associate Member

#9233.1 Peter Vernon Rowell

Junior Members

JOHN SMALL/MARY PARKER

#9227 Owen Bryson Solanov

#9228 Elise Beverley Solanov

#9230 Fletcher Drew Worthy

#9231 Isaac Anton Worthy

THOMAS SPENCER/MARY PHILLIPS

#9236 Lucas Thomas Crouch

#9237 Xavier Alfian Crouch

Additional First Fleeter

ANN COLPITTS

#765 David E Ross

#768 Karen Lovett

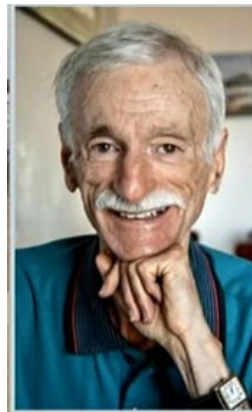
WILLIAM TUNKS

#7748 Kenneth Lapworth of Blackman's Bay, Tasmania died on 23.3.2023 aged 82 years.

EDWARD RISBY/JAMES MORRISBY

#4608 Warwick Harry Lyndon RISBY died on 5.4.2023. He was a member of the Derwent Chapter.

Stephany Fehre from the Hobart Town First Settlers Association wrote:



Vale **Warwick Risby** who passed away yesterday. Warwick was another past President of the Association and over time was a dedicated committee member. One of Warwick's triumphs was the publication of the family history of the Risby family. He was also dedicated to the commemoration of Lieutenant Governor David Collins who brought many of our ancestors to this land in 1803/1804. Warwick sought to have a statue of David Collins, but sadly this project has not reached conclusion. Warwick attended the last Annual Floral Tribute on 20th February this year of the landing of Collins at the First Settler's monument in Hunter Street. (shared with permission)

ANTHONY ROPE/ELIZABETH PULLEY

#8464 Irene "Helen" Hansen 23.4.23 aged 78 years.

Helen was one of the first committee members at the Mid North Coast Chapter when it was established in 2015, taking the job of Treasurer as well as catering for their general meetings.



New Members - April to September 2015:

Back Row: Paul Robinson, Graeme Rudd, Michael Byrne, Judith Byrne (Pres. Malcolm behind), Sandra Watt, Helen Hansen, Ronne Webb, Margaret Pople, Doug Watt.

Front Row: Heather Bath, Lesley Rudd, Roslyn MacKenzie, Joyce Carey.

Absent: Michael Gait, Peter Holden, Kevin Lucas, Clive Smith, Sally Northy.