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MEMBERS' PARTICIPATION

The Executive Committee was overwhelmed by the support received on the recent survey of interests for 1988. It is presently collating the responses and the incoming Committee shall then be in a position to contact members directly.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The major initiatives recently launched by the Fellowship are the holding of daytime meetings for members in the Fellowship rooms and of a President's Reception for new members. It is anticipated that each will in future be held every quarter. The daytime meeting in particular was very well attended.

It was with regret that the executive accepted the resignation of Zillah Kable-Thomas from the Committee. The Committee, and indeed the whole Fellowship wish Zillah a speedy recovery from her present ill-health and look forward to seeing her back on the Committee in the near future.

Included with this Newsletter are details and reports for the Annual General Meeting. It is important that all members participate as fully as they can in this most important activity. As 1988 rapidly approaches the office bearers now elected will play a most significant role in celebrating the 200th anniversary of the arrival of our ancestors.

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.
President:	Roderick Best
Vice-Presidents:	Douglas Oakes, Peter Christian
Secretary:	Anne Campbell
Treasurer:	To be appointed
Executive Committee:	Alice Clarke, Joyce Cowell, Anne Davison, Naida Jackson, Ian Johnston, Keith Lehane, Doune MacNaught, Hugh Morgan, Geoffrey Squires.

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Steering Committee:	Hugh Morgan (Convenor), Ian Johnston.
Souvenirs and Badges:	Alice Clarke
Honorary Solicitors:	Conway Maccallum & Co.

FAMILY NOTICES

The William Nash and Maria Haynes Family Group are holding a Reunion in Parramatta Park in front of Old Government House on Saturday, 28 September 1985 from 11 a.m. Further information from Joan Rowe (46 5423).

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, members of the John Small and Mary Parker family are holding a celebration of the 197th Wedding Anniversary of this couple, on Sunday 13th October, 1985, beginning at 11 a.m. at Willandra, 770 Victoria Road, Ryde. Mollie Gillen is travelling from Toronto, Canada, to be present at this occasion, when the launching of her book, "The Search for John Small — First Fleeter" will take place.

Details from Mrs. B.J.M. Hooke (02) 44 6675.

The twelfth Annual Reunion of the Owen Cavanaugh Fellowship will be held on Sunday 13 October, 1985 at the Ebenezer Uniting Church, Coromandel Road, Ebenezer, commencing at 11 a.m. with a church service. Following the service, there will be a picnic lunch (BYO), hot water provided. After lunch the Annual Meeting will be held. Contact: Judith Cavanaugh 95 1009.

UNDERCOVERING UNDERWOOD

Subsequent to the article on James Underwood in a recent newsletter (Vol. 16 p16) further information has come to light.

Amongst the Treasury Board Papers (P.R.O.3550) there is a "List of Convicts on hulks and Prisons" being those present at the establishment of the First Fleet. This shows that the James Underwood who was convicted on 11th March, 1786 at New Sarum for 14 years transportation (i.e. the First Fleet James Underwood) was maintained for 92 days and, more importantly for our purposes, was then aged 40 years.

It will be recollected that the person in the earlier article

christened "James Continuing" died in Surrey in 1844 aged 67 years. (i.e. if his age at death is correct then in 1788 he was 11 years of age, and not 40 years.) This then further tends to suggest that the person who died literate in Surrey was the person convicted in Surrey and was not the illiterate First Fleeter James Underwood convicted at New Sarum.

This list amongst the Treasury Board Papers gives the age of John Limeburner as 30 years in 1788. This would give him an age at his death in 1847 of 85 years rather than the age of 105 years normally given to him.

Can members add to this information? Who do you think was the oldest First Fleeter at death?



MISSING MEMBERS

Newsletters sent to the following members have been returned to the office. Please inform the Fellowship if you know the latest address of any members listed below:

Mr J.F. Fishburn, Roma Qld. 4455; Mrs Joan J. Moen, Darling Point 2027; Mr Peter Mullins, Leura 2781; Mr A.B. Sharp, Brisbane 4000; Mr T.R. Skinner, Orange 2800; Mr K.S. Thompson, Dee Why 2099; Mr S.G. Williams, Hebersham 2770; Mr P.J. Dunk, West Wyalong 2671; Miss L.M. Smith, North Rocks 2151; Mrs F.R. Smith, North Rocks 2151; Ms Susan Meek, Epping 2121; Mr T.A. Cullen Ward, South Hurstville 2221; Mrs M.J. Callow, Peakhurst 2210; Mr H.B.W. Smith, Bourke 2840.

We have received the following reply to Lorna Parr's amusing article "What is a Family Historian?"

WHAT IS A FAMILY HISTORIAN'S WIFE?

She is a calm, easy-going, unflustered and unflutterable stay-at-home. She is one of those silent-service creatures who can go to the mail box at 10am and, recognising a tell-tale postmark or name, bring back a fat letter (addressed to herself) and leave it unopened, till "he" comes in.

Usually, she has a name that is unique — and her family never married "commoners" (before you). You can pick up a telephone directory from almost anywhere and if her name is listed, it's almost certainly a relation.

And all the rest of her family, it seems, also have spouses who love to write letters. Most of your letters (on her behalf) get answered. She also gets (and you answer) letters from strangers, who saw your ad (her name) while doing the vegetables or over someone's shoulder in a bus. Often they include hitherto unknown details of her family, charts, photos and clippings. She seems to gather ancestors the way you send out stamps and her line gets back to overseas research in next to no time, while you are still trying to push yours back into the 1800's in the area where you are still living.

She gets (but doesn't accept) invitations to First Fleet celebrations, T.V. documentaries, gala dinners, unveilings and opening ceremonies.

On the rare occasions that she personally handles telephone calls, they miraculously arrive at the most convenient times; yours, on the other hand, always come during the news or your favourite serial, or when you are in the shower.

But she does, faithfully and conscientiously, turn up at cemetery picnics. She is the one who brings the sandwiches and the thermos and carries the camera — and wanders off to watch the birds or to look at the wild flowers.

And when you yell with delight "I've found him!" she is likely to say "well can't it wait? Lunch is ready."

Frank Cardiff.

NEW FIRST FLEET DESCENDANTS — POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS!

The birth of Sophie Isabella Tschussnigg, to Anne-Belinda and Mark, on 8/5/85, makes our hon. secretary, Anne Campbell, a proud grandmother! Congratulations to all!

Congratulations to Ken and Yvonne Anderson (Nathaniel Lucas & Olivia Gascoigne-James Squire) on the birth of a son — Derek Robert.

Welcome to Christina Amie McLachlan — both 19/7/85 — granddaughter of member Mrs Amie McLachlan (No. 1095) — Frederick Meredith descendant.

And to Kimberley Lauren Ebb — born on 17th July 1985 — a John Cross descendant.

Another descendant of James Bradley and Sarah Barnes — Brydan Sarah Lenne, daughter of Bryan Douglas Lenne (member 2199) and his wife Susan — born 3/4/85 — a ninth generation descendant.

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The Jondaryan Woolshed Association has advised us that the Jondaryan Woolshed Heritage Festival is to be held from August 24-September 1, 1985. Those interested can obtain particulars from the convenors — Mrs M. Sowden (076) 92 1862 or Mrs M. Baartz (076) 92 2238.

OBITUARIES

We sadly report the deaths of the following, and offer our sincere sympathy to the families.

Mr Gool Mahomed, husband of member Olga Elizabeth Mahomed of Alice Springs, passed away on 28 May 1985. Mr Mahomed was the last of the original Camel Drivers in the Territory.

Mrs Elva Lois Mahoney, on 8 July 1985 (Member No. 1583) descended from William Tunks and Hugh Hughes.

Mrs Olga Maud Devine, on 25 May 1985, wife of Mr Lancelot Ernest Devine (Member No. 1483) of Darling Point — descended from Phillip Devine.

Mrs Marjorie Kelly, on 11 June 1985 (Member No. 1148) aged 87 years; cousin of life member Mrs Joan Ross — descended from Joseph Hatton.

Mr Frank Hyrons (Member No. 2395, killed on 1 July 1985 in level crossing accident, husband of Mrs Carmel Hyrons of Bentleigh, Vic. — descended from William Saltmarsh and Mary Phillips.

CATTAI STATE RECREATION AREA

The Trustees have the responsibility of administering the home and land of Dr Thomas Arndell, Assistant Surgeon with the First Fleet. As well as preparing the grounds for passive recreation and family picnics, they have restored the house, and wish to furnish it with items of an historical nature. If any members have photographs, personal items or furniture they would care to have displayed, please contact the Trustees direct at Cattai State Recreation Area, Wiseman's Ferry Road, Cattai NSW 2756 — telephone (045) 72 8404, or contact the Fellowship with any information to forward to them.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please note that 6 October is the deadline for copy for the Newsletter to reach the FFF office for inclusion in the next issue.



GRAVES REPORT

Sunday 15 September 1985 is the day chosen to dedicate a plaque placed on the tombstone of Ann Huxley, buried in a cemetery at Sackville Reach, after the 2.30pm Afternoon Service at St. Thomas' Church of England near the cemetery.

Ann Huxley died 29 December 1851 aged 90 years, and is buried in the cemetery at Sackville Reach, in the grounds of the first St. Thomas' Church of England, erected in 1803.

The church was washed away in the floods of 1867 and the current church was built on the hill in 1871. The second church was destroyed by fire in 1959 and was rebuilt in 1960, being reported in the local press as "the church that cannot die".

St. Thomas' Church at Sackville may be reached by the following route. Turn right from Windsor north along the Singleton Road, right into Sackville Road at Wilberforce crossing, travel along Sackville Rd to the ferry — turn right before the crossing into Hawkesbury Rd.

Cemetery is on the left hand side.

Sunday 20 October 1985 — we will be dedicating a plaque placed on the tombstone of Thomas Spencer in the graveyard opposite St. Peter's Church of England, Windsor Road, Richmond, after the 10a.m. Morning Service.

Thomas Spencer, a marine on the First Fleet, died 3 February 1821 aged 61 years.

After this service we will adjourn to the parkland by the Hawkesbury River for a picnic lunch. In the afternoon we will journey south along Castlereagh Rd., to Church Lane to dedicate a plaque placed on the tombstone of Elizabeth Rope in the Castlereagh Cemetery, around 3pm.

Elizabeth Rope died 9 August 1837, aged 80 years.

Castlereagh Cemetery may be reached from Penrith or Richmond by the following route: From Penrith — turn right into Castlereagh St., travel north to Church Lane, turn right into Church Lane which leads to Church Road. The cemetery is along Church Road. From Richmond: turn left into Castlereagh Street, travel south into Church Lane which leads into Church Road and adjoins the Castlereagh Cemetery.

We hope to see as many First Fleeters and friends as possible at these two functions — remember the dates!

Doug Oakes.

The Australian National Flag Association has awarded their Certificate of Appreciation to our member Vic Walters for his assistance in helping to promote the Australian National Flag. The Certificate was presented to Vic by Sir Colin Hines OBE. Congratulations, Vic!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT — JUNE, 1985

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members, spouses and juniors. First Fleet ancestors' names are shown in **heavy type**.

William Boggis: Mrs Gillian Elizabeth DOYLE
John Cross: Mrs Peggy Graham Newton (sp Mr Geoffrey William NEWTON)

William Eggleton-Mary Dickenson: Ms Felicity Ann HALLORAN

Ann Forbes: Mrs Maida O'MALLY; Mr Gregory O'MALLY

Peter Hibbs: Mrs Dorothy Irene BOOTH

Henry Kable-Susannah Holmes: Mrs Noelene Clare PASCOE

Thomas Kidney: Mr Craig Anthony MARTIN

Caroline Laycock: Mr Phillip John CROSS

Frederick Meredith: Mr Alan Francis Sterling BARTON

Edward Miles: Mrs Iris Maud COOPER

John Nicholls: Mrs Patricia Miriam BREW; Trevor Stephen BREW (Jnr.); Shane Jason BREW (Jnr); Mrs Amy Rose MULLER; Mrs Lorna Doris EVANS; Miss Vicki Marie MAGILL (Jnr)

John Redman: Mrs Thelma Irene CANNON

William Roberts: Mrs Karen Betty CONFORD; Mr Phillip John NAUGHTON; Gregory Alan NAUGHTON (Jnr); Mr David Bryan NAUGHTON

Anthony Rope-Elizabeth Pulley: Mrs Lilian Joy RENFORTH (sp Mr Arthur RENFORTH); Miss Angela Elizabeth Rae GLOVER (Jnr); Miss Jelena Joy KELEHER (Jnr)

James Ruse: Mrs Christine HUMPHREYS; Luke Edwin HUMPHREYS (Jnr); Phillip Graham HUMPHREYS (Jnr)

John Small-Mary Parker: Rhian Nicholas BLACKWELL (Jnr)

Thomas Spencer-Mary Phillips: Miss Audrey May WELLINGTON

William Tunks: Mrs Joyce May RINGROSE (sp Mr John Leslie RINGROSE); Miss Gail Pamela RINGROSE

William Tunks + Hugh Hughes: Miss Jessica Margaret BURNS (Jnr)

James Wilson: Mr Henry Farquharson HYDE

Joseph Wright: Mrs Betty Lorraine HARDY; Mrs Elizabeth Maud BIDDLE.

Spouse associates of earlier members: Mrs Heather Jean PASSLOW, wife of Mr Noel Wallace PASSLOW; Mrs Audrey Verelle MEEHAN, wife of Mr Rex MEEHAN; Mr Bernard GREENWOOD, husband of Mrs Elizabeth GREENWOOD; Mrs Janet WATKINS, wife of Mr Sydney James WATKINS.

Associate Relative: Mrs Mollie Valmay BALLARD, mother-in-law of Mr Ian Edwin Hartley BALLARD

Name Error: Previously recorded as Mrs Janice Caroline POTTER, should have been Mrs Janice Caroline POTTEN; Mrs Jane Mary EDWARDS, should have been Mrs June Mary EDWARDS; David Robert HUNTER (Jnr) should have been David Robert PUNTER; Mr George Leslie MOORE, should have been Mr George Leslie MOORE.

Miss Audry May Wellington No. 3139 — third; First Fleet Ancestors omitted from newsletter **William Tunks** — Should have read Thomas Spencer — Mary Phillips; William Tunks.

PHILIP GEEVES MEMORIAL TRUST

The Philip Geeves Memorial Trust has advised us of some very interesting tours to be held later this year — "Peeps into the Past" Coach Tours:

Do come and "Peep into the Past", armed with a **thermos and a picnic lunch**. Tours are leisurely, and leave West Circular Quay at 9.15 a.m., returning between 4.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Two outings are held on Sundays, these leave Eddy Avenue at 9 a.m., returning by 5 p.m.

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| Tuesday
27th August | Fitzroy Fall, Cambewarra Lookout and Kangaroo Valley |
| Sunday
22nd September | Historic Berrima — inspection of well-known buildings and Spring Gardens. |
| Tuesday
29th October | Blackheath — to see the Rhododendrons in full bloom. Includes a visit to artist Norman Lindsay's House. |
| Sunday
24th November | South Coast Tour to visit The Shell Museum — lunch included. Splendid views of this tour. |
| A WEEKDAY
(DATE TO BE
CONFIRMED
December) | Christmas Harbour Cruise — Chicken and Champagne Lunch — visiting an island! |

Book early — \$15 all tours - no concession rate as price is calculated to give full value, and does not vary even if some trips are a little longer than others.

Bookings made by phoning 90-7602, and confirming by posting cheque for \$15 to Philip Geeves Memorial Trust, Box 1345, GPO, Sydney 2001.

We are sorry that lack of space prevented this speech being published in the last Newsletter — Editor.

SPEECH MADE BY MRS VAL DOUGLASS ON SUNDAY 5/5/85 AT WILLIAM DOUGLAS GRAVE

Members of the Fellowship of First Fleeters.
Descendants of William Douglas.
Ladies & Gentlemen.

We are here today to pay homage to First Fleeter William Douglas and on behalf of all his Descendants I have been asked to give a brief speech.

William Douglas was born in England around 1755. He was transported to Australia for the Crime of 'Picking the Pocket of John Brown of a Silver Watch at Horncastle'.

William was tried at the Assizes at Lincoln on the 9th July, 1875 and transported to N.S.W. on the ship "Alexander" arriving in N.S.W. on 28th January, 1788, with a sentence of 7 years.

On the 1st June, 1788, William married Mary Groves at St Phillips, Sydney, Mary being a convict also, arriving on the ship 'Prince of Wales'.

On the 3rd November, 1794, William was given a Grant

AFTERNOON MEETING WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER AT 2 P.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP'S OFFICE

We were very gratified by the response to our first afternoon meeting. Please come along to the second one. The speaker will be Thea Rowe, well known for her theatrical performances. She has entitled her talk "Dressing Up". We will have on display costumes made by our members who enjoy dressing up for the functions held to celebrate Australia Day. They will be happy to discuss making these clothes with any members who would like to participate at these functions in costumes of their own making.

J.C. Cowell

PROGRAMME OF LECTURE EVENINGS

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| August 21 | Noelene Smith will speak on "Andrew Fishburn — First Fleeter". |
| September 18 | Annual General Meeting — 7.30 p.m. at NSW Leagues Club, Phillip St., Sydney. |
| October 16 | Speaker from Railway Historical Society |
| November 20 | Rev. Seton Arndell |

Lecture evenings are held in the Fellowship Rooms, Third Floor, Assembly Building, Jamison entrance. New members and visitors always welcome.

of 30 acres of Land on the East side of the Hawkesbury River in the District of Mulgrave Place.

William Douglas fathered the following children:— JOHN, who died in infancy, JOSEPH, also thought to have died in childhood, ELIZABETH, THOMAS and WILLIAM. These children married and their families and their descendants married into almost all the families who lived along the River and in the Valley such as JURD/ HARRIS/ SWEETMAN/ SINGLETON/ FERNANCE/ BAILEY/ WALKERS to name but a few.

William came to St Albans with his daughter Elizabeth who married Daniel Jurd and lived with her till his death on 27th November, 1838, aged 81 years.

Little did William Douglas know then that 197 years after his arrival as a convict on these shores that just a small handful of the large number of his Descendants would be here today to acknowledge the placing of a First Fleet Plaque on his headstone in Honour of that occasion.

On behalf of all the Descendants of William Douglas I would like to say thank you to Mr Doug Oakes and The Fellowship of First Fleeters for making this day possible.

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

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WINDCHEATERS	<i>Navy or white (please specify size)</i>	\$15.00	\$16.80
T-SHIRTS	<i>Navy or white or gold (please specify size)</i>	\$6.50	\$7.90
TEA TOWELS	<i>Linen, 4 designs — Waltzing Matilda, The Rocks Sydney, Early Colonial Transport, Early Sydney (3 colours), Historical Sydney, Colonial Australia, Banksias,</i>	\$3.50	\$4.90
TIES	<i>(members only)</i>	\$10.00	\$11.00
NOTELETS	<i>With matching envelopes, packet of 10</i>	\$2.50	\$3.50
SOUVENIR SPOONS	<i>Sugar Spoons, Fluted Spoons and Cake Forks, Tea Caddy Spoons</i>	\$2.50	\$3.50
KEY RINGS	\$2.50	\$3.50
PAPER KNIVES	\$2.50	\$3.50
CAR STICKERS	\$1.00	\$1.50
CHARTS	<i>Voyage of the First Fleet</i>	\$5.50	\$6.50
	<i>Maps of Old Sydney</i>	\$3.00	\$4.00
PLACEMATS	<i>Individually</i>	\$2.00	\$3.00
	<i>Packet of 4</i>	\$7.00	\$8.00

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"COMPILING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY"		\$3.00	\$4.00
"ARTHUR PHILLIP"	<i>by Thea Stanley Hughes</i>	\$4.50	\$5.50
"THE FIRST FLEETERS"	<i>by Fidlon and Ryan (list of all First Fleeters)</i>	\$4.50	\$5.50
"PIONEERS OF PORTLAND HEAD"	<i>by R.M. Arndell</i>	\$20.00	\$23.50
"THE FIRST FLEETERS"	<i>by Jonathon King.</i>	\$19.50	\$23.00
"REMINISCENCES OF AUSTRALIA"	<i>by James T. Ryan</i>	\$12.50	\$16.00
"MEMORIAL TO A MARINE"	<i>by Joyce Cowell</i>	\$5.00	\$6.00
"A CONVICT'S LIFE"	<i>by Janet Reakes</i>	\$7.00	\$8.00

NAME BARS

Name bars may be ordered through F.F. Office. Approx 3 weeks delay in delivery.

MEMBER'S NAME AND	ONE First Fleeters' Name	\$3.50	\$4.50
	TWO First Fleeters' Names	\$4.00	\$5.00
	THREE First Fleeters' Names	\$4.50	\$5.50
	FOUR First Fleeters' Names	\$5.00	\$6.00
SPOUSE'S NAME BAR	(OWN name only)	\$3.00	\$4.00
	PLEASE ADD 50¢ for each additional name beyond 4.		
	State choice of blue or black background (white lettering)		

