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## EXECUTIVE REPORT

Arrangements are now in hand to place plaques on the graves of First Fleeters at Newcastle, Maitland, Goulburn and Bathurst. Watch for details of these ceremonies in future Newsletters as they will coincide with Fellowship picnic days.

Plans are well in hand for our Bicentennial project in the Circular Quay area. The executive will, at its final meeting for the year, meet with Miss Robyn Gordon who is the designer of the ceramic mural to be placed on a site in the area.

In this issue of the Newsletter you will find the Annual Report from the Executive. Vice President Geoff Squires has decided to stand down from the Executive this year. Geoff has been on the committee for quite a number of years, rarely missing a meeting although he travels down from Mittagong. We shall miss him and we are indeed indebted to him for his endeavours on behalf of the Fellowship.

We are also losing our Editor, Anne Davison, who has steered the Newsletter through thick and thin over the past few years. It is now up to the Executive to look to the future as far as the Newsletter is concerned. We thank Anne for giving her time and energy on the Fellowship's behalf.

The Rev. John McKnight will not be standing for re-election to the committee due to the pressure of his own work. We thank John for his interest and contribution to the Executive.

Please note that the Annual General Meeting will this year be held at Bowral. This was an Executive decision in June and to say the least it is different! We intend to make it a picnic day. The train leaves Central at 8.35 am, reaching Bowral at about 10.47 am. The meeting is scheduled to commence at 11.30 am at the Memorial Hall in Bendooley Street. We will have a picnic lunch in the town and catch the 4.10 pm train back to Sydney.

Peter G. Christian

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## FIRST FLEET PAINTING GIFT TO THE FELLOWSHIP

Final reminder . . . the event is the unveiling of member Thomas Silk's painting of the Fleet, which will take place at History House, Macquarie Street, Sydney on 10 September 1986 at 6.30 - 8.30 pm. This promises to be a very interesting and happy occasion, and we hope to see many new faces . . . but attendance will be

limited to 100 guests, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Charge will be \$10 per head. Those wishing to attend please send booking plus cheque to Miss Alice Clarke at the FFF office before 2 September. Light refreshments will be served.

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## FAMILY NOTICES

**Rope Family Gathering:** The next gathering of the descendants of Anthony Rope and Elizabeth Pulley will be held at Penrith High School on Sunday 5 October, 1986 from 9.30 am. We have been invited to attend the 11 am Service at St. Stephen's. Wall charts of all known Rope descendants will be on show. If you are not already included on these and wish to be, please send details to Barbara Drady, 86 Lethbridge St., Penrith 2750. A charge of \$5 per family will be charged to pay for the hire of the hall, tea and coffee will be available all day, bring a picnic lunch or fast food is available across the road. Any enquiries from above address. Hope to see you all on the 5th

The **Nathaniel Lucas and Olivia Gascoigne** Reunion and Book Committee are holding their 8th Annual Reunion at Warragamba Dam, Wallacia NSW on 5th October 1986 (Labour Day weekend NSW & ACT) from 10 am. Meeting in shelter shed nearest the kiosk at the main gate. All family members and friends are invited to attend. Barbecue facilities and hot water are available at the dam. Please contact Miss Rhonda Kroehnert, 14 Fitzpatrick Cres., Casula NSW (tel: (02) 602 4657).

The **Tunks Descendants Association** will hold its Sixth Annual Picnic Meeting of descendants of **William Tunks First Fleeter** on Sunday 19th October, 1986 at **Parramatta Park** (Bandstand Area) commencing at 10 am. At 11 am there will be a gathering of members of the recently restored Tunks Family Vault in St. Johns Cemetery in O'Connell Street South. Later, luncheon, Annual General Meeting, children's sports. Further information available by phoning Dudley Tunks 94 6134; Betty King 558 1908; Naida Jackson 982 8014; Peter Christian 868 3063; Len Chalmers 419 8136.

## LIVERPOOL DISTRICT MEMBERS

Mr. Bill Mantle of Liverpool Council (phone 600 7088) would like to hear from any First Fleeters living in the Liverpool area, as the Council wishes to invite them to the Bicentenary celebrations.

## MEMBERS' NEWS

Mr. Arthur Ebb (member 2820) has written to tell us of the birth of his second grand-daughter, Felicity Jane Kerkham — a potential member of the Fellowship! Felicity is the daughter of Rhonda and Richard Kerkham, and an eighth generation Australian — a descendant of FFF John Cross. Congratulations to parents and grandparents!

Shohan Baxter of Nightcliff in the Northern Territory has written with a good suggestion. She enjoys the historical articles in the Newsletter, and thinks it would be a good idea if a book could be printed containing these articles. The executive committee will discuss this good idea.

Mr. J. C. H. Moore of 139 Tourist Road, Toowoomba Qld. 4350 would like to contact any other descendants of FFF Edward Goodin.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR JULY/AUGUST, 1986

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members — 63 adult, 27 junior and 23 spouse associate — who were enrolled between 4th June and 5th August 1986.

**Thomas Arndell + Ann Forbes — William Dring:** Mrs. Kay Bernadette BURKITT; Miss Jade BURKITT (Jnr); Miss Sherry BURKITT (Jnr).

**Jacob Bellett + Edward Garth — Susannah Garth:** Mr Donald Edwin LANGDON (sp. Mrs Helen LANGDON)

**William Broughton:** Mr. James Broughton DAVISON; Patrick William Broughton CLEMENTS (Jnr); Mrs. Jennifer Mary MARTIN; Brad Jeffrey MARTIN (Jnr); Miss Amy Louise MARTIN (Jnr); Miss Rochelle Maree MARTIN (Jnr); Mrs. Margaret Stuart CARTY.

**Owen Cavanough + Margaret Darnell:** Mrs Margaret ANNAN; Mrs. Shirley June BEDFORD; Mr. Raymond Allan TURNBULL; Miss Kelli Michelle TURNBULL (Jnr); Miss Belinda Anne TURNBULL (Jnr); Mr. Bruce Allan GRAHAM.

**Benjamin Cusley:** Mrs. Margaret Cunningham

**William Eggleton + Mary Dickenson:** Mrs. Kerrie Camille DEERING (sp. Mr. Michael John Deering).

**Matthew Everingham:** Mrs. Dawn Elizabeth CALLAWAY; Mr. Geoffrey Ian CALLOWAY; Peter James CALLOWAY (Jnr).

**Andrew Fishburn:** Mrs. Rita Joan Mary CAMPBELL; Mrs. Doreen Elmore THOMPSON; Mr. Gregory John THOMPSON; Mrs. Dianne Margaret DUNN; Craig William DUNN (Jnr); Steven John DUNN (Jnr); Miss Lisa Marie DUNN (Jnr); Mrs. Agnes Elizabeth THOMPSON; Mr. Arnold George FISHBURN (sp. Mrs. Gloria Rae FISHBURN).

**Ann Forbes:** Mrs. Hilda May LIVERMORE; Mrs. Dianne Elizabeth BORLASE.

**Robert Forrester:** Mr. Philip Ronald HIGGINSON (sp. Mrs. Anne Higginson).

**Thomas Headington:** Mr. James Langford GRIFFITH (sp. Mrs. Elsie Anne Griffith).

**John Herbert — Deborah Ellam:** Mrs. Eileen Elizabeth BROWN; (sp. Mr. Elijah Mark BROWN). Mrs. Helen MacDonald.

**Hugh Hughes:** Mrs. Joan Marion MARTIN; Mr. Philip Andrew MARTIN; Mr. Anthony John MARTIN; Mrs. Marion Dianne MORAN; Mr. Richard Phillips MOORE; Stafford Thomas MOORE (Jnr); Mr. Edward Richard Cowin MOORE.

**Philip Gidley King:** Mrs. Rhonda Helen GIBBONS.

**Henry Kable — Susannah Holmes:** Dr Ian Charlton MACLEAN.

**Caroline Laycock:** Mr. Clarence William Howard (sp. Mrs. Anne HOWARD); Mr. Ian Keith HOWARD (sp. Mrs. Edith HOWARD); Mrs. Jan Elizabeth LEVER (sp. Mr. Ian LEVER); Christopher Ian LEVER (Jnr); Miss Caitlin Jane LEVER (Jnr); Miss Ceridwen Elizabeth LEVER (Jnr).

**Nathaniel Lucas — Olivia Gascoigne:** Mr. Raymond Keith David Hutchings DICKSON; Mrs. Robyn BROUGH.

**Frederick Meredith:** Mrs. Susan Joan ROACH; Anthony James ROACH (Jnr); Miss Karen Jane ROACH (Jnr); Miss Jodie Lauren ROACH (Jnr).

**William Nash — Maria Haynes:** Mr. Peter James McALISTER.

**John Nicholls:** Mrs. Phyllis Maude BUCHAN; Mrs. Carolyn Jean MEERS (sp. Mr. Harold Bishop MEERS); Miss Jane Elizabeth FINDLAY (Jnr); Miss Jessica Ann FINDLAY (Jnr).

**Samuel Picket:** Mrs. Jo-Anne BRENTON (sp. Mr. Leigh Anthony BRENTON); Nicholas Bruce BRENTON (Jnr); Timothy James BRENTON (Jnr); Mrs. June Villettia STOKES.

**William Roberts:** Mr. John Cadell BOOTLE.

**Anthony Rope — Elizabeth Pulley:** Miss Erin Patricia MOULD (Jnr); Christopher Peter MOULD (Jnr); Mr. Keith Anthony BROWN (sp. Mrs. Joy Margaret BROWN).

**John Rowe:** Mrs. Elva Grace SMITH; Mrs. Patricia Irene BERRY (sp. Mr. Stanley John BERRY).

**James Shiers — Mary Smith:** Mr. Sydney Arthur Hume FOSTER (sp. Mrs. Barbara BROWN); Mr. Stephen Sidney FOSTER; Miss Margaret Ann FOSTER.

**John Small — Mary Parker:** Mr. Alexander Powell COOKE.

**John Summers:** Mrs. Norma Jocelyn DILLON (sp. Mr. Len DILLON).

**William Tunks:** Mrs. Jocelyn Olive GRANT; Miss Brenda Jocelyne GRANT; Mrs. Leslee Martin ISTED; Mr. John Ewan FRENCH (sp. Mrs. Vicki Mary FRENCH); Andrew John FRENCH (Jnr); Richard James FRENCH (Jnr).

**Joseph Tuzo:** Mrs. Janet Olga HEALEY (sp. Mr. Henry Robert HEALEY); Miss Karen Tracy HEALEY; Mr. Grant Anthony HEALEY; Miss Diana Lesley HEALEY.

**William Tyrrell:** Mrs. Enid Mavis WARREN.

**Joseph Wright:** Mr. Peter Bruce WRIGHT.

### SPOUSE ASSOCIATES OF EARLIER MEMBERS:

Mrs. Heather EVANS, wife of No. 571 Mr. Llewellyn Huntley EVANS.

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Mr. Peter Gordon MOULD, husband of No. 3255 Mrs. Jennifer MOULD.

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Mr. Geoffrey Norman CRANFIELD, husband of No. 3273 Mrs. Margaret Rose CRANFIELD.

Mrs. Mary Stuart ALLCHIN, wife of No. 3512 Mr. Frederick Evelyn Lloyd ALLCHIN.

### ADDITIONAL FIRST FLEET ANCESTORS:

No. 2979 Mrs. Valerie Clare POTTER adds "WILLIAM DRING — ANN FORBES" to "THOMAS ARNDELL".

## OBITUARY

We are sad to hear of the passing of Duncan Kennedy McLachlan, husband of member Amie McLachlan, following an accident early in July. Duncan and Amie took an active part in Fellowship activities for many years. Duncan was a descendant of William Cox, the road builder and magistrate.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Marjorie True and Mrs. Joyce Brook whose brother, Mr. Thomas Sutherland, of the Philippines, died in July.

## HENRY KABLE JUNIOR 1786 — 1852

*The following interesting article by Joan Cox was read by Roy Kable at a ceremony at the Old Oaks cemetery in October last year. We regret that space did not permit the publication of this article earlier.*

Henry Kable Junior was born in Norwich Castle gaol on February 17th 1786. His father, Henry Cabell, had met and fallen in love with Susannah Holmes whilst both were serving sentences for minor offences in the Castle gaol. In those times the gaols held both male and female prisoners. Though Henry and Susannah sought permission on several occasions to marry their requests were refused by the Governor. Despite locked cells and officialdom the inevitable happened; Susannah bore Henry a baby son.

In November 1786 Susannah and her small, sickly-looking child Henry, with a number of other female prisoners, were taken to Plymouth to join the hulks of the First Fleet. They were escorted by the turnkey or gaoler, John Simpson to the 345 ton transport, the Charlotte. The American colonies were no longer accepting convicts from the overcrowded prisons of Britain, so the Fleet was destined for Botany Bay in New South Wales, which James Cook had discovered in 1770. When Susannah and baby Henry prepared to board the Charlotte, Captain Thomas Gilbert refused to allow the child aboard, saying there were no papers for him. Susannah became hysterical when the child was taken from her, threatening to commit suicide if she lost her child.

John Simpson, the kindly turnkey, argued unsuccessfully with Captain Gilbert that the mother and child should not be separated. The indignant Simpson returned to shore with young Henry in his arms, determined to help Susannah have her baby returned to her. He hurried off by coach to journey to London to plead with the Home Secretary, Lord Sydney, on Susannah's behalf. The gaoler cared for and fed the baby on the way, at the same time telling his story to anyone interested who had gathered around.

On arrival at Lord Sydney's home, Simpson marched to the entrance door and demanded to speak with the secretary. Crowds had gathered outside, making such a commotion that Lord Sydney came downstairs to inquire into the disturbance. The Home Secretary was so touched by Simpson's moving story that he took a great personal interest in Susannah, Henry and Baby. Lord Sydney arranged for the child to be returned to his mother. Not only that but Henry, the father, would be able to accompany them on the First Fleet and be permitted to marry his Susannah; Sydney would personally pay for the marriage fees.

A London newspaper printed the story of the mother and her baby being torn apart, and the gaoler's humane efforts to unite them again. The public expressed much sympathy for Susannah, young Henry and the father. A Mrs. Jackson of Somerset Street, London, promoted a public subscription for the trio. Twenty Pounds, a large sum in those days, was raised and used to purchase a parcel of books, comforts and clothes. The First Fleet chaplain, the Reverend Richard Johnson, promised to see that the precious gifts would be delivered to Henry and Susannah on arrival in the antipodes, after being loaded on the "Alexander" under the command of Duncan Sinclair. During the long sea voyage, any enquiries about the parcels were met with a negative response.

Henry Cabell and Susannah Holmes were finally married on February 10, 1788 by the Rev. Johnson at Sydney Cove, two weeks after arriving in this country.

When asked for the precious gifts, he received only a part, Five Pounds worth of books, and the rest was missing.'

These books were not very helpful as neither was literate. In July 1788 Henry sued the Master of the "Alexander", Duncan Sinclair, for loss of goods en route. He won his case, receiving Fifteen Pounds compensation for the loss. This action was the First Law Suit in this new country.

The money later proved valuable in helping Henry get a start in his many enterprises. As well as the lost clothes and parcels, the official papers relating to Henry Cabell/Cable and many others had disappeared.

Henry Junior, and his 6 week-old sister, Diana, were baptised as Henry Cable and Diana Cable, together at a ceremony conducted by the Rev. Richard Johnson on the 5th December 1788. The Church Register of St. Phillip's C. of E. has the original entry recorded. Eventually Henry and Diana were joined by 7 brothers and 2 more sisters, all christened at St. Phillip's Church.

The father, Henry Senior was doing very well for an ex-convict. He was appointed nightwatchman, then overseer, then Chief Constable and Licencee for the Ramping Horse Inn. Henry Kable, Senior, then became involved in ship-building and the whaling and sealing industries. Cabell or Cable also had legally changed his surname to Kable at this time, during the late 1790's. Henry's children received the best private education that money could provide.

A comfortable residence in High Street, (now George Street) Sydney Cove, was the Kable home, just across from the docks were the sailing ships from all parts of the world berthed. No doubt the older sons were drawn to the sea after hearing the adventurous seafaring tales from seamen and ship's captains. In 1799 young Henry sailed as The Master's Mate on the "Rolla" to see the world. He was only a lad of thirteen but already growing into a fine young fellow. By the time he returned four years later he had changed into a man of the world.

Henry Senior, about this time signed a partnership agreement with James Underwood and Samuel Chase, in a ship-building and shipping enterprise. Chase commanded their sloop, Diana. They were the first to be involved in the sealing trade when they took the sloop, Diana, to Cape Barren in Bass Strait.

Kable and Underwood built their fifth ship, the "Governor King", a 75 ton schooner in 1803. This was the biggest ship built in the colony at the time. There were some mishaps during the building of the schooner. On May 20, the "Governor King" was ready to be launched in the high tide; young Henry was present at the launching. The props were knocked away, but sudden squalls caused the schooner to slip the wrong way. Henry Junior, was sent flying over the side of the vessel. His right arm was badly damaged in the incident. Others present suffered broken limbs and severe cuts.

Although young Henry's arm was to cause him some inconvenience he continued his life on the sea. On April 12, 1807 he returned to Sydney as master of the brig, "Hannah and Sally", after some years away during which he had sailed across the oceans to England, America, China and the Pacific Islands. The following year, Henry, was appointed Master of the brig "Trial", owned jointly by Henry Kable and Simeon Lord. The "Trial" was a foreign brig that was refitted and renamed by them.

Kable and Simeon Lord's partnership was dissolved in 1808, the business carried on as Kable and Underwood. Simeon Lord entered a massive series of law suits against Kable and Underwood, which went on

for years. In the meantime, Kable Senior suffered unavoidable mercantile losses. Lord was awarded Twelve Thousand Pounds against Kable but luckily most of his property had been transferred to the younger Henry.

Henry Kable Junior formed a shipping partnership with brother-in-law William Gaudry, in 1810. The "Geordy", a 14 ton schooner, owned by Gaudry and Kable, made her maiden voyage in 1810, and spent the next five years sailing to the Hawkesbury River, Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) and the Shoalhaven River on the South Coast. Henry Jnr had taken over his father's shipping and mercantile business.

Henry and Susannah, with their younger children, moved to Green Hills (Windsor) to make a new start in life. They have slipped in rural obscurity, but Henry, senior, was actively engaged in various enterprises, such as a brewery, a bakehouse and a flour mill.

In the Sydney Gazette, April 27, 1811 we learn that the younger Kable advertised for muskets for a crew proceeding to Otaheite (Tahiti). Previously the authorities were reluctant to allow civilian ships to carry guns but relented after the loss of several crewmen from the marauding pirates. Henry carried the muskets to Otaheite, exchanged them for a full load of sandalwood, took the wood to India and exchanged it for a hold full of Rum! The rum was carried back to Sydney Cove and sold for an enormous profit.

During the early ship-building days, Kable had adopted a motto — "*Impavide*" — meaning fearless or without fear. Henry Jnr. and James certainly lived up to that motto. For nearly twenty years Henry sailed as a seaman, navigator and captain, across the oceans to England, China, Macau, American, the Marquesas Islands, Feejee (Fiji), Batavia, Otaheite (Tahiti), Norfolk Island, New Zealand, Van Diemen's Land, Macquarie Island, and along the coast of New South Wales. Only one ship, "Endeavour I" was wrecked by Henry that we know of, at the mouth of the Shoalhaven River in 1813 during bad weather.

William Gaudry died suddenly from an acute illness in January 1816, so the partnership of Gaudry & Kable ended. Gaudry left three children: William, Charles Joseph and Emmeline; a fourth child, George Littleton was born posthumously. Three years later, Susan Kable, second daughter of Henry & Susannah Kable married Dr James Mileham at Windsor. Susannah Mileham is buried near here the The Old Oaks Cemetery. "Susan" as the family called her, reared Emmeline Gaudry from an early age after Mileham's death, moving to the Wild property, Vanderville, when Emmeline married John Benton Wild, in 1832. Vanderville was a very large property with fine homes on it; and living quarters for the convicts stationed there. By 1822, Henry Jnr had decided to leave the sea for good and settle down on the land. He made an application (or a Memorial as it was then known) to Governor Thomas Brisbane for a Land Grant, through the appropriate channels. This 1822 Memorial stated that he had lost the use of his right arm; that he had been assisting his father through a difficult period; that a younger brother could now take over and help his father. Henry hoped to "settle himself comfortably" on his own. No remarks appear on the 1822 Memorial and no Grant materialised. Two years later, another petition for a grant was sent to the Governor, signed by Wm Cox, H. Brabyn and Arch. Bell, all magistrates and J.P.'s. These three strongly recommended that the petitioner receive a Land Grant. Again no record of any land given to the younger Henry. Governor Brisbane severely restricted the formerly generous Land Grants hand-outs in his term of office. Brothers George,

William and brother-in-law, William Fitz, received Land Grants in Bathurst, though, in 1824/5.

Reference to the 1828 Census shows that both senior and junior Kables were living on a 30 acre farm at Pitt Town. The farm was all cleared and cultivated, stock included 1 horse, 8 cows. Susannah Kable had died at Windsor in November 1825, aged 62 years. At this time the Kable home and commercial building in George Street North, was still in use. Kable Jnr probably commuted between Windsor and the Sydney home at regular intervals. A notice in the Gazette in February 1939 states — Captain Kable of "The Earl of Durham", sailed for the Bay of Islands, New Zealand. Was this Henry Kable, Jnr?

In March 1846, Henry Kable, the elder, died at Windsor. His son, John was living at Pitt Town with his family. Henry, the younger, moved to Vanderville to live for the remainder of his life, as a pound-keeper. Sadly he never married; perhaps he left a loved one behind in England, Otaheite or one of his overseas ports of call. Henry died at Vanderville on the 15th May 1852, aged 66 years; the last survivor of the First Fleeters.

Joan Cox

## DAY TIME AUXILIARY

### On Wednesday 7 May

We were shown a glimpse of Gulgong in the early years when we viewed the Holtermann Collection of slides brought to us by member Mr. Len Reid. A most enjoyable afternoon!

### On Wednesday 3 September

At 2 pm in our rooms, we have invited as guest speaker Mr. Christopher Pratten, Environment Director of the National Trust. Mr. Pratten will speak to us on the work of the Trust and will illustrate his talk with slides. Do come and enjoy this afternoon with us.

The tour to Fort Denison on 5 November is already fully booked! Please have fees finalised a week before the outing. Those attending will meet at No. 6 jetty Circular Quay at 1.45 pm.

### On Wednesday 3 December

XMAS PARTY — 12 pm at Grace Bros. Garden Court Restaurant, 6th floor, Market Street, Sydney. We have arranged a smorgasbord luncheon for this last meeting of the year. The cost is \$10 per head. Bookings — phone Mary Hope-Caten. 407 1042. All welcome.

## NORFOLK ISLAND TOUR

We wish to thank all those who supported us coming on the tour. We have much pleasure in announcing that we have reached our quota of 120, and even have some on our reserve list. We will let you know how things develop through this Newsletter and as details of the tour are received they will be passed on to you. Many thanks to you all!

Wynne Anderson & Rhonda Kroehnert

**Members** — please always use our post office box no. (N283, Grosvenor Street PO) when writing, and quote membership no. at all times!

It will help efficiency in the FF office greatly if we are advised promptly of any changes of address and telephone numbers.

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

			<b>Posted</b>
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<b>T-SHIRTS</b>	<i>Navy or white or gold (please specify size)</i> .....	\$6.50	\$7.90
<b>TEA TOWELS</b>	<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
<b>TIES</b>	<i>(members only)</i> .....	\$12.50	\$13.50
<b>SOUVENIR SPOONS</b>	<i>Sugar Spoons, Fluted Spoons and Cake Forks, Tea Caddy Spoons</i> .....	\$2.50	\$3.50
<b>KEY RINGS</b>	.....	\$2.50	\$3.50
<b>PAPER KNIVES</b>	.....	\$3.00	\$4.00
<b>CAR STICKERS</b>	.....	\$1.00	\$1.50
<b>CHARTS</b>	<i>Voyage of the First Fleet</i> .....	\$5.50	\$6.50
	<i>Maps of Old Sydney</i> .....	\$3.00	\$4.00
<b>PLACEMATS</b>	<i>Individually</i> .....	\$2.00	\$3.00
	<i>Packet of 4</i> .....	\$7.00	\$8.00

### PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

<b>Early FF JOURNALS</b>	<i>(3 editions) Package and Postage 50¢ each - Set of 4 in N.S.W. 80¢, interstate 90¢</i>		
<b>"COMPILING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY"</b>		\$5.00	\$6.00
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<b>"THE FIRST FLEETERS"</b>	<i>by Fildon and Ryan (list of all First Fleeters)</i>	\$4.50	\$5.50
<b>"PIONEERS OF PORTLAND HEAD"</b>	<i>by R. M. Arndell</i>	\$20.00	\$23.00
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### NAME BARS

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

<b>MEMBER'S NAME AND</b>	ONE First Fleeters' Name .....	\$4.00	\$5.00
	TWO First Fleeters' Names .....	\$4.50	\$5.00
	THREE First Fleeters' Names .....	\$5.00	\$6.00
	FOUR First Fleeters' Names .....	\$5.50	\$6.50

#### HELPERS WANTED!

The FF Office urgently requires more helpers during the day. This is your chance to get to know other members better and find out more about the workings of the Fellowship. Please contact 29 8007.

### SPORTING SUCCESSES

Congratulations to Robert Waldon, son of Mrs. Zena Waldon (Peter Hibbs) of Wheeler Heights.

With other disabled persons, Robert has been competing at the Cerebral Palsy World Games in Belgium, where he has won 2 gold medals. One was for the 100 metres freestyle event, a new world record and the other for the 50 metre freestyle event. Robert already has four gold medals he won at the New York Disabled Games held 2 years ago.

Congratulations to Georgina Parkes (Thomas Arndell) on winning a gold medal for the 200 metres backstroke

swimming event at the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games. Georgina is the daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Barry Parkes of Bayview. Well done, Georgina!

### FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS DISPLAY

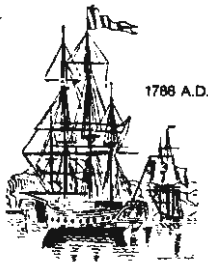
The management of the Commonwealth Bank in Barrack Street, Sydney has invited the Fellowship to produce a display in the foyer of the bank from Monday 25 August to Friday 5 September, during banking hours.

The Bank building was the first building to be erected in Sydney as a savings bank. Built in 1850, in Barrack Lane, it formed the southern perimeter of the Barracks Square, the other boundaries being George St. to the east, Jamison St. to the north and Clarence St. to the west.

We are very pleased at being invited to have this display in such an historic building. Do bring your family to see it.

A. Clarke

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our 18th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at Bowral on September 21st last was an unqualified success. 129 Members and Associates signed in.

At this Meeting, your Executive for the coming year was elected and we welcome the following new members to that body :

Mr Lloyd Allchin  
Mrs Vicki Lamb

Mrs Shirley Beale  
Mr Jim McLean

Mrs Pat Gilmour  
Mrs Pam Quick

Former President, Mr Frank Everingham, steps into the position of Vice-President. Shirley Beale has taken on the task as Treasurer and we look forward to the contribution that she and the new members will make to the furthering of the ideals of the Fellowship.

Mr Eric Blair, who has been our Auditor for a number of years, has intimated that he will continue as Hon. Auditor until the date of Incorporation, which should be January 1st, 1987. Eric's association with the Fellowship goes back many years and we are indebted to him for his endeavours on our behalf.

On Wednesday, 10 September, at History House, the watercolour which was the gift to the Fellowship from the Artist, Tom Silk, was unveiled at an evening Ceremony. It is now proudly hanging in the F F F Rooms.

The Executive, at its August Meeting, decided to allow enquiries and information to be transmitted within First Fleet Families upon the receipt of a stamped, self-addressed envelope. In this regard, it would be appropriate if Family Societies would advise the Editor of a contact name or of possible restrictions in making this information available.

The Newsletter is to be presented in a new format which, the Committee is confident, will be well received. There will be new columns introduced gradually, the first of which will be LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (please keep them short) and SEARCH & RESEARCH). One will allow members to air their views, the other, it is hoped, will engender among members a greater interest in genealogy, family history, local history and Australian history.

Peter Christian

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**STOP PRESS**

Owing to the delay in launching date of Iris Nesdale's latest historical work, "**The Fettered & The Free**", pre-publication offer enclosed has been extended to 20 December 1986. Don't miss out on a copy - make a promise for Christmas!!! Should be on the shelves in January '87.

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**MORE ABOUT BOOKS**

"ASSISTANT SURGEON THOMAS ARNDELL - THE MAN HE WAS NOT". (Marjorie Raven). Having carried out careful and extensive research, Marjorie Raven has completed her first book on Asst. Surgeon Thomas Arndell claiming absolute proof that he was not of the Arundell of Wardour family in England before he arrived on the First Fleet. Interesting reading and available from Mrs Raven, 7 Griffin Avenue, Bexley, 2207 for \$12, including packing and postage.

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Readers of "The Australians" series will be saddened to learn that the author, Vivienne Stuart (as William Stuart Long) died in August in England. A great loss to her many fans.

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**FROM THE LIBRARIAN**

Our Honorary Librarian, Janette Beard (John Nichols), would like to thank the John Nichols Family Society for donating to the Fellowship library, a set of biographical notes for each of the family's nine branches, produced for their recent reunion at Cronulla.

Some other newsletters currently being received by the FFF Library are Tunks Talk, Fishburn Family Newsletter, Small Family Bulletin, The William Roberts & Kezia Brown Family Newsletter as well as the John Nichols Family Society Newsletter.

Janette would be pleased to receive copies of similar published notes and newsletters from other FFF families.

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Please let us know if you hear of any new publications which may interest members.

Our families are hungry for news - all snippets are welcome.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 1986 AT 7.00PM**

President's Reception for new members — in the Club Rooms, 3rd Floor, The Assembly Building, 44 Margaret Street, City. Everyone is most welcome to come to meet the President and other members of the Fellowship and enjoy refreshments, at the same time getting to know one another.

No Charge

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**FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER 86, 7. for 7.30 PM**

**FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS DINNER**

to be held at the NEW SOUTH WALES LEAGUES CLUB, Phillip Street, Sydney. The function will be held on the mezzanin level, therefore it is more convenient to enter from Elizabeth Street.

Numbers are virtually unlimited — make up parties of family and friends.

\$17 per head

RSVP to Miss Alice Clarke, Tel 428 4530  
or to FFF Office, 29 8007

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**MONDAY, 26 JANUARY 1987, 7.30 PM**

Come and celebrate the 199th Anniversary of the arrival of the First Fleet at our

**F F F AUSTRALIA DAY DINNER**

on Monday, 26 January 1987

at The Menzies Hotel, Carrington Street, Sydney (in the heart of Sydney) at 7.30 pm.

Public Transport close by  
Car Parking available

Make up a table of family and friends or come individually and meet other F F F members. New friendships are always made.

Tickets : \$35 single  
\$70 double

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Living in the country, I make only short visits to Sydney to visit my family. As a direct descendant, on the maternal side, of William Broughton, I should take a greater interest in his life and accomplishments.

With this in mind, I believe that each Newsletter should carry an article on the life of one or more First Fleeters so that a history could be built up. I could produce a good story on Broughton, mostly fact, some could be fiction handed down through generations and altered or embellished to suit the story teller.

Facts could be checked and, no doubt, much useful information recorded and many historical facts may come to light and some good stories told.

I am no great authority on F F F being a newer member and living in the country. My idea may have been used before and rejected.

(sgd) David M Garland (2491)

ED: Thank you Mr Garland. Your suggestion is what we are looking for. Every family has something to tell!

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On 22 June 1986, the Fredk. Meredith Descendents Group held a gathering to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the death of Frederick Meredith.

As a major part of the day it had been decided to place a plaque recording the occasion on the headstone in the Liverpool Pioneer's Park in a style to complement that already attached by the FFF. I asked Doug Oakes' advice and, from the first phone call Doug volunteered his expertise. That the day was such a success is, in no small way, as a result of Doug's assistance. The purpose of this letter is to thank Doug from the Frederick Meredith Committee and to bring to the notice of the F F F the true Fellowship shown by their executive.

(sgd) Ken Meredith

ED: Thank you Mr Meredith for a bouquet. We don't get many and so it is doubly nice to hear from you. Yes, Doug and the other committees do a grand job.

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I enjoy reading the Newsletter and would like to make a suggestion. The features about the First Fleeters are always interesting. I think it would be wonderful if a book could be printed, if possible, covering all the people on the First Fleet, containing these short, interesting stories. Would also love a pen and ink sketch of our emblem to frame, or a black and white copy. If others are interested, perhaps the Fellowship could consider selling these too.

(sgd) Mrs Shohan Baxter

ED: Again, two very good suggestions. Perhaps there is an artist who might submit the sketch??? We do sell a book, "The First Fleeters", which has a good many articles in it.

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ANOTHER DATE TO REMEMBER

The Wednesday Afternoon Auxiliary is arranging a Christmas function for 3/12/86 and would like suggestions. Please address to Mary Hope Caten at the Office 29 8007.

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There is an incredible amount of information and articles of interest, obituaries, jottings, the new committee, SEARCH & RESEARCH that we simply have no space to print in this Newsletter. There will be lots of Christmas reading in the December one.