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## THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

*December and January are two of the busiest and most important months in the Fellowship's calendar. The immediately preceding months have been no exception.*

*During this time members of the Fellowship have attended or participated in such functions as the Phillip Geeves Memorial Trust Christmas function, the Christmas function of the 1788-1820 Association broadcast on Sydney radio station 2GB concerning Australia Day, the Australia Day luncheon of the Womens Pioneer Society of Australasia, the Australia Day Council luncheon, the Premier of N.S.W. State Reception for Australia Day, the Lord Mayor of Sydney's Australia Day function in Macquarie Place, talks on the Fleet and our ancestors in the Rocks, a book launching for the latest publication of Jonathon King, Manly Colonial Day and Australia Day services at St. Patrick's and Holy Trinity each in The Rocks, Sydney.*

*In the latter service our members Rev. John McKnight and Pastor Seaton Arndell assisted in the service and preached the sermon respectively.*

*At the State Reception it was indeed exciting to hear the N.S.W. Premier announce the launching of a competition for the development of the "First Government House Site" on the corner of Phillip and Bridge Streets, Sydney, in a manner conducive to its significant heritage. The Friends of the First Government House Site are to be congratulated on achieving this remarkable victory and in particular congratulations are to be extended for the tireless work and the time, money and energy expended in this cause by member Nell Sansom and her husband Eric. Now that the first hurdle has been surmounted it is necessary to ensure that the terms of reference for the project, including the details of the extent of the area included within the project, are proper and that what results shall pay due deference to the importance of the precinct to our nationhood.*

*Our own functions included an excellent dinner dance on Australia Day Eve at which the guest speaker was the Director of the Society of Australian Genealogists, Mr Nick Vine Hall. It was unfortunate that this function was not as well attended as in previous years. A stall was held as part of the Advance Australia Fair in First Fleet Park on Sunday, 27th January and the Memorial of Loyalty was this year presented to His Excellency Sir James Rowland by member Thea Rowe MBE on Monday, 28th January. Her talk on ancestor Mary Turner has already appeared in this Newsletter. The Presentation was this year followed by a most enjoyable picnic in the gardens.*

*With all the rush and in all the bustle it was pleasing to meet and renew acquaintances with members from Tasmania, Victoria and rural N.S.W. Both the Christmas and Australia Day functions are a time not merely for the raising of funds but are pre-eminently avenues for joining together in Fellowship and also for expounding to fellow Australians the significance of those events occurring 197 years ago.*

*Finally, a special thanks must be extended to all who worked so hard to assist in ensuring the success of each and every one of the numerous activities which have here been mentioned.*

Roderick Best

**FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS**

**Patron:** His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales,  
Air Marshall Sir James Rowland, K.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C.  
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**FAMILY NOTICES**

Descendants of **James Bloodworth-Sarah Bellamy & James Lee** are invited to a Family Picnic on Sunday, 10 March, 12 noon, in Parramatta Park (near Bath House). For further information, contact Alice Clarke, P.O. Box 328, Lane Cove, 2066 — tel. 428 4530.

**Mary Turner/David Batty** family reunion on Sunday 28 April at 2 pm, at 122 Bay Rd, Waverton — contact Thea Rowe tel. 92 1567.

**Joshua Peck** Family Reunion, Sunday 10 March, 1985, at Myrtle Park Recreation Ground near Launceston, Tas. at 11 am. For further information contact Mr Ray Peck, 17 Martin Pl, Kings Meadows, Tas 7250. Tel. (003) 44 2784 or Mrs K. Kane, 31 Ernest St, Kings Meadows, Tas 7250. Tel (003) 44 7309.

**MacDuff Clan Society of Australia** — reunion at Lane Cove River State Recreation Area, Ground 35 (with shelter if wet) on Sunday 3 March. Contact — V. Sansom tel. 94 4692.

**Rose Family** — reunion Australiana Village, Rose St, Wilberforce, on Sunday 31 March.

**NINTH GENERATION**

Noelene Smith, on behalf of the Fishburn family, tells us that a new member of the F.F.F., Scott Adam Burnell, born 18 January 1975, is e Ninth Generation of the First Fleet. His mother, Colleen Burnell, as well as grandmother Shirley Straney and great-grandmother Adelaide Towers, are all members of the F.F.F.

**NEWSLETTERS RETURNED**

Newsletters for the following 16 members have been returned to this office. Anyone knowing the current address of any member please contact the Fellowship Office:

Mr R.D. Baldwin, Box Hill North, 3129 Vic; Mr W.J.S. Broughton, Mt Pritchard 2170 NSW; Mr John Brunton, Epping 2121 NSW; Mrs C.J. Cousins, Granville 2142, NSW; Mr D.M. Halliday, Woollahra 2035 NSW; Mrs E.R. Heggart, Strathfield 2135 NSW; Miss S.L. King, Concord 2137 NSW; Mrs B.I. Meek, Epping 2121 NSW; Mrs S.M. Meek, Epping 2121 NSW; Mr Glen McDonnell, Lane Cove 2066 NSW; Mrs K. Ingham Myers, Toowoomba 4350 Qld; Mr R. Porter, Seaforth 2092 NSW; Mrs R. Porter, Kaleen 2607 ACT; Mr R. Powell, Neutral Bay 2089 NSW; Mr J.R. Simpson, Earlwood 2206 NSW; Mr W.J. Stephen, Mt Pritchard 2170 NSW.

**GRIPES & GROUCHES SECTION**

We welcome thoughts, please, on everything and anything to do with the Fellowship!  
All comments welcome!  
Please write in to Anne Campbell, Hon. Secretary.

**BATTLE OF VINEGAR HILL**

The Fellowship has received an invitation from the Mayor of Blacktown to attend the Third Annual Commemorative Ceremony of the Battle of Vinegar Hill at Castlebrook Lawn Cemetery, Windsor Road, Rouse Hill, at 5.00 pm on Saturday 2 March. Anyone interested in attending should telephone Mr P. Arundell, 621 0011 ext. 446 before 26 February.

**OBITUARY NOTICES**

Sadly we report the deaths of the following:

**Mrs Heather Everingham**, wife of Mr Francis Everingham, member no. 15 and a former President of the Fellowship. Mrs Everingham died mid-January.

**Mr Fred Bailey**, husband of life member Mary Bailey, died on 30 December 1984 after a very short illness.

Sincere sympathy is offered to both their families.

## LECTURE NIGHTS

Speakers for February and March:—

February 20 — 'Early Theatre in Australia' —  
Thea Rowe MBE

March 20 — 'The Holterman Collection — Gulgong' —  
Mr Len Reid.

Programme for speakers for remainder of year will be  
in the next newsletter.

P.G. Christian

Convenor

MEMBERSHIP REPORT —  
DECEMBER 1984-JANUARY 1985

First Fleet Ancestors shown in **Heavy Type**.

**Thomas Acres:** Mr Kevin George Snowden (sp Mrs Beryl Snowden)

**Thomas Arndell:** Mrs Valerie Clair Potter; Mr Peter Arndell Searl; Mr Andrew Clive Arndell.

**Thomas Arndell + Matthew Everingham:** Mr Gordon Earnest Greentree (sp Mrs Alice May Greentree); Mrs Helen Marilyn Maish (sp Mr Neil Richard Maish); Mr Stuart Neil Maish; Miss Sally Anne Maish

**James Bloodworth - Sarah Belamy + James Lee:** Mrs Norma Isabel Cummings

**Owen Cavanough - Margaret Darnell:** Mr Ronald Victor Singleton; Miss Robyn Kay Singleton; Mrs Deborah Anne Wiltshire (sp Mr Robert Wiltshire)

**Philip Devine:** Mrs Diana Margaret Deighton; Mrs Leonie Isabel Dawes

**Matthew Everingham:** Mr Keith Gordon Greentree (sp Mrs Jill Annette Greentree); Mr Geoffrey Gordon Greentree; Miss Megan Greentree; Mrs Maureen Jeanette Synnerdahl; Mona Synnerdahl (JNR)

**Andrew Fishburn:** Mr Stephen Ralph Straney; Mrs Lyla Veneta Bourne; Mrs Winsome Elaine Coy; Mr Norman Leslie Moore (sp Mrs Mary K. Moore)

**Ann Forbes:** Rev Kevin George Ellem

**Robert Forrester:** Mrs Narelle Kabel Steer

**Eleanor Fraser:** Mr Stuart Leigh Lenthall

**Edward Goodin:** Mrs Pamela Ann Cliffe (sp Mr Peter Kenneth Cliffe); Melinda May Cliffe (JNR), Catherine Emma Cliffe (JNR).

**Andrew Goodwin - Lydia Munro:** Mr Stanley Thomas Hayes (sp Mrs Shirley Hayes); Mrs Sandra Helen Faye Chad (sp Mr Francis Gerard Chad); Benjamin Michael John Chad (JNR); Dane Thomas Walker Chad (JNR); Jessica Elizabeth Shelley Chad (JNR); Mr Steven John Hayes (sp Mrs Carol Louise Hayes); Tamara Louise Hayes (JNR); Danielle Marie Hayes (JNR); Paul Michael Hayes (JNR); Mr Dennis Michael Hayes (sp Mrs Susanne Lynn Hayes); Michelle Lynn Hayes (JNR); Amanda Jane Hayes (JNR); Gregory Michael Hayes (JNR)

**John Gowen:** Mrs Enid Mary Graham

**George Guest:** Mrs Jennifer Blewer

**Joseph Hatton:** Christine Maree Anderson (JNR), Roger Alan Anderson (JNR)

**Henry Kabel - Susannah Holmes:** Mrs Ena May Ingram.

**Phillip Gidley King:** Mr William James Job.

**Caroline Laycock:** Mrs Doris Alvera Fothergill; Mrs Mary Patricia Jeffreys; Mr Colin Francis; Mr Gary Lee Francis; Mrs Mary Green (sp Mr Alexander William Green); Mr Ross Alexander Green

**James McManus - Jane Poole + James Bradley:** Miss Loretta Lois Norrish; Mrs Olive Alice Dawn Smith (sp Mr Kevin Thomas George Smith); Craig Edwin Smith (JNR); Yvonne Patricia Smith (JNR)

**Edward Miles:** Mrs Mona Mary Lloyd.

**John Nicholls:** Mr Reginald George Wadsworth (sp Mrs Patricia Wadsworth); Miss Heather Ann Wadsworth; Mrs Doris May Moyle (sp Mr Ralph Leslie Moyle); Mrs Isabelle Clair Stewart (sp Mr Trevor Robinson Stewart); Miss Jane Elizabeth Winley; Ian Robert Stewart Winley (JNR); David Andrew John Winley (JNR); Mark Donald James Winley (JNR)

**William Roberts:** Mr Allan Ronald Colbran; Mr John Martin Chesworth; Mr Francis Patrick Chesworth; Mrs June Barrett; Louise Jane Barrett (JNR); Fiona Helen Barrett (JNR); Mary Frances Barrett (JNR); Miss Kathleen Mary Barrett; Miss Elizabeth Barrett; Mrs Anne-Marie Brown-Damien Gregory Brown (JNR); Mr Robert John Alexander (sp Mrs Norma Amelia Ruth Alexander)  
**Anthony Rope - Elizabeth Pulley:** Phillipa Anne Bryant (JNR); Mrs Gloria Doris Donaldson; Ms Lynette Brenda Norcott

**John Rowe:** Mr Howard Stanley Jones; Mrs Judith Ann Poulton; Miss Leonie Anne Poulton; Mrs Kimberley May Handley

**James Ruse:** Mr Noel Wallace Paslow;

**John Small - Mary Parker:** Mr John Leslie Hawkins Butchart; Miss Minnie Frances Munro; James Conrad Henkes (JNR); Catherine Jane Henkes (JNR)

**Thomas Spencer - Mary Phillips:** Mr Gary Richard Hunt.

**James Squire:** Mr Barrie Branson McLoughlin;

**Joseph Trimby:** Sister Andrea Myers

**William Tunks:** Mr Rex Tunks

**William Tunks + Thomas Spencer - Mary Phillips:** Mrs Dorothy Jean Heldon; Mr Kenneth John Heldon; Andrew Stuart Clifford Heldon (JNR); Ian Charles Wellington Heldon (JNR)

**Ellen Wainwright:** Mrs Lynette Hayes (sp Mr Christopher David Hayes); David Christopher Hayes (JNR); Michelle Lynette Hayes (JNR); Mrs Elizabeth Antoinette Greenwood

**James Wilson:** Mr Norman Evan George Mason (sp Mrs Rosemary Jeanne Mason; Mrs Susan Leigh Russell (sp Mr Broseman Leigh Russell); Mr Peter Maxwell Mason (sp Mrs Helen Denise Mason)

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**Spouse Associates of Earlier Members:** Mr Peter Earle Rich husband of Mrs Merrill Eileen Rich; Mrs Ada Keays wife of Mr Thomas Keays; Mr Henry Carl Henkes husband of Ms Jane Graham.

**New First Fleet Ancestors:** George Guest convict "Alexander"; James Wilson Seaman "Sirius".

Error in last Newsletter. Mr Percy Raymond Cutting was shown as a descendant of **Matthew Everingham**; correctly he should have appeared as a descendant of **Fredrick Meredith**.



The toast delivered by the President at the Australia Day Eve Dinner Dance at the Boulevard Hotel on 26th January, 1985.

The day we celebrate.

The day is when a new nation was born — a nation which we call our own.

But who are we to celebrate it?

Amongst my relatives are those who trace their ancestors from China, Japan, Samoa, Portugal, Italy, France, Canada, Germany, Poland and of course England. Others here have similar descents. The one common bond however is that single and singular descent from those who arrive in '88.

A particularly inauspicious arrival!

Settlers — thrust upon a foreign and forbidding land. Wrecked like Shakespeare's Prospero from the Tempest that was the burgeoning industrial Europe. As with Prospero our indigenes became Calibans — strange, forbidding, primitive, imprisoned and perhaps in our own minds even dangerous. But unlike Prospero the brave new world, the future of our ancestors, was not within their magical power.

Throughout the following two centuries that future was immeasurably altered by there being wrecked upon this land a continuing ebb and flow of peoples of the world.

When our ancestors arrived they painted our gums and our animals like those they had known in England. They "improved" the country with ordered woods and gardens. From this they sought assurance, comfort and a refuge from their fears. Today, as is meet and proper, we welcome the new migrant, often however only to find that they decry this land and to hear their halleluyahs for the land from whence they came.

May they, as did OUR ancestors, learn to accept this land as it is, and for what it is, and to calm those fears.

Having done so they can then join with our celebration of **THE DAY**. A celebration which presently seems, again to return to literature, to have taken a

"shape without form  
shade without colour  
paralyzed force  
gesture without motion"

A celebration which forgets the reason for its occurrence is but a hollow celebration and from the Bicentennial Authority there seems but little guidance as to the celebration of our foundation.

I once heard a story, surely apocryphal, of a naval exercise, where the Admiral, standing on the bridge of his flagship, saw out in front, and from that you can easily tell that I am not a naval man, a light. So he ordered that a signal be sent to the fleet "alter course 5 degrees north." Back came a signal. "Alter course 5 degrees south." This puzzled the Admiral who, however, assumed his order had been misunderstood and so he had a further order sent out "This is Admiral Smith. I order that you alter course 5 degrees north." Back came the signal "This is Able Seaman Jones and I order that you alter course 5 degrees south." The Admiral was now furious and so sent out a further signal "This is Admiral Smith and I order an alteration of course 5 degrees north. This is from the flagship of the Royal Australian Navy." Back came the signal.

"This is Able Seaman Jones and I order an alteration of course 5 degrees south. This is from the Lighthouse."

Let us hope that the Bicentennial Authority shall yet prove to be that lighthouse and withstand all movements to the contrary so as to be a beacon to light the path for

"The Day We Celebrate"  
Ladies and Gentlemen, The Toast,  
"The Day We Celebrate."



## THE CHILDREN OF THE FIRST FLEET

by Mary Hope-Caten, member N.F.H.S.

In the June issue of "TimeSpan" (No. 15), Alice Jansen listed the details of children who were born in 1787 and baptised on board the ships of the First Fleet during the voyage to New South Wales.

Here is a short summary of the children and their families, giving an insight into the hardships suffered in the early years of the colony. Of all the children born in 1787 Henrietta Langley, daughter of Jane Langley and Philip Shewing (Scriven), is the only child known to have descendants in Australia.

The aim of the Fellowship of First Fleeters is to collate information on each person who came to New South Wales on the First Fleet, whether they were convict or free. At present the Fellowship has descendants from 129 First Fleeters and with continuous research the list is growing.

**William Tilley** was baptised on April 20th, 1787, aboard the *Lady Penrhyn*. His mother was Mary Abel (alias Tilley) aged 30 years, who was charged at Worcester in 1785 for stealing a cotton gown, a shift, an apron and other articles, and transported for seven years. After arriving in the colony Mary married Thomas Tilley on 4th May, 1788. Baby William was buried on the 19th May, 1788, when he was just over one year old and Mary was buried on 21st July the same year.

**Edward Dwarn or Devan** was baptised on board the *Charlotte* on 20th April, 1787. He was the son of a marine sergeant and his wife, Jane. While in the colony two other children were born: Mark Turner in 1789 and Dennis in September, 1791. On the return journey to England on the *Gorgon* in 1792 the two younger children died of heat exhaustion while passing through the tropics.

**James Perfect or Parfett** was baptised on the *Prince of Wales* on 4th June, 1787, to marine drummer John Perfect (Parfett) and his wife Sarah. While in New South Wales they had a son, Jeffrey, on 4th November, 1789. As no further trace of them has been found they very likely returned to England also.

**Jane Davis** was baptised on the *Prince of Wales* on 4th June, 1787. She was the daughter of marine John Davis and his wife Martha. During their stay in the colony another son, Thomas, was born on 9th August, 1788, and a daughter, Mary, in September, 1791. The family possibly returned to England.

**Thomas Russell** son of marine John Russell and his wife Mary, was baptised on 12th August, 1787, on board the *Friendship*. While in New South Wales John Russell wrote home to his mother telling her of his son. A daughter, Ann Maria, was born in 1790. The family probably returned to England.

**Mary Ann Chalicut** is recorded as being baptised on 19th August, 1787, on board the *Prince of Wales*. She was the daughter of Thomas and Ann Chalicut; however, as far as I can ascertain, no persons of this name are on any First Fleet lists.

**Daniel Dockerty or Dougherty** was baptised on the *Prince of Wales* on 19th August, 1787, to marine Arthur Dockerty (Dougherty) and his wife Judith. During their stay in the colony two daughters were born: Ann, in 1789; and Margaret in 1791. Their mother died on the

return journey to England in 1792.

**Mary Spencer**, the daughter of Mary Spence, a convict, was baptised on board the *Prince of Wales* on 19th August, 1787. Mary Spence was charged at Wigan for stealing a handkerchief, a petticoat and a coat. She died on 5th April, 1788, shortly after arriving in the colony. It is not known what became of her child, Mary.

**Elizabeth Scott** was the daughter of marine James Scott and his wife, Jane. Elizabeth was baptised on 3rd September, 1787, on board the *Prince of Wales*. While in the colony Sgt. Scott kept an interesting journal of events. A son, William, was born to the Scotts in 1790. The family embarked for England on the *Gorgon* in 1791.

**Elizabeth Wright**, the daughter of marine Matthew Wright and his wife, Mary, was baptised on the *Prince of Wales* on 21st October, 1787. In 1791, during their stay in the colony, another daughter, Hannah, was born. The family evidently returned to England.

**Samuel Richards** was baptised on the *Prince of Wales* on 21st October, 1787. He was the son of Laurence Richards, a marine, and his wife, Mary. Laurence Richards was given a grant of land at Norfolk Island and later at Mulgrave Place (near Windsor), and at Bankstown. There were seven more children born to the family, though it appears that Samuel died in 1795.

**John Fisher** was baptised on the *Lady Penrhyn* on 21st October, 1787. He was the son of seaman John Fisher, aged 20, and a convict, Catherine Hart, aged 19. [In "First Fleet Baptisms", *TimeSpan 15*, the mother of John Fisher is shown as Mary Richards: this is incorrect - Ed.] After arriving in the colony John Fisher swam from the ship nightly to spend his nights with Catherine. He caught a cold while lying in the "woods" and died of dysentery in March, 1788. Catherine Hart later had two children to Lt. Robert Kellow. It is not known what became of baby John.

**Charlotte Spence Broad**, daughter of Mary Broad (Braund) convict, was baptised on the *Charlotte* on 30th October, 1787. In February, 1788, Mary married William Bryant, a convict in charge of the government fishing boat. They had a son in 1790. In March, 1791, Bryant, his wife and two children and seven other convicts, made their escape in the government boat. Using charts and a compass they reached Timor where they were eventually arrested by the Dutch and sent to Batavia where Bryant and his son died. Mary Bryant, her daughter Charlotte and the others were put on a ship to Cape Town. They joined the *Gorgon* en route from New South Wales with the marine detachment returning to England. Little Charlotte died on board on 6th May, 1792. Mary Bryant and the other survivors arrived in England and were tried at the Old Bailey. James Boswell took up their case and obtained a free pardon for Mary in May, 1793.

**Henrietta Langley** was the daughter of Jane Langley, a convict charged at the Old Bailey in 1784 for stealing money, and transported for seven years. Her father was a seaman, Philip Shewing (Scriven), who returned to England on the *Lady Penrhyn*. Jane Langley and her daughter were sent to Norfolk Island in 1790 and remained there until 1794. They then settled at Bankstown.

In 1807, when aged 19, Henrietta married a convict, Edward Fletcher, at St. John's Church, Parramatta. Henrietta was granted 30 acres of land north of Liverpool in 1809 and a further grant on the Nepean River at Narellan in 1815. Edward Fletcher became the District Constable at Campbelltown.

The Fletchers had two sons, Edward and John, and four daughters: Eliza, Susannah, Emma and Blanch. Henrietta died in 1828 aged 40 (though her gravestone shows 41) and is buried at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Campbelltown. Her daughter Susannah who married William Chapman in 1839, is buried nearby.

References: *St. Phillip's Church Register; the T.D.*

*Mutch Index; the B.M.D. Indexes, pre 1900; the Journal of Lt. Ralph Clark; the Journal of Bowes Smythe; 1828 Census; research on Henrietta Langley by her descendant, Mrs. Pamela Quick.*

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## GRAVES REPORT

In November we made two visits to the Wiseman's Ferry and St Alban's area looking for First Fleeter graves with tombstones. We are glad to report that our visits were not in vain.

At Laughtondale, near Wiseman's Ferry, we found the grave of Peter Hibbs who died 12 September 1847 aged 90 years.

Crossing the Wiseman's Ferry, we journeyed on to St Albans, where, 3 km short of MacDonald's Bridge, we found a small cemetery on a sharp bend, with the grave of William Douglass, who died 27 November 1838.

Over the bridge and 4 km north on the private property of Mr E.E. Jurd, we found the ruins of the Lady of Loreto Church and in the cemetery the grave of Eliza Biggers, who, as Elizabeth Fitzgerald, arrived in the First Fleet and died 10 June 1836.

Ten km south of MacDonald's Bridge on the western side of MacDonald's River, there is the ruins of St Joseph's Presbytery. We are checking the list of names such as Daniel Daniels and John Everet to ascertain if they are First Fleet-ers.

Letters have been sent to the local councils and owners of the properties for both permission to have our plaques attached to the tombstones and for details of others not mentioned, to check whether there are other First Fleet-ers buried there.

We anticipate having another plaque dedication ceremony in May 1985 with a family picnic at Wiseman's Ferry.

If any member can supply us with any information on Peter Hibbs, William Douglass, Elizabeth Biggers (nee Fitzgerald) or any other First Fleeter buried in these cemeteries, please ring the office on 29 8007 Tuesday to Friday - your help would be appreciated.

D. Oakes

## SIXTH GENERATION HATTON CHRISTENED AT ST ANNE'S

A sixth-generation descendant of First Fleeter Joseph Hatton has recently been christened at historic St Anne's Church, in the Sydney suburb of Ryde.

She is Alysha Simone Lovett, daughter of F.F.F. member Karen Lovett and her husband John, and granddaughter of F.F.F. Life Member Joan Ross.

Alysha Simone was christened on November 18 by Rev. John Gelding, who also christened her 2½ year old sister Aimee Genevieve in June 1982.

Alysha Simone will be joining her mother, grandmother and sister in the Fellowship.

The Hatton family has had a long association with St Anne's Church.

Joseph Hatton received one of the 13 original land grants at Kissing Point, Ryde, from Governor Phillip in 1792.

His son, also Joseph Hatton, was one of three children christened at the official opening of the first church and schoolhouse at Ryde on July 16, 1800.

In 1812 the first Joseph Hatton was one of a group of district residents who subscribed money for the purchase of land and for the construction of a new bark chapel and schoolhouse.

Down the years many Hatton descendants (including

several other sixth-generation babies) have been christened in the present St Anne's church (built 1826), and also married there. Earlier descendants were christened and married in the structures which preceded the present historic church.

**Megan Louise Wheatley**

Also off interest is that Mrs Lovett's cousin Suzanne Wheatley, of Seven Hills, also a member of the Fellowship, had a baby daughter, Megan Louise, on July 22, only a few minutes over 24 hours after the birth of

Alysha Simone.

Mrs Wheatley, formerly of Ryde, and her husband Brian are members of the Uniting Church at Grantham Heights, and it was at this church that Megan Louise was christened on November 25 by Rev. Neville Guthrey.

Megan Louise will soon be joining her mother, grandfather Arthur Higginbotham of Ryde, and two brothers Benjamin and Christopher in the Fellowship.

Incidentally, Joan Ross, Karen Lovett and Suzanne Wheatley were all christened and married in St Anne's.

**Keith Ross**



**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE FROM THE F.F.F. OFFICE**

<b>WINDCHEATERS</b>	<i>Navy or white</i> .....	<b>\$15.00 each</b>
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	<b>THREE</b> First Fleeters' Names .....	<b>\$4.50</b>
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