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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The past few months have been a settling in time at First Fleet House, and the Executive hopes to make some improvements before the official opening. There is evidence of rising damp, urgent painting to the outside and the main meeting room needs to be done, in addition to matters of lighting and security. We have installed an efficient Commodore telephone system with two lines.. 360-3977 and 3988, (We tried for 1788 and 1988) and we are getting ready for our computer. Our Bicentennial grant for the computer should come through at any time.

His Excellency, The Governor of N.S.W. ,Sir James Rowland has kindly consented to open First Fleet House at a ceremony on the 2nd July next. This day, Saturday and Sunday the 3rd July will be Open Days for Fellowship members and friends (or spouses) The opening ceremony, of necessity, will have to be limited in numbers, but from mid-day onwards we shall endeavour to show off our new home to all.

The Buy a Brick Fund has already brought in some \$3,000, which has gone towards the reduction of our mortgage. Please keep the donations coming in, all donors will be registered in a special volume and any amount is appreciated.

Our Acting Treasurer, Jean Monk, unfortunately had to resign due to ill health and her position has been taken by Norma Millard. We are grateful to Norma for stepping in to this exacting position, she is being assisted by Yvonne Bentley, Norma Cummings and Linda Pallet. We have also been forced into the position of employing a most competent book keeper Mrs Nancy Garnsey in a temporary capacity, to have our books ready for the Annual Audit. I now make an urgent appeal for any member with the required expertise to take on the position as Treasurer. All you will need is a sense of humour, plenty of patience, tact and an ability to get along with people. Have we any takers?

It is possible that the Annual General meeting will be held on the last Saturday in September and at a venue in Sydney. This is subject to ratification by the Executive and an announcement will be made in the next Newsletter.

I am pleased to announce that Miss Rhonda Kroehnert has consented to act as Acting Editor of the F.F. Newsletter. For some time now, I have taken on this task, which, with other duties as President, I have found that it has become somewhat arduous, although exceedingly rewarding from the beautiful letters I have received from quite a number of you out there. We shall endeavour to get the publication dates back into "kilter" as they are, at the moment, two to three weeks behind, due not to tardiness, but to the Bicentennial celebrations and the move to our own headquarters.

The publication of the Memorandum and Articles of Association will soon be ready for posting to each financial member. We will also be sending, before the end of the financial year, a new Certificate of Membership. Would you all now prepare for the next issue of the Newsletter, early July, to send in your subscriptions for the year 1988/9. Your renewal will be vital to the running of your organization, and, if may make a suggestion, how about bringing one member of your family into the Fellowship?

Congratulations are in order to member Stephen Mutch, who is now the Hon. Stephen Mutch M.L.C. Stephen is a descendant of Edward Whitton and a nephew of the renowned gentle Tom Mutch who was also a member of the State Parliament.

Finally, may I say that there are times when our overworked membership Committee is confronted face to face, with a problem. The latest one has been the subject of one, Edward Powell, a supposed First Fleeter. Two of his descendants had produced, it was thought, sufficient documentation to prove he was a First Fleeter. Indeed his name appeared on a number of charts.... but... we know he arrived in the Second Fleet "Lady Juliana" and returned later in the "Bellona" We have not sighted any primary records to show that he did in fact arrive in 1788. The clue to this lies in the publication "Historical Records of Australia". Joyce Cowell had the unenviable task of telling Ed. Powell's descendants, that they are unable to join our ranks, they could, as fate would have it, join under the name of Robert Forrester F.F. The ball is now in their court!!!

We still have a number of items left out of this issue... Oh that we could produce a 15 page journal!!!!

IN FELLOWSHIP,
Peter Christian

FROM THE CANBERRA CHAPTER

Again our local chapter has been busy. Our President Pat Gilmore addressed the Canberra Heraldry and Genealogy Society at their monthly meeting, 2 March.

Three Committee members Meryl Smith, Gordon and Helen Palmer were received by the Governor General on the 5 February. Sir Ninian showed great interest in the Fellowship and local chapter and especially in the Palmer connection with Yarralumla and Admiralty House.

An evening with three guest speakers was held in the Griffin Centre Canberra on Tuesday 19 April. Our Committee member Mr Laurie Copping spoke on the Kable Family; Mr Grahame Thom, President of the Canberra Heraldry and Genealogy Society spoke on the Chelsea Pensioners and Mr Alan Fitzgerald from the NCDC spoke on the early local history of the Limestone Plains.

The Chapter organized a display of First Fleet Material and this has been shown in the local Kingston and Erindale Public Libraries. Please note that the Annual General Meeting will take place 7.30 pm the Griffin Centre, 28 June. All are invited.

Meryl Smith

"OLD BALMAIN" CONNECTION

The Balmain Bicentennial Committee have invited about 20 First Fleeters to afternoon tea at the "Watch House" 179 Darling St. Balmain on Sunday, 19th June, 1988. If your descendants were connected with Balmain in the early days of the Colony and you would like to attend, please send details to Pam Quick, FFF office, 105 Cathedral St. Woolloomooloo, 2011.

The band of the 23rd Field Royal Artillery will be in attendance, Naval cadets will row some of the Balmain descendants ashore, and Rotary will be placing some plaques on historical buildings. Unfortunately, numbers are limited to afternoon tea, but all First Fleeters are welcome to attend the festivities from 2.00-4.00pm, in Colonial costume if possible.

WEDNESDAY DAYTIME AUXILIARY.

At our March meeting, it was decided we use the \$150 we raised last year from outings and donations to purchase chairs for our new premises. We were able to buy six stackable steel framed brown chairs with beige leatherette vinyl padded seats and backs. Our thanks to all who supported us.

The Auxiliary meets on the 1st Wednesday of each alternate month and our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 6th at First Fleet House at 1.30pm. The guest speaker will be Mrs Mary Nilsson, M.S.I.D.A. and her subject is "Interior Decoration from 1788 to To-Day" Mrs Nilsson's book, "Decorating Australian Houses" will be available for purchase on that day at the reduced price of \$21.00.

Mary Hope-Caten
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AUSTRALIA WEEK AT NORFOLK SCHOOL.

Henry and Susannah Kable and Elizabeth Pulley, who were imprisoned together in Norwich Castle Norfolk England, were remembered by the teachers and children of Dereham Church Middle School Norfolk in January when pupils participated in a special Australia Week.

Humanities teacher Mrs. Chris Watts wrote to the fellowship requesting further information on the Norfolk

First Fleeters. Photographs of their graves and copies of early documents etc. were sent over by Kable and Pulley (Rope) descendants.

In a letter of appreciation Mrs. Watts sent cuttings from local papers and a photograph of the display.

For Australia Day, the children sat down to an imaginative meal of spiny ant eaters, duck-billed platypus kangaroo and boomerang biscuits. At an assembly a hymn was sung to the tune of "Waltzing Matilda" 2 songs sung about Australian animals and the children listened to an Aboriginal song. They were also told of and Elizabeth Pulley whose descendants are living today. Visits were also made to the Castle Museum to see the Australian mammal display and the dungeons.

Guest speakers during the week included the regional chairman of the Britain Australian Bicentennial Committee, Mr G. Eve. Mr B. Kelsey a local historian. and Mr. N. Arber Norwich Castle Museum's display officer.

The School has applied for a link with a school in Australia through the Britain Australia Bicentennial Committee which will involve an exchange of letters and photographs as part of their humanities curriculum and their Australia Norfolk connections.

Mary Hope-Caten.

BITS AND PIECES.

We understand that the Kable Descendants in Cairns had a successful celebration in Bridgmead St Park on the 26th January last. Some 32 members of the family were present to share in the Bicentennial excitement.

The Strathfield District Historical Society is intending to hold a Pioneers' Function at Strathfield Town Hall on September 9th next. Those First Fleeters with ties to the early settlement of Liberty Plains will be warmly welcomed to this celebration. Contact Lucy Stone OAM, Hon Sec. Strathfield Dist. Historical Society, P.O. Box 117 Strathfield 2135.

REGIMENT OF REDCOAT DESCENDANTS

Membership of this body is open to all whose ancestor served with the British Army in Australia 1788 to 1870, including the Marines. A special Church Parade will be held in memory of Military Pioneers at the Garrison Church in August. For further details ring Major Harry Healy or his wife Janet.... (02) 5466780.

Appreciation is due from all members to the Wednesday Auxiliary and the Norfolk Island "Pilgrims" for the donation to First Fleet House of new chairs.

Over the past months several Family books have been donated to the Fellowship. Included in these are "Our Begattings" by Kath Lenthall, "Cross... His Mark" by Lorraine Prothero and "Devon to Down Under" story of the Hicks Family by Betty Nigel Hicks and Mavis Hicks Stuart. A valuable acquisition to the library is also the recently published Lucas-Gascoigne Family book by Rhonda Kroehnert and Betty Tabor.

An appreciation of these publications will appear in a future Newsletter.

A number of First Fleeters remarked favourably on the Tuso banner which has appeared at a number of our gatherings. If any Family group is contemplating the purchase of a banner, Grant Healy who designed, and

made, both the Tuso Marching banner and the Tuso picnic banner, will be only too pleased to advise. He may be contacted at Art and Signs Studio, King Georges Rd, South Hurstville, ph (02) 5462755

The Northern Rivers Chapter has sent a list of Office Bearers. This Chapter, centered on Lismore has been particularly active. The committee consists of President Lionel Phelps (Regional Director of Education, North Coast Area). Vice-Presidents. Hilda Jackson and Allen Findlay Secretary/Treasurer Bruce Greig. Publicity Officer Merv Richens.

We wish them well in their endeavours.

Amanda and Hayley Costin, grandchildren of Mr Brian Riddiford No 4671 have been chosen by the Gladstone Bicentennial Committee to make a presentation to Mr Peter Gladstone, descendant of British Prime Minister William Ewart Gladstone, when he visits that city in Queensland in May.

A ladies cardigan was left in the rooms at First Fleet House last March. would the owner please collect same.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE 1988-89

Nominations are now open for the various positions on the Executive of the Fellowship. Those wishing to nominate for positions must be financial members of the Fellowship (not Associates), their nomination signed by a Proposer and Secunder (both financial FFF members, and consented in writing, by the Nominee. A curriculum vitae of not more than 75 words may accompany the nomination for publication. A statement of age for those over the age of 72 years must be made in accordance with Company Law Act. Retiring Officers and members of the Executive are eligible for re-election without formal nomination. The positions are... President, Two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and a committee of not more than 15. We are in urgent, most urgent need of a Treasurer and as Pam Quick has expressed the desire to step down as Secretary, to put her energies into our computerization, we need a Secretary. There will be a number of vacancies also on the Executive Committee. Nominations will close on the First Wednesday in July, in order that voting papers may be prepared for the Annual General Meeting in SEPTEMBER.

A FIRST FLEETER NEARS HER CENTURY. GRACE CRAMERI FF EDWARD WHITTON.

Agnes Grace Crameri, of Sylvania Waters was born in Condobolin on 31st August 1888. Grace was the eldest of five children born to Emmaline (nee Dawson and Stephen Byrnes, a mail contractor.

For the first six years of her life Grace was educated, along with a younger sister by a governess on the family property, "Brooklyn". She began her formal education at Condobolin Convent. She was a keen horsewoman and each day drove to school by her horse and sulky. Her schooling was completed at St. Joseph's, Perthville near Bathurst NSW. Grace moved first, to Sydney and then Walgett about 1914, and it was in that town that she met Peter Antonio Crameri, a telegraphist of Swiss parentage. They were married in Young NSW and as Peter was a relieving post-

master they had many moves including Hay, Lake Cargillico, Mt. Hope, Bulligal, Narrabri, Newcastle, Gunnedah, Curlcwis, Brushgrove, Cooranbong and Kogarah. They had 5 children, Alfred, Beryl, Pat, Shirley and Stanley. Grace was widowed in 1943.

She has 18 Grandchildren and 19 Great Grandchildren.

At its April Meeting the Executive decided to confer Honorary Life Membership on Mrs Agnes Grace Crameri and it is envisaged that the presentation will be made to her at our Open Day on July 2nd next. Edward Whitton, Convict, "Scarborough" would have been very proud of his Twentieth Century descendant.

THE NORFOLK ISLAND BICENTENIAL PILGRIMAGE.

The long awaited trip to Norfolk Is. has come and gone. We had a Party of one hundred and eleven people, mostly from all states of the Commonwealth, and of various ages. We think that we can say with conviction that a great time was had by all of us, judging by the response that we have received. We made one large family - we came from all walks of life and we were of varying age groups.... but.. we all had one thing in common.

The Re-Enactment ceremony at Emily Bay was great and the ceremony of the unveiling of our plaque by the Governor-General was also successful. Much interest was shown by members in the plots of land allocated to one's forebears including the Cavanaugh land. The people of the island were most hospitable and seemed to have been caught up in the genealogy of their forebears. Even New Zealanders, who were visiting the island were endeavouring to find connections with a First Fleeter!!

On behalf of all of the pilgrims may we re-iterate.... Norfolk was beautiful, the weather superb, the Re-enactment unsurpassed, and above all, the company was great.

Wynne Anderson and Rhonda Kroehnert... signing off.

May 1, on behalf of the membership, thank Wynne and Rhonda for their combined efforts in this pilgrimage to a First Fleet sacred site. All who participated brought back with them, many wonderful memories. The Fellowship is indebted to you all for the presentation of the arms of Norfolk Island which will grace the walls of First Fleet House, and also the framed photographs of the memorial plaques on the Island.... Thank you once again Wynne and Rhonda and also for the gift of chairs for First Fleet House... a gift from the Lucas Family.

In Fellowship..... Peter.

~ STOP PRESS ~

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AROUND THE TREES



NATHANIEL LUCAS AND OLIVIA GASCOIGNE.

The Bicentennial Re-union and Launching of the family book of the descendants of Nathaniel and Olivia, held at the Mint Courtyard, Macquarie St, Sydney on the 24th January, last, saw an attendance of over 500 people. Descendants from every state in the Commonwealth and also Papua-New Guinea attended. We were honoured by the presence of Professor Russell Ward, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of New England, who launched the book, Mr and Mrs Peter Christian and the members of the Colonial Re-Enactment Club who dressed as Rum Corps Soldiers and wenches. It was unfortunate that it rained all morning, but that did not dampen the spirits of those present. Many thanks to those who helped on the day. The book which is titled "Nathaniel and Olivia - The Lucas Family" is still available at \$30.00 per copy plus \$5.00 postage and handling costs, from Rhonda Kroehnert, 14 Fitzpatrick St, Casula N.S.W. 2170. Enquiries phone 02-6024657, weekends only.

RHONDA AND BETTY.

WILLIAM BROUGHTON - A Smorgasbord Luncheon will be held for descendants of William Broughton at Mt. Broughton Country Resort, Sutton Forest NSW near Moss Vale on the 7th August next commencing at 11.30 am. For details please contact Mr Bill Broughton, to confirm numbers Ph 02-4766390

THOMAS ARNDELL - Descendants of Thomas Arndell are invited to a Family Re-union to be held at the Cattai State Recreation Reserve on Sunday 12th June next from 12 noon. This will be preceded by a church service at the Ebenezer Church at IOam. After the BYO picnic at Cattai, there will be an opportunity to view historical displays in the old homestead.

Further details from Seton Arndell ph 02-8691307

THOMAS ARNDELL. An announcement of Marj Raven's new book on this First Fleeter.

The publication - ASSISTANT SURGEON THOMAS ARNDELL - THE MAN HE WAS - by Marjorie Raven, is now available. It covers his ancestry in England from his Great-great-grandparents to himself, including his brother, cousin and uncle; there is a photocopy of his baptism entry and the church in which he was baptised, photocopies of Marriage Bonds and Allegations, Wills, Letters of Administration and Inventories, all transcribed, Freedoms of the City of London, signed East India Company receipts, appropriate maps and other miscellaneous items, 196 pages in all.

This is the result of ten years' research and is being offered

for the actual cost of the production of the book and the 1 1/4 metre Family Tree which accompanies it.

The price of the book with the Family Tree is \$38.50, posted to Sydney suburbs it will be \$42.00, posted to country and interstate it will be \$45.00.

The first publication - ASSISTANT SURGEON THOMAS ARNDELL - THE MAN HE WAS - is also available, having been re-printed. The cost of this book is \$12.00 plus \$3.00 postage.

Marjorie Raven - 7 Griffin Avenue, Bexley, 2207.

SAMUEL PICKETT - The descendants of Samuel Pickett F.F. are invited to a Family Re-union to be held on October 1988. Details from Lorraine Nelson ph 02-4983915.

JOSEPH WRIGHT - The descendants of Joseph Wright F.F. held an enjoyable Family union at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College on the 9th and 10th April last. Despite unfavourable weather conditions, family members came from Tasmania, Sth Australia, and Victoria to join NSW members in social activities planned for the week-end. Some 350 people were present on the Saturday and 200 of these stayed at the College over-night to spend Sunday in further activities. The mammoth task in arranging this week-end was undertaken by Marilyn White and Winsome Bradshaw and all family members extend them grateful thanks.

WILLIAM ROBERTS - The William Roberts & Kezia Brown Family Association will be holding its 1988 Bicentennial Reunion on Sunday, 25th September, 1988 in the Macquarie Room, Community Centre, Windsor, from 11.00 a.m. to 4.00p.m. All descendants of William Roberts who arrived in the "Scarborough" in 1788 and his wife Kezia Brown who arrived in "Neptune" 1790, and their families, are invited to attend the reunion. There will be a small charge per family. Bring your own lunch, photographs, family information and cameras. A biographic history of William and Kezia and their descendants is about to be printed and will be available for sale at the reunion as well as other souvenir items such as coffee mugs, car stickers, bookmarks, notepaper and T-shirt motifs.

Children of William and Kezia Roberts were;

WILLIAM born 1791, unmarried
MARY born 1793, m. Richard HOLLAND - 9 children
SARAH born 1795, m. Thomas SILK - 12 children
JAMES born 1798, m. Elizabeth JOHN - 9 children
JOHN born 1801, m. Elizabeth CARLISLE - 7 children
ROBERT born 1803, m. Elizabeth BOOTLE - 8 children
MARIA born 1805, m. Henry FORRESTER - no issue
HARRIET born 1807, m. 1) William HEYWOOD - no known issue
2) Thomas YOUNG
ANN born 1809, m. John PRIMROSE - 12 children
EDWARD born 1813, m. Mary GOUGH - 13 children

2nd Generation Names;

MELVILLE, HUDSON, LANE, WINDRED, RHODES, TEMPLETON, BYRAM, MOSES, THOMSON, BOOTLE, ANDERSON, EZZY, EVERINGHAM, EGGLETON, SWORDS, DAVIS, DOUGLASS, DRUITT, MOORE, WEBSTER, MILLER, O'BRIEN, OGG, PENDERGAST.

3rd Generation Names.

FREEMAN, BUTTSWORTH, EATHER, TEBBUTT, MURRY, JACKSON, ROBERTSON, SMITH, CUNEEN, SOMERS, BELLDEN, FARLOW, RICHARDSON, PEARCE, DRUITT, BYERS, ELLIOTT, WHITE, BUCHANAN, BEDFORD, CHAMBERLAIN, ONUS,

STEPHENSON, ABIGAIL, ELVIN, HENDERSON, ALLEN, RAE, GRAHAM, BOWRA, GRACIE, HUTCHESON, SHORROCKS, NAUGHTON, REEVES, FLETCHER, MURRAY, UNDERWOOD, COWAN, PACKER.

For further details about the reunion and joining the family association please contact: Shirley Harper (02)344-8437 (Secretary) Nancy Reynolds (048)61-1258 (Treasurer) Lorna Darwen (045)77-4161

GEORGE JOHNSTON AND ESTHER ABRAHAMS. Would all members of this family of First Fleeters please contact Peter Johnston, C/- P.O. Box 470 Neutral Bay 2089 NSW, in regard to a proposed Family Re-Union to be held 1st September or October 1988. Peter is appealing for donations to defray expenses and requests names and addresses of other descendants and their position in the Family Tree. Peter, in his screed, rightly makes the observation that, "time tends to loose the bonds of kinship" and he concludes "we all look forward to meeting you, - tightening the bonds of relationship and honouring our ancestors". The Fellowship of First Fleeters looks forward to fostering this concept and will be only too willing to help in any way possible the formation of Family Associations and Re-unions.

THOMAS AND JANE ROSE FAMILY SOCIETY - Though not a First Fleet Family many members are First Fleeters and Roy Ross, Member No 4602, has sent a well documented and interesting report on the Third Family Re-Union held at Wilberforce on 27th March 1988. There were 1800 members of the family present, including two from the USA and one from London. Thomas Rose built "Rose Cottage" in about 1811 and this now forms part of Australiana Village and is included in the National Trust Register. A visit was also made to St. Johns Cemetery, Wilberforce to view the magnificent restoration of the family headstones in that place. The Fellowship congratulates the Rose Family Society, and in particular George and Roy Rose for their endeavours in bringing family history to the fore, and in doing so, have made a statement for Posterity about our heritage.

ALL FIRST FLEET FAMILIES - Some time ago there was an insert with your Newsletter from The Library of Australian History, re a book by Mollie Gillen called "The Founders of Australia" which is intended as a Biographical Dictionary of the First Fleet. The directors of the firm have written to us requesting any information from our individual research which may contain facts about their forebear in the colony, not published in the past. Please write with any details to The Library of Australian History, P.O. BOX 795 North Sydney NSW 2060.

PLAQUE DEDICATION SERVICES.

Doug Oakes, our Graves Convenor, has forwarded the following reports:

SATURDAY 5th March 1988 - Mary (Allen) Martin Goulburn NSW. Prior to our Plaque Dedication service on this day, a number of our members together with descendants of Mary Martin, were present at the Eucharist and Dedication and Hallowing of the Bells by Dr Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury. The Bells so consecrated, were named after ships of the First Fleet and we deemed it a privilege to be at this very colourful service. In the afternoon quite a crowd of First Fleeters and Family members

assembled at the old Church of England Cemetery quite close to the walls of Goulburn Gaol for the plaque dedication. Amongst the special guests were, the Dean of Goulburn, The Very Rev. Ron Moon, the Mayor of Goulburn, Ald, Tony Lamotta, The President of the Goulburn Historical Society, Mr Stephen Tazewell, and two "cousins" sisters from the United States, both descendants of Mary Martin sisters namely Mrs Mary Polizzotto and Mrs Nora Kolmer, both having made a special trip from New York to be with us on this day. Mary's speech on her ancestor will be found on another page in this issue. Ald Lamotta in his speech, thanked the Fellowship for the commemoration of one of its more famous citizens, (i.e. a First Fleeter) and the Dean dedicated the plaque. The service concluded with the singing of the Australian National Anthem. We must place on record our gratitude to Mr Stephen Tazewell for his efforts in having the grave restored and also to Mary and Nora, not only for their financial help and information supplied on the history of Mary Martin, but for their hospitality in arranging a magnificent dinner later that evening at a Goulburn motel. Toasts were made and gifts exchanged, and I am sure that Mary, and Nora took back to the States with them a small piece of the land where their much revered forebear became Matriarch of a wonderful family.

SUNDAY 27th March 1988. - SYDNEY TOWN HALL. The day started at St. Andrew's Cathedral where one of our Executive Members, Suzanne Stanton read the lesson. It was also of interest to note that the Cathedral Authorities placed the Fellowship banner on the Pulpit. A large crowd assembled in Sydney Square, between the Cathedral and the Town Hall for the plaque dedication service. Speakers included our President, Peter Christian, Miss Alice Clarke representing the Bloodworth Association, Mr Robert Irving, President of The Royal Australian Historical Society, The Very Rev. Lance Shilton, Dean of Sydney and Mr John Randall who represented the Chief Commissioner Sir Eric Neal. The service ended with an impromptu rendition by an apparent member of the Cathedral congregation, of Kipling's Recessional Hymn. After the service a Bloodworth Family Re-union was held which included a wreath laying ceremony.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENT - I did receive one letter expressing in a rather forceful way dissatisfaction on a number of issues re this plaque and the ceremony. Last year both Doug and myself were shown two places where we had permission from the old City Council, to place the said memorial. One was in a position where it could be obviously vandalized and, more to the point, it was in a situation more hidden than the present site. This site is above the entrance to the Lower Town Hall, albeit, not exactly to the forefront, but nevertheless we have a plaque on the Town Hall which will last as long as that edifice stands. The said plaque is situated at the entrance to the lower Town Hall directly opposite the side entrance to the Cathedral. Have a look at it when next you are in the city, it is not an afterthought, it is not an insult, it is a lasting memorial to all of those First Fleeters, known and unknown who were buried close by.
Peter Christian.

SUNDAY 17th April 1988 - St MATTHEW'S CHURCH WINDSOR. A large crowd was in attendance for the two plaque ceremonies which followed the service of morning Prayer at St. Matthews. The headstone of First Fleeter, Daniel Barnet was our first dedication service and Mr Max Foster a sixth generation descendant gave an informative speech on his First Fleeter. Rex Stubbs, representing the Shire President unveiled the plaque after the Rector of the

parish, the Rev. John Butler had said prayers of dedication. The second ceremony was held at the gateway at Greenway Cres. where a larger plaque had been affixed to the wall in memory of all First Fleeters, known and unknown who were interred nearby. Again the Rector and Councillor Stubbs participated and the Fellowship and Executive wishes to record appreciation to all who participated in these historic ceremonies.

PLAQUE DEDICATION SERVICES... THE FUTURE.

SUNDAY June 5th 1988 - St. John's Cemetery, Wilberforce. This ceremony will commence at 3 p.m. the plaque being unveiled on the Columbarium within the church grounds. Those participating in the service will be the Rector, The Rev. Peter Clarke and the Shire President of the Hawkesbury Council, Councillor J. Horrex. We only know of three First Fleeters buried in the cemetery, namely, Phillip Devine obit 9.12.1821... Matthew James Everingham obit 25.12.1812, and Catherine Moore (nee Johnson) obit May 1838. We have already placed small plaques on the tombs of these abovementioned pioneers but this larger plaque will be a wider memorial to all in the area who arrived with Captain Arthur Phillip in the First Fleet. A warm welcome will be accorded to all descendants not only of the abovementioned First Fleeters, but all who have some connection with the Hawkesbury Pioneers.

SUNDAY June 26th 1988 - Botany Pioneer Park, Matraville. At the pedestrian entrance of the Pioneer Memorial Park, a plaque has been placed by the kind permission of the Botany Cemetery Trust to all First Fleeters interred in this Cemetery. We have also placed a plaque on the tombstone of John Trace, which had been located in the area some years ago. Ald. Scullion, Mayor of Randwick has kindly consented to unveil the plaques and Executive Member, Jim Donohue will give a speech on the history of Botany Cemetery. It will be a day for Genealogy, and the Cape Banks Family History Society will install a tent adjacent to the area, not only for genealogical enquiries but also for afternoon teas. Please note this day in your diaries, as we hope there will be a good turnout of First Fleeters, many of whose forebears lay buried in unmarked graves in this cemetery.

SUNDAY 24th July 1988 - Liverpool Pioneer Park, Liverpool. At 3 p.m. we will be privileged to welcome the Mayor of Liverpool, Ald. Casey Conway, in joining with us to unveil a Memorial Plaque on the Service Building within the Park, to the memory of all First Fleeters interred originally in the old cemetery. The Rector of St. Lukes, Liverpool, the Rev. James Ramsay will also participate. In the Liverpool district we have already honoured Eleanor Fraser, William Broughton and Nathaniel Lucas, and we welcome all members to join with us in this ceremony.

October 28th to November 6th 1988 - Venue TASMANIA, This pilgrimage will take the form of a bus trip through Tasmania, and the dedication of plaques in that State. The Bishop of Tasmania, The Rt. Rev. Phillip Newell has already consented to dedicate our Memorial Plaques in St. David's Park, Hobart; General plaques will also be dedicated at St. Mary's, Kempton, Broadlands Park, East Launceston, Christ Church, Longford, St. Matthew's, Rokeby and the old Methodist Church at Magra. Smaller plaques will be placed on the graves of the following First Fleeters..... Lt. David Collins, Jacob Bellett, George Guest, Daniel Stanfield, Elizabeth Flexmore, James Morrisby, Edward Kimberly, Elizabeth King, Eleanor Wainwright (Gay) and Mary Stevens. It is to be hoped that we will take a large contingent to Tasmania, it will be an interesting and

informative trip. The total cost is \$1400.00 and a deposit of \$100.00 is required. All travelling costs are included, Dinner, Bed and Breakfasts at the luxurious Four Seasons group of motels in the island. Also, A.A.T., our agents, have assured us that the side trips for the Plaque Dedication ceremonies will not mean a deletion of the normal sightseeing stopovers on the itinerary. Why not make a booking with us on this most important and historical tour of Tasmania? To book, ring the office on 360-3788 or 360-3988 on any Friday.

Doug Oakes,
Graves Convenor.

SPEECH BY MRS MARY POLIZZOTTO AT THE PLAQUE DEDICATION OF MARY (ALLEN) MARTIN

March 5, 1988 Goulburn, NSW, Australia

I would like to thank Reverend Moon for approving the placing of this plaque, Mayor Lamarra for sharing this day with us, To Peter and Fellowship of First Fleeters for the conceiving of the plaque and for inviting me to speak and special thanks to Doug Oakes the Graves Convenor for his work.

I know every speaker tells their audience how delighted she is to be with them and I will follow tradition by saying the same: I am genuinely delighted to be here with you. My sister, Nora, and I have been Pursuing our ancestors for over 10 years. Many friends and family members admit they don't understand our fascination with dead relatives. One evening Nora and I were leaning over the dining room table which was covered with research papers and books. Magnifying glass in hand Nora was studying a map of England and I was taking notes. My brother-in-law happened upon us. He was amused at our intensity and took the opportunity to tease us. He said, "You can stop your research tonight because I have the ultimate solution to your search - Adam and Eve." It's not the names and dates that we uncover that are the reward of our research as much the learning and the experiences that we enjoy along the way. To be given an opportunity, like this one, to bring recognition to one of our ancestors is one of those rewarding experiences that I could speak of for hours... but I promise you I won't.

Since early childhood, I knew that one of my great grandmothers came from Australia but of Australia I knew very little. I knew it was on the other side of the world from my childhood home in New Jersey and I knew that Sydney was an important city.

The first time I flew over Sydney Harbor I was so excited. Facing a city I had longed to see was exhilarating. I wonder how those people felt two hundred years ago entering that same harbor. Mary Allen Martin was one of the 227 women on the First Fleet. Since only about 10 per cent of the women were wives of the military you would be right to assume that Mary Allen had been transported. Transportation - there's a touchy subject... a paradoxical event! Mary Allen Martin was tried and convicted of robbing items valued at 72 shillings. It does not matter now, whether she was guilty or innocent - I thank the English government for transporting her to New South Wales. When Captain Arthur Phillip slipped into Sydney Cove in 1788, an important link in my ancestral chain was forged.

I know the way the sun bounces off the Sydney Harbor Bridge, the clean lines of the skyscrapers, the colorful sails that so often dot the harbor and the form of the Opera House. It is difficult to imagine what Sydney Cove must have looked like to a 23 year old girl on the deck of the Lady

Penrhyn. The opening lines of "Tale of Two Cities" could have been penned about that day in Port Jackson... "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us."

No one can fully describe or give the essence of another human being - not even one they have lived with - so much the harder it is to help you to 'know' a woman who died 144 years ago. I can recite dates and places and circumstances but I can only deduce character. To have survived the journey from Portsmouth to Port Jackson was a feat in itself. To have lived here for another 55 years speaks to her physical strength and her will to survive.

Coming from one of the worst slum areas in London, Mary was used to being surrounded by throngs of strangers. Now she had to adjust to a continent where there were fewer people than lived in her London neighborhood. Now she had to depend on these people for her survival. The limitless expanses of the bush must have seemed eerie... frightening. She lived on her ship for the first month at Port Jackson and then under a lean-to. Rations were not generous. Everyone that was able had to work..As C.H. Bertie pointed out, the streets of Sydney were originally laid out by the feet of Mary and her associates following the least tiring path from one place to another. Her shoes wore out from walking on the rough ground. She wasn't dressed for the climate and her inappropriate clothes soon became tattered. The summer was hotter than anything she had ever known. She had to accustom herself to the sun's heat, the irregularity of the rainfall, the nature of the soil, the unfamiliar vegetation and animals and the absence of the clearly defined seasons that had imposed a familiar tempo to her life back in London. She was a city girl and Sydney was not yet a city. She certainly had to make adjustments to survive.

Historians have pointed out that the standards of morality and the definitions of marriage in Sydney Cove differed greatly from today. A convict woman needed unusual strength of character not to be crushed and sometimes she needed to take unusual steps to survive. After 18 months at Port Jackson, Mary This child was fathered by a sailor, Frederick Meredith. The child died before her second birthday. Mary's pain over losing her first born would not have been diminished by the circumstances of her birth. With the coming of the Second Fleet, Mary found a protector in Edward Pales. She delivered to him four daughters between 1792 and 1798. No mention of him can be found after 1801 when he was listed as a convict with Absolute Pardon, who had received a ticket of leave. Perhaps he died; perhaps he returned to England. Whichever, Mary was left to raise her daughters on her own. The same year, 1801, Mary suffered the death of a second daughter.

Shortly after that Mary moved out to Hawkesbury. She married John Martin and delivered a son in 1805. They rented 8 acres in Windsor where they raised corn, barley and wheat. Unfortunately John Martin died seven years later leaving Mary a widow with four children. She managed to raise her children with the help of government assistance.

As Mary Allen Martin grew older she lived with or near her son, Thomas and her youngest daughter, Ann. She died in the old township age 78. I presume Ann's home which is now known as Riversdale. I believe that God was with her through her life. She did not lead a charmed life but she knew joy and she lived to see her children and grandchildren prosper. Ironically, because she was

transported she was able to offer her children and grandchildren more opportunities than the young Mary Allen could have imagined.

The poem "Old Botany Bay" by Dame Mary Gilmore states, "The Nation was because of me" Mary Allen Martin could have said this herself when reflecting on her descendants. Her children and grandchildren married convicts, and children of convicts. They married assisted immigrants and free settlers. Her son-in-law began the building of Riversdale and after his death her daughter saw the building completed and ran that inn 150 years ago. Over the years the descendants of Mary Allen Martin have been involved in all aspects of Australia's growth. From the granddaughter who went to a gold mining town as a teacher to a grandson who was an innkeeper... from a blacksmith to a cabinet maker to an auto dealer... from a telegraph operator to a computer programmer to a ballet teacher... from accountants to a bank manager to a farmer to an architect... doctors, nurses, chemists, dentists, professors and a clergyman all can claim Mary Allen Martin as an ancestor. Some of her descendants - with the brims of the digger hats turned up - fought bravely in both World Wars. One descendant was secretary to the Postmaster General. A grandson was Goulburn town clerk. One descendant was bandmaster for the Goulburn Volunteer Rifles. A great grandson was a member of Parliament and another was the founder of the Goulburn Musical and Opera Society and an organist in St. Saviours.

I hope the preceding list doesn't sound like the man bragging that he could trace his family back to a witness to the signing of the Magna Carta. His Jewish companion brought him down to size when he reminded him that one of his ancestors was there at the writing of the Ten Commandments.

Your ancestors may have come to Australia seeking a better life or perhaps they, too, were transported and found a good life. I hope you seek out your ancestors and learn from them. Mortimer J. Adler said, "...there is no point in our ancestors speaking to us unless we know how to listen." If I listen - I hear Mary Allen Martin saying, "Don't judge yourself by your present situation but by what you do with it." I think Mary Allen Martin did very well with the situation presented to her.

The stationery of the Fellowship of First Fleeters states: "To live on in the hearts and minds of descendants is never to die." Mary Allen Martin lives on in my mind and my heart. Eternal life grant unto her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

MEMBERS' QUERIES.

Has any member information on one, John Wise, a marine in Capt. Meredith's company ("Friendship")? He could be the father of Matilda Wise who married Joseph Cox at St. John's, Launceston 28.4.1822. please write to... Mrs Lyn Phillips, 13 Pine St., Kirwan, Townsville NQ 4814.

Information received on any of the following persons.... Mary Byrnes (Burns), had a sister Ellen, Mother of William Smith born Parramatta Female Factory 7.12.1830. Also William Smith, father of the above child. William Walker (wife, Mary Ann Munks) lived in Windsor area 1841. Please contact Beverley Humphries, 95 McLean St, Coolangatta Qld 4225. Beverley would also like to contact any First Fleeter on the Gold Coast re a Chapter forming there.

Would some kind member or members help the following First Fleeters?... Walter and Val Bowerman 11 Fiona Ave, Castle Hill, ph 6344294, would be most grateful for a loan of negatives, or to purchase prints of the celebrations of the

9th and 26th January last. Their roll of film was returned blank. John Crees would like to purchase prints or seek the 10an of negatives of the Australia Day Eve Dinner at the Wentworth. John took some shots but they didn't turn out at all. His address is Mr. John Crees, 2 McDonald St, Moffatt Beach, Caloundra Qld 4551.. (would Val and John please let me know the outcome of this, Peter)

CONDOLENCES

Deepest sympathy is offered to the families of the following:

Alice Jean Payne No.762 FF Andrew Fishburn - died 5.2.88
May Bradney, Associate - died 28.2.88
Edmund Frazer at the War Veterans Village, aged 92 yrs died 6.3.88

BIRTHS

Amanda Joy Holliday. FF Thomas Kidney on 3.3.88, daughter of Julie and Tim (R.A.N.) and granddaughter of Betty and Noel Martin.
Rohan Alexander Danis-Cox, on 8.3.88, son of Don and Sema Cox. FF Henry Cable and Susannah Holmes.

DIAMOND WEDDING.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Jack Cross who have just completed 60 years of married life. Jack is a descendant of John Cross.

FAMILY GATHERING OF ANN FORBES AND LYDIA (LETITIA) MUNRO AT WINDSOR 30/1/1988

To all those descendants and associates who came along to Windsor to make the day such a wonderful experience and climax to our Bicentenary, I wish to say "Thank you". Especially those who delayed their return home to distant places.

We had well over 200 present (more than the number of women convicts who came out in the First Fleet) and what a lot of swapping of information and discussion ensued. Two convoys of cars made their way to the Cemetery of St. Peter's Church at Richmond to visit the headstone and grave of Thomas Huxley (alias Thomas Jones of the Salamander 1791) the husband of Ann Forbes.

Although it was only necessary to stay on the Windsor to Richmond Rd, somehow one or two managed not to find their way. Thank heavens you weren't navigating the First Fleet. We'll sort you out before the Quadcentenary!

I think all managed to find their way back by midday when we all gathered in the grandstand at McQuade Park, Windsor and reviewed our family history. (and watch out for any-one who got his facts wrong!)

It was interesting to hear the details from Mr Sid Lake on how he came across the original manuscripts in London recording the trial of Ann and Lydia. These were kept rolled up like a large scroll and measured about 4 metres long when unravelled . From these manuscripts he was able to get photo copies, which he has generously shared around. Seven descendents of Lydia Munro came in period costume and especially stayed in Sydney after Australia Day to be with us. One of Lydia's descendants Mr Kevin Richardson told us about Lydia. How she and Andrew Goodwin (Scarborough 1788) went to Norfolk Island with Ann Forbes on the Sirius #nd farmed there. Surprisingly there was a mysterious return to Sydney of about 6 months, however they departed Norfolk Island forever in 1807 to farm on the Derwent.

N.B. We now know that Ann Forbes was not the last of the

First Fleet convicts to die in Australia, as Lydia Munro died on 29.6.1856.

As we know Ann Forbes and Lydia Munro were taken into custody for the theft of a piece of printed cotton material of 10 yards and as June Tobin (a Lydia descendant) who was very beautifully costumed in an outfit typical of the wealthy fashionable ladies of the day pointed out: "June's dress represented about the magnitude of the material stolen." For that Ann and Lydia were sentenced to hang. It is interesting to note that in the same trial documents, a murderer was fined sixpence and given 3 days in gaol. As it turned out however, Ann and Lydia were the lucky ones and were reprieved for the privilege of coming to N.S.W. on the First Fleet. After Ann came back to Sydney from N.I. on the Daedalus in 1794 with her husband William Dring and their two daughters, there has been no recorded contact between the two families until the last couple of years. So we were so pleased to come together on Saturday 30/1/1988.

The guest speaker was Mr Doug Huxley of New Lambton Newcastle who presented us with the details of his accumulated research on the early family history. In particular on the dilemma we have in trying to work out which of 3 (?) Thomas Jones who came out on the Salamander is the correct alias, that Thomas Huxley used, to hide his origins when he became a convict.

Thank you Doug for a fine effort. It would be great to have a book out one day from you.

After lunch we all made our way to Sackville Cemetery. Here we attended a dedication ceremony commemorating that place as special, because it is the resting place of many pioneers of the Hawkesbury River Settlement and in particular the First Fleeters Ann Forbes and Owen Cavanaugh, and perhaps others not known to us.

Our special thanks to the Fellowship of First Fleeters and in particular Peter Christian (President), and Doug Oakes, (Graves Committee) for their interest and effort in arranging for the plaque to be affixed to the memorial cairn.

To all those who came "Thank You for your support" and to those who could not make it because of illness or other commitments "we hope you recover soon and look forward to your presence on some future occasion."

Overheard was the remark " What a great day, I made so many new friends." and in fact the assembly reflected the descent of 9 out of 10 of the possible surviving children of Ann Forbes.

We'll have a committee to plan and coordinate for future functions: so please contact any of the following who I am sure will only be too happy to listen to your requests or suggestions or provide you with information:-

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I look forward to another happy gathering in the future, just as it used to be on the "Oxbrough" (Hawkesbury) in years past. Bruce Arnett, 211 Targo Road, Girraween. Ph.(02) 6363440. (Ann Huxley)