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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Bicentennial year drew to a close with members of the fellowship celebrating the event in the presence of our distinguished member and Patron, His Excellency Sir David Martin, Governor of New South Wales accompanied by his charming wife Lady Martin.

During the course of the evening the Governor presented Life Membership Badges to Joyce Cowell, Barbara Townsend and Doug Oakes. In Turn, it was my privilege to present to His Excellency, His Bicentennial Certificate of Membership and an Fellowship of First Fleeters Bicentennial Medalion.

Vice President, Miss Alice Clarke presented the address of welcome to the Governor at Government House on the 20th January last. On that day also, it was announced that His Excellency had consented to becoming the Patron of the Fellowship of First Fleeters. The fellowship received a rather belated invitation to the Australia Day Ceremonies held at the Opera House Forecourt on the morning of the 26th January. We still managed to more than fill our allotted positions, in more or less a place of Honour in the front of the main podium. Next year we shall be better organised to have our own procession and hopefully in-

sist on the recognition which should be rightfully ours on the day! My wife and I represented the fellowship at a luncheon after the Australia Day Ceremonies and also at a State Reception at Darling Harbour later in the afternoon.

Secretary Pam Quick and her husband Barry represented the fellowship at the opening of Bicentennial Park in the Kurungai Shire.

On Saturday 26th November last the Executive entertained representatives of several Historical and Genealogical Societies at First Fleet House. The purpose of this exercise was mainly to show organisations which have similar interests, what we were doing as far as Australian History and Genealogy were concerned. It also showed that we were keen to exchange ideas along similar parameters of interest.

The Tunks Descendants Committee met at First Fleet House on Saturday 3rd December last. Whilst the fellowship does not seek remuneration from its family organisations, none the less, it is grateful for the donation to funds from the Tunks Descendants Association. Perhaps of interest to all members, that at that meeting, Peter Christian and Joyce Cowell were elected (most unwillingly!!!) President and Vice-Presi-

dent respectively of The Tunks Descendants Association.

On Friday, 16th December last we celebrated an early Christmas with Wine and "bickies" at First Fleet House and dinner afterwards at a nearby restaurant. The first part of the evening was a resounding success - one which we shall certainly put on again in the near future - but the last part of the evening left much to be desired. The food was fairly good - the service was appalling - we will not appear there again.

On Saturday 19th December last a delegation consisting of myself, Pam Quick and Joyce Cowell, attended the inauguration of a memorial, at Rockdale, on the shore of Botany Bay, to all first fleeters, the names of whom are inscribed, for what we hope, for eternity, on a brass cylindrical plaque. Those who spoke at this ceremony included the Local Member and former Premier, Barrie Unsworth, the former chairman of The New South Wales Bicentennial Council, Mr Gerry Gleeson, Mr Jonathan King and myself. It is envisaged that the monument will be unveiled sometime in March/April. We hope we will be advised in time for the Newsletter - please keep in touch with the office, say early April for the dedication date.

**The FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS OFFICE
is now open: MON - FRI. 10am - 3pm.**

Apropos to the above, member Warren Bulloch has written a letter addressed to the Tricentennial Councils of Sydney and the President of the Fellowship of First Fleeters, which will be placed in a time capsule to be opened in 2088. The letter concluded "May I take this opportunity to wish all Australians celebrating 2088, a most successful and enjoyable Tricentenary and I do earnestly pray that the magnificent feat of seamanship and colonisation by both bonded and free that founded modern Australia in 1788, is given full recognition during your celebrations"

Signed. Warren Bulloch

(F.F. Joseph Tuzo, "Scarborough")

Warren, congratulations and I hope that my successor in 2088 will say "Gee they must have been beaut Australians 100 years ago"!!! Other than our 201st Birthday celebrations, the only other ceremony to report is the Annual Pioneers Service at Holy Trinity, The Rocks. I was privileged to read the first lesson (some 30 paragraphs). We could have had a better First Fleeter attendance -the Smalls were there in force. After the service we made a pilgrimage to the First Fleet Memorial at Circular Quay. The Memorial in the form of 2 chains had been vandalised and taken away for restoration. Hopefully the memorial will be restored, together with the First Fleeters Fellowship logo which has been prised off the adjacent plinth, in time for a proposed celebration next year, to include the placing of wreaths and flowers in memory of not only First Fleeters, but all early pioneers. Next year you will be invited to place a flower with the name of your

nominated pioneer on this memorial. It will be Sunday 28th January 1990. Please make this day free.

I have been asked by a number of old and new members to explain the reason for the inclusion of a liability of \$100.00 in the new joining forms. Whilst all members are liable to the tune of that amount, if we, as an organisation become insolvent (The Executive would have preferred the sum of \$20.00) the Corporate Affairs Commission has ruled the said amount, but all members would be more likely to receive a sum of money, as our primary asset, First Fleet House would have more than doubled the original purchase price of \$144,000.00. While we are on that subject - how about buying some more bricks?

Our Calligraphers have been very busy with the new certificates. This may be your last chance to obtain a unique, rare and valuable family heirloom. If you are a financial member send particulars of your descendant and your full name and F.F. number and we will do the rest. If you have not renewed your membership do so now with above details plus renewal cheque and we will send your exclusive 1988 Fellowship of First Fleeters Certificate.

In conclusion may I commend four publications to you. I have just completed reading "A Women Of The House" by Wilma Strudwick. It's a story of 3 generations of a first fleeter. It could have been yours or mine. Wilga is to be congratulated for a fine effort. It was a book I couldn't put down and thoroughly enjoyed.

*Another member, Cecil Herbert has written a fine book on "First Fleeter, John Herbert - His Life and Times" - available from our office.

* An intriguing book is available from First Fleet House, called "Parramatta Bicentenary; Australia" - Terrific value for \$11.50 Post.Incl. This publication has 120 colonial type engravings, logograms, maps and a host of biographies. The author, Collin Rivett reckons that "more emphasis should be placed on the importance of The First Fleet as square one on Australia's Graph-board of Western Culture." All members will enjoy this book - we have ample stocks.

Last but not least, one final piece of news that I would like to pass on, is that The Penrith City Council has produced an excellent volume called "Dharug and Dungaree". Anyone with links in the Penrith - South Creek area would certainly be interested in this book. ONLY available from Penrith City Council (See Book Column).

It seems I have had quite a bit to report to you all in this edition of the Newsletter. May I commend to you, especially those who fortunately are within "striking distance" of Sydney, our Wednesday auxiliary which meets on the 1st Wednesday of each 2nd month. Please ring the office for details. The executive has also determined that we shall have some activity each month - one at "First Fleet House" alternating with an outside activity. Please contact us for any future activities.

IN FELLOWSHIP. PETER CHRISTIAN.

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**SPEECH GIVEN BY THE
PRESIDENT AT THE AUSTRALIA
DAY EVE DINNER**

25th January, 1989.

"THE DAY WE CELEBRATE"

Your Excellency, Lady Martin, Distinguished Guests, Fellow First Fleeters, Ladies and Gentlemen.

May I preface this most important toast with a First Fleet Story which touches upon the forebears of a few First Fleeters assembled here this evening. It is a sad story of a goat, one which belonged to a certain Lieut. George Johnston. On the 19th May 1788, two convicts Anthony Rope and Elizabeth Pulley were married and a week later a wedding supper was held and the main course - "Sea Pie" (a casserole of goat meat) resulted in them being charged with the purloining of Lt. Johnston's goat. In his defence Anthony Rope claimed that he had found the goat quite dead on a rock, as if it had been attacked by some savage beast. The charge was dismissed. No doubt, that Anthony gave Lt. Johnston a wide berth in later years. Whilst we leave the Rope - Pulley family to celebrate the marriage of their 1st arrivals, we, the descendants of all first fleeters indeed celebrate the fact that both families settled. Lt. Johnston with his beloved Esther and 8 children and Anthony and Elizabeth and their 8 children. (2 subsequent books have been written on these families.)

Dr Craig Smee in his book entitled "First Fleet Families of Australia" puts it so well, when he writes, in the preface of the book: "But whatever the circumstances of their arrival, the First Fleeters planted the seed of the native born, who soon acquired a character which is both different in nature from their origins in England, and similar to each other in their new adopted land. A character with characteristics such a self reliance, initiative and a sense of fair play". Those who came later integrated, and even up to this generation, we may well celebrate the fact that many First Fleeters Families are becoming a microcosm of ethnic Australia.

We rejoice also in the fact that many family histories were published in our bicentennial year and it is indeed pleasing to note, that several of those books published tended to highlight the fact that not only First Fleet convicts, but many who followed, once settled, led a law-abiding useful life. This in itself gives us another reason to celebrate. Robert Hughes in his "Fatal Shore", in the introduction to the book more or less states that, the offspring of the convicts, contrary to some theory of "Genetic Criminal Inheritance" turned out to form one of the most law-abiding societies in the world. It is a pity that Robert Hughes did not complete an in depth study of at least some of the F.F. convicts. Any theory of G.C.I. would cer-

tainly put paid to my family!! (I can claim 8 convict ancestors and my wife and I hasten to add a study of them has not shown any recidivists)!!!!.

In passing, after his book was launched, Robert Hughes bemoaned the fact that there was no memorial planned for First Fleet convicts. My executive was far from happy that a differentiation was made between the "fettered and the free". Congratulations to Rockdale Council for the planned erection of an Obelisk on the shores of Botany Bay which inscribes the names of ALL known First Fleeters. This memorial will be dedicated in April and congratulations to our member Warren Bulloch (F.F. Joseph Tuzo) for his part in this project.

The day we celebrate seems to have a varied effect not only within the media but among quite a number of fellow Australians. Recently an article appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald "200 years of lies". Put together by a brash young author who obviously had little or no conception of Australian history and succeeded in getting my "Hackles" up in his 1st and 2nd paragraph, when he made the statement that January 1788 saw the invasion of this land by Arthur Phillip and his horde of Georgian louts. My reply to the Herald was not printed - in retrospect I should have allowed for a longer cooling off period!!

As late as October last a Sydney Morning Herald reporter requested that I produce a member who had discovered that His/Her First Fleeter was a murderer! "Sorry" was my reply no murderers, rapist or terrorists on the first fleet just ordinary shoplifters, pickpockets and ladies of quality!!! He was obviously disappointed, none of those wonderful stories of our forebears bounded or free was worth a mention. Little did he know that the forebears of the founder of his newspaper were convicts and may I add convicts of whom descendants are intensely proud, and again we celebrate this day with them!!

Our Centennial Year in 1888 was celebrated in a most restrained fashion - convict ancestry was definitely a social hindrance - 1938 our sesquicentenary year was celebrated in an atmosphere of free "settlers" only came first - convicts were still an embarrassment. Our Bicentennial- convicts came into their own as long as they remained convicts. As long as there was a so called "Human Interest" story, for instance, I had been requested prior to 1988 to bring forth the following:- A baker descended from a baker, A bricklayer descended from a bricklayer, a gardener descended from a gardener etc. When I was requested to produce a convict descended from a convict that was the end. So maybe in the year 2088 we may have matured sufficiently and I firmly believe that likely - that all Australians will celebrate the day. The

founding of a nation by those who came as outcasts not as invaders and will be remembered as pioneers.

Advance Australia Fair.

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen the toast the day we celebrate.

**INTRODUCTION OF OUR PATRON
AS GUEST SPEAKER BY THE
PRESIDENT**

25th January, 1989.

His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir David Martin K.C.M.A., A.O., Governor of New South Wales is the first descendant of a person to arrive in Australia aboard the First Fleet, to be Governor of New South Wales. Indeed the last time a First Fleeter occupied such a position was on 28th July, 1808 and on that occasion Major George Johnston ceased to administer the Colony - a position he had held from 26th January 1808 the 20th anniversary of Australia Day and the day when, at the height of the Rum Rebellion, he had led the overthrow of Governor William Bligh. His Excellency is a direct descendant of that same First Fleeter, George Johnston.

While his ancestor was a Marine, His Excellency has maintained the naval connection by distinguished service in the Royal Australian Navy including being Flag Officer Commanding Naval Support Command until his retirement in February 1988. It is truly a family tradition for George Johnston's son Robert was the first Australian born person to join, in 1805, the Royal Navy. The father of His Excellency was Commander W.H. Martin who was killed in action as Commander of H.M.A.S. Perth in 1942. Of more recent vintage his son is a Lieutenant in the Royal Australian Navy and his son-in-law is Lieutenant V.E.B. Di Pietro R.A.N.

Indeed he is the 8th naval Governor and 34th Governor of New South Wales. Surprisingly, after the Bligh experience it would be almost 100 years before another naval officer would be appointed as Governor - Admiral Sir Harry Rawson in 1902.

If these connections were not sufficient, it should also be added, for that additional colour which everyday life can provide, that amongst the many addresses (up to 17 I'm told) which His Excellency and Lady Martin have called home was one posting for a number of years to Portsmouth - the place of embarkation of our ancestors.

Colour too is to be found with His Excellency's other First Fleeter - the raven haired Jewess, Esther Abrahams, but if her story is to be told now no time would be left for her descendant, our member and patron, Sir David Martin.

FELLOWSHIP BICENTENNIAL PILGRIMAGE TO TASMANIA

OCT 28 - NOV 5 1988.
PART TWO.

In our last issue of the newsletter the pilgrims had reached Scamander on the North-East Coast of Tasmania. Here, all were to meet up with the tour bus except Peter who was to drive our hired mini bus back to Hobart. Before our next plaque service, which was to take place at Rokeby on Tuesday 1st November, members were to tour the east coast of the island, staying at Port Arthur on the Monday evening.

ST MATTHEW'S ROKEBY

Rokeby is within the Municipality of Clarence on the eastern shore of the Derwent River. Risdon Cove where the First Settlement in Van Dieman's Land occurred in 1803 in the Northern part of the Municipality. Rokeby, formerly known as Clarence Plains is named after a village in Yorkshire. The Church of St. Matthew is over 130 years old and houses the pulpit from old St. David's in Hobart in addition to the organ from that early church. Our commemorative plaque was unveiled in the church by Cr. A. Sproule, Warden of Clarence and was duly dedicated by the Rector, The Rev. Fr. David Edmondson. First Fleeters buried in the churchyard and having extant tombstones were Edward Kimberley and James Morrisby. Members Freda Grey and Vic Morrisby spoke of the lives of their respective First Fleet Ancestors prior to the unveiling and dedication of First Fleet Plaques attached to the tombstones. Photographs having been taken, flag and banner rolled up we reluctantly took our leave of this beautiful setting - yet another sacred place in the hearts and minds of many descendants of those First Fleeters interred here.

ST. DAVID'S MEMORIAL PARK, HOBART.

Wednesday, the 2nd of November (all souls day) a fitting day to remember the many First Fleeters buried in this now beautiful park.

This was the original burial ground of Hobart Town, the first burial occurring in April 1804.

A memorial cairn stands in the centre of the park noting the fact that many pioneers of Van Dieman's Land were buried nearby. Under the original plaque, is set our own Fellowship Memorial, noting the fact that many First Fleeters were buried nearby. The first ceremony, that of the unveiling of

this plaque, consisted of speeches by our president and Chris Williams, a descendant of Joshua Peck F.F. and Bartholomew Rardon F.F. who gave an outline of the lives of his ancestors. The Lord Mayor of Hobart, Ald. Doone Kennedy unveiled the memorial, which was then dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Tasmania, the Rt. Rev. P.K. Newell. Our next ceremony was at the imposing Granite Block Memorial to Colonel David Collins, First Fleeter and the first Lieutenant Governor of Van Dieman's Land.

Doug Oakes gave an outline of the life of David Collins, the Lord Mayor unveiled our First Fleeter Plaque which the Bishop proceeded to dedicate. This dedication included those plaques placed on the restored tombstones of First Fleeters, Jacob Bellett, George Guest and Daniel Standfield. These three are now grouped in a semi-circle of headstones at the rear of the park to form a memorial wall. It is claimed that over 40 First Fleeters were buried in this cemetery.

MAGRA -- BACK RIVER

Our sixth and final service was held on Thursday Nov.3rd at the beautiful old Methodist Chapel and its adjacent cemetery. We were now in the region of New Norfolk so named because of the settlement of some of those evacuated from Norfolk Island in 1806-07. It is a scenic, idyllic place where the Derwent meanders through green hilly country, the banks lined with willow trees. St. Matthew's, New Norfolk, is the oldest church in Tasmania and unfortunately we did not visit this place where at least 7 First Fleeters were buried. Perhaps a memorial will be erected to their memory at a later date. Irene Schaffer has recorded them as follows:

EDWARD WESTLAKE
CONVICT *CHARLOTTE*
Buried 12-11-1828 Age 77
WILLIAM DEMPSEY
MARINE
Buried 18-10-1837 Age 80
WILLIAM EDMUNDS
CONVICT *ALEXANDER*
Buried 4-10-1843 Age 92
WILLIAM FOYLE
CONVICT *CHARLOTTE*
Buried 11-7-1847 Age 89
ABRAHAM HAND
MARINE
Buried 29-10-1834 Age 78
STEPHEN MARTIN

CONVICT *ALEXANDER*
Buried 29-10-1829 Age 81
JOHN ROUGLASS
CONVICT *SCARBOROUGH*
Buried 24-6-1837 Age 80

Magra is a few kilometres from New Norfolk - in the churchyard rests the remains of two First Fleeters, with headstones.

ELIZABETH THACKERY (KING) and ELLEN WAINWRIGHT (GUY).

Two other First Fleeters thought to be buried here were SAMUEL KING and ANN HUGHES (PATTERSON).

Our service commenced with the unveiling of the memorial plaque in the church itself. A large crowd attended including students from the local high school. President Peter, Irene Schaffer from the Genealogical Society of Tasmania spoke in the church. Cr. Peter Nowell, Warden of New Norfolk unveiled the three memorials whilst the Rev. Don Ramage said appropriate prayers.

Irene Donald made a moving speech at the dedication of Ellen Wainwright's plaque. Elizabeth Thackery's tombstone proclaimed that she was the first white woman to step ashore in Australia!!!

Before we moved off to various parts we were treated to the usual Tasmanian hospitality in the church precincts. Sue Donald F.F. Ellen Wainwright sang, accompanied by guitar, a song composed by her mother Irene entitled "The Drifting Smoke of The Mountains", beautiful words and a wonderful rendition. The fellowship was presented by Irene Donald a copy of her book "Her Blood in Our Veins" and the fellowship now has a tape of that haunting ballad by Irene.

This was our final day - the sixteen pilgrims left to continue the tour of the island. Peter flew back to Sydney that afternoon.

In all six large commemorative plaques were installed in memory of well over 100 First Fleeters. Ten smaller plaques were placed on extant headstones. Thus our Bicentennial Tasmanian Project was completed. Our appreciation to the many folk who helped us undertake this task, the co-operation and hospitality accorded to us by our Tasmanian kinsfolk was greatly appreciated and really contributed to the success of the trip.

PETER AND DOUG

APPRECIATION

May I on behalf of the fellowship sincerely thank all who contributed to the success of this pilgrimage. To Doug Oakes, who ensured that everything was in its place and speakers were organised and ready also Alice Clarke who had the unenviable task of organising the tour buses and hire cars etc. Our heart felt thanks.

PETER.

SPEECH GIVEN BY MRS FREDA GREY.

DESCENDANT OF EDWARD KIMBERLEY AT
ST. MATTHEW'S, ROKEBY, TASMANIA.

TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER, 1988.

I am well acquainted with St. Matthew's Church, for many of my fathers family are buried here, back to his great-grandfather, William Richardson, who had come with David Collins in 1804. I have known plenty of Morrisby's, but until two years ago had never heard of Edward Kimberley.

For more than thirty years I had been collecting information on both sides of the family and my children insisted that my first retirement project was to compile these notes in a way that they would not be lost to future generations.

I had heard of the "Fellowship of First Fleeters" for I had been corresponding with Norma Cunningham and active fellowship member for sometime. William Richardson Junior had married Grace Larsom, the grand-daughter of First Fleeter Thomas Kidner, from whom Norma was descended, but as I was very much Tasmanian born and bred, I never gave a passing thought to the possibility of being able to join this exclusive group, as we were reminded on Saturday. After copies of the Richardson family were suitably compiled and wrapped ready to be included in the family Christmas parcels I decided to follow back on my mothers side. Two unbelievable surprises awaited me. Firstly, I was going to find myself standing right back at St. Matthew's in the spot I had just left and secondly my mother was descended from a First Fleeter.

I had heard many tales of Great-grandmother Hannah Wilcock Young, and Richmond, but it was a task and a half to get further back, as I was working on an all female line. I had Anne and Charles Wilcock on my list of possibilities but as we all know, sometimes it is almost impossible to make a link. Eventually the breakthrough came and I found that James, the son of Anne and Charles, was Hannah's father, he was Grandson of James Lord a very colourful Calcutta convict. Her mother was Fanny Nichols, daughter of William Melmer Nichols whose family were settlers with Collins in 1804. Her mother, Hannah Kimberley had come from Norfolk Island with

her parents and her father was Edward Kimberley - First Fleeter.

I don't think there could have been anything to thrill the family more than to find that, as the Bicentennial celebrations approached, that they were a First Fleeter family.

All will appreciate how hard we worked to find out as much as we could in the few months before Australia Day.

Once you are certain of the line back to your forebear then you start to ask all those other questions. Where did they come from?

What did they do? What sort of person were they?

We found that Edward Kimberley was from Lillington near Coventry, where in March 1783, at the age of 21, he had stolen several parcels of muslin from Mrs Lewis the Milliner. He was sentenced to seven years. When more than half way through his sentence, he was sent aboard the "Scarborough" to become a First Fleeter.

We surmise that the next three years were spent around Port Jackson learning to survive in this completely unfamiliar place. Eventually the Second Fleet arrived and among the "useless women" aboard the "Lady Juliana" was Mary Cavanaugh, who at the age of 10, had stolen 5 yards of printed cotton from John Watson the Draper.

In October, 1791 Edward and Mary were married and joined the group on the "Atlantic" going to Norfolk Island. Edward Kimberley would have been a free man by this time, and with his thirteen year old wife, took up farming. By 1800 he had become a constable though he still seems to have some land which is now the Norfolk Island airport.

After reading the Chief Gaolers Recollections of Norfolk Island, you start to think that perhaps you would rather not claim this forebear. Jones stated that "Ted Kimberley was a bright, intelligent Irishman, who thought convicts no better than heathens unfit to grace the earth. He thought women were born for the convenience of men". Jones described how Kimberley has chased a married women convict around with an axe trying to persuade her to go and live with him, before he reported her, and went on to tell of a flogging that Kimberley was attending, and how he had refused to take over, as the convict was a women. Grandfather said he did not flog women, and told Foveaux so. At least you think he drew the line somewhere, and took a big chance telling the commandant NO!, he could have found himself changing places with the women. But then Jones goes on to tell how Edward Kimberley was quite prepared to incinerate the Irish convicts when it was thought that they may join the passing French ships. Then you ask, why would an Irishman born near Coventry be

prepared to kill other Irishmen? Perhaps after so long Jones did not "recollect" very well.

Mary and Edward and their four children were among those who left Norfolk Island on the "City of Edinburgh" in September, 1808 for resettlement on the Derwent. They were granted 140 acres at Rokeby where the Police Academy now stands. Edward Kimberley became the District Constable.

It always amazes me how much information has been recorded, and without an Australia Card too. Commissioner Bigge interviewed Edward Kimberley in 1820 and this gives an amazing insight into the times. You have the feeling that Kimberley was a man totally accepting his lot. He describes his life very briefly but from it you have a very different picture from that given by the Chief Gaoler.

Edward Kimberley seems a very "ordinary" man, who for the third time faced a new place and again had to provide for his family. Many of his sheep were killed by the Aborigines, 500 at one time, but this he also seemed to accept, he still had 160 sheep and 80 horned cattle, he said. His grain did well, if the ground was rested and worked properly.

There was a weekly muster of convicts on Sundays. He agreed with Bigge that it was a time for passing on news, especially about their masters, but as the convicts were only in groups of 5 or 6 he thought no harm was done. The convicts could not afford to buy rum at the public house at 16/- a bottle, so drink was no problem.

His convicts worked well, so did those belonging to his sons. All watched them closely and although the convicts slept in the barn they ate with the family. This he said also saved double cooking. Knopwood of course had many visits to the Kimberley's over the years and recorded them in his diary. The annual general musters were held at Kimberley's cottage and Knopwood went with the Governor and other officials, the party even dined there. One can imagine the preparation when the Governor and his party were coming to lunch.

Edward Kimberley left Mary well provided for. She was to have the cottage and the garden and 50 pounds a year to live on and a team of oxen "sufficient to provide wood and water". Daniel Stanfield his son-in-law was to have the two acres that the Mill was standing on, and the other land was to eventually go to his son. All the property was to be equally divided between his four children, Maria Stanfield, Hannah Nichols, William Kimberley and Mary Lackey.

The Rev. Robert Knopwood gives us a delightful picture of the day Edward Kimberley was buried here at St. Matthew's. He records in his diary that "at 9 he crossed the water to bury old Mr. Kimberley. They detained him till passed 4 o'clock before

they came. A great many people attended the funeral. He rode to Muddy Plains and dined at 7 with Mr. Busby". Poor "Bobby Knopwood", he probably spent the day sitting on a log under the shade of the huge blue gums. The funeral was on Friday, 29th December, 1829 just after four. Edward Kimberley was one of the very early burials in St. Matthew's before the church was built. Apart from the family of Stanfields, Nichols, Kimberley's and Lackeys, you wonder who else was among the crowd. No doubt there were many Morrisby's, as well as other Norfolk Island friends, Mary and Edward Busby could well have been there, after all Mary (McAuley) had come with Collins too, and lived at Muddy Plains since about 1815 if not before. William and Elizabeth Richardson would have known the Kimberley's well, and may well have been in the crowd.

My only regret for today, is that my mother is not here to see this plaque unveiled with the family gathered around, as my father was when the Richardsons gathered and asked him to unveil the plaque to his Great-grandparents at Easter in the Bicentennial Year.

Edward Kimberley may have thought that women were only born for the convenience of men, but he left a line of very strong women to follow him and as the sixth generation on this female line I am sure there are many more to follow.

**SPEECH GIVEN BY DOUG OAKES
AT ST.DAVID'S PARK, HOBART,
TASMANIA.**

WEDNESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER, 1988.
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DAVID COLLINS:
1756-1810
RESEARCH FROM FELLOWSHIP ARCHIVES.

David Collins was born on the 3rd March, 1756 in London, being the third of eight children for Arthur and Harriet Collins. In 1770 at 14 years of age, he joined his father's division as an ensign. In 1771 he was promoted to second lieutenant. He served firstly on the HMS Southhampton and in 1775 was involved in the famous Battle of Bunkers Hill, Charlestown, North America. By 1776 he was stationed at Halifax, Nova Scotia, as a first lieutenant. On the 13th June, 1777 at the Church of St. Paul, Halifax, he married Maria Proctor.

By 1780 he had been promoted to a Captain and in 1783 he was retired on half pay. His father persuaded him to accept appointment to the expedition to Botany Bay. David Collins was commissioned Deputy Judge-Advocate of the new colony. He sailed on the First Fleet in HMS Sirius. After arriving in Botany Bay, he went with Captain Arthur Phillip to examine Port Jackson.

On 7th February, 1788 the Government was formerly inaugurated, with David Collins reading the relevant Act, Commissions and Letters Patent. David Collins was responsible for the colony's entire legal establishment, issuing all writs, summon's and processes. He formed the bench of magistrates as well as being the Governor's Secretary.

He left the colony in August, 1796. In 1798 he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and in this year, his first volume of "An Account of the English Colony in New South Wales" was published. In 1802 he was chosen to form a new settlement in Bass Straight and in 1803 David Collins was commissioned Lieutenant Governor of the proposed new dependency under the Governor of New South Wales. His salary was \$450 per annum.

He arrived at Sullivan Bay (near Sorrento) in October, 1803. In February, 1804 he arrived at Risdon where Lieutenant Bowen had already established a settlement. David Collins then moved the whole settlement to Sullivan Cove and established Hobart Town as the Island's capital. By July, 1804 he had his own house built, over 400 people huddled, his stores covered and a government farm started at Cornelian Bay.

Although he had brought enough provisions for a year, they were much damaged by many landings and exposure and had to be supplemented with kangaroo and other game. The settlement struggled along, often under reduced rations. In 1805 David Collins wrote direct to London and the Cape of Good Hope in desperation for supplies, without success. Governor Bligh rebuked him for going over his head.

In 1808 he was promoted to Colonel in the army. By October, 1808 more than 550 settlers had arrived from Norfolk Island, doubling the population. David Collins placed many of them at New Norfolk. Governor Bligh arrived at Hobart in the "Porpoise" on 30th March, 1809 and stayed until 4th January, 1810. Bligh assured Collins that he would not interfere with his administration, but he did. Governor Bligh had moved the "Porpoise" into mid-stream and later to Storm Bay Passage, where he levied on incoming ships.

David Collins died suddenly on 24th March, 1810. He was buried with full military honours on the spot intended for a church. St. David's Cathedral, Hobart bears his name. David Collins had five children. He had a daughter by his wife Maria, a daughter and son by Ann Yeates in Sydney and two other children by Margaret Edgington in Hobart. He died insolvent, leaving his widow Maria with only a pension of a Captain's widow.

**TALK GIVEN BY IRENE SCHAFFER
AT THE MAGRA (BACK RIVER)**

BICENTENNIAL PLAQUE CEREMONY,
THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER, 1988.

Norfolk Island had been home for many years to many 1st 2nd & 3rd Fleeters before they were evacuated to Van Dieman's Land in 1807-8.

The first five ships arrived with over 500 people on board, 65 of these were First Fleeters. They were followed by two more ships in 1813 that carried a further 90 people, taking them to Port Dalrymple, 8 of these were also First Fleeters.

Lt. Gov. Collins found these extra additions to his already near starving settlement a heavy burden. It was only through the efforts of some of the free settlers and convicts shooting kangaroos which kept the people alive.

Land was another problem! On arrival at the Derwent with his party from Port Phillip on the "Ocean" and the "Lady Nelson" Lt. Collins had allotted the free settlers land close to the settlement of Hobart Town, where in 4 years they were well advanced with their homes and farms. As well as there being very little suitable land close by, there was also the problem of upsetting his free settlers, as those coming from Norfolk Island were a mixture of ex Marines and convict settlers. So Collins decided to locate them land further away from the settlement. The areas were Sandy Bay, The Hills (New Norfolk), Herdsmans Cove, Pittwater and Clarence Plains.

Arriving at their new land and having to start all over again must have been heart breaking. Building new homes, fences to keep their stock in and clearing the land for crops. Some of these poor people had already done this before at Port Jackson and on Norfolk Island and were well past their youth. In the early years they were allowed stores from the Government. In an address to Governor Macquarie in 1811 signed by Dennis McCarthy, Brian Cullen, James Triffit and Abraham Hands showed how bad things must have been.

'Our Gratitude for allowing us to remain on the Kings Stores shall never efface from our memories, and our children shall be instructed as soon as their articulation commences to lisp the name of Governor Macquarie.'

For a short time the settlement of The Hills was named after the Governor's wife - Elizabeth Town - later it was changed to New Norfolk.

In May 1808 the Rev. Knopwood wrote in his diary that New Norfolk was named where all the Norfolk Islands settlers resided. From 1808 - 1814 the diary is missing. This is a pity as it would shed light on many facets of early life at New Norfolk as the Rev. Knop-

wood stayed at his house there on many occasions during his term as Magistrate.

The tiny town was to see how isolated they were with many raids from bushrangers and sheep stealers. But the town progressed and attracted many free settlers. Amongst them was a man called Samuel Guy (no connection with Thomas Guy) who arrived in Van Diemens Land with his family to settle on his 800 acres land grant on the Macquarie River, 70 miles - up country. On arrival he found it impossible to take up his land as there was no hut or shelter for his family, so he bought a brick hut and 20 acres

of land in New Norfolk and set himself up as a storekeeper.

In a letter to his brother in England in 1823 he described the settlement at New Norfolk. "The settlement is 20 miles from Hobart Town, situated on the River Derwent which is navigable to this place with boats going nearly every day. Here is a great number of settlers but most came from Norfolk Island and are much addicted to spirits which cause them to be poor and very ignorant and lazy. They crop the same ground every year with wheat by ploughing and no manure. That is astonishing, they

shouldn't get any crops for such mismanagement yet the land has been cropped for nearly 16 years and the ground is good and will produce 40 bushels to the acre".

This is where Elizabeth Thackery (then Mrs King) Ellen Wainwright (Mrs Guy) and Ann Hughes (Mrs Patterson) lived out the remainder of their lives. It is possible that they attended the service by Rev. Knopwood either at New Norfolk or Back River on the 26th December 1824 and on the 6th March 1825 when he was conducting the court as magistrate.

BITS AND PIECES.

The computer users group should be meeting sometime in February. We have been delayed because 1. We are mainly concentrating on putting membership details into the computer and 2. The few of us doing this are still feeling our way. One of the priorities for the C.U.G. will be to computerize the family records we hold.

We were sorry to learn that Norma Millard (F.F. Joseph Wright) has been on the sick list. Norma is our valued book-keeper and right hand helper to our treasurer. We miss you Norma.

Rod Best did a wonderful job as M.C. at our Annual Dinner. Rod, a former president, has been elected Chairman of the Sydney Portsmouth Sister City Committee in place of Sir David Martin who is now Governor of New South Wales.

Our President will be holidaying for a week commencing 10th April next to Surfers Paradise. He has made it known that he would like to meet members in that area.

A rather fine painting of Kingston, Norfolk Island by Nerryl Roper has been donated to First Fleet House by the Lucas/Gascoigne family. It is a fine acquisition and thanks are due to the family for the gift.

Another donation to First Fleet House was a framed group of prints of First Fleet ships by artist Frank Allen. The originals and prints are on view (and sale) at Seaways Marine Art, 75 Mullens St. Balmain, NSW until Feb. 27th next.

Enquiries please phone (02) 810-8357.

FIRST FLEET REUNION TOUR
(24th April - 14th May, 1989.)

A few places are still left on Dr. Jonathan King's exciting Historical Tour back to First Fleeter landmarks in London, Bath and Portsmouth. Historical enthusiast will at-

tend civil functions and visit many 18th Century landmarks, which will provide a unique insight into Georgian England.

Further Enquiries contact: Kerrie Primrose,

Concorde Travel
(02) 239-1788

As soon as possible.

OBITUARY OF DR. JOHN COBLEY.
Dr John Cobley, noted Australian Physician, Historian and Author of books including the five "Sydney Cove" books, died on Wednesday 4th January, 1989 aged 74 years.

Dr Cobley was a Director of Geriatrics and Rehabilitation at the Blue Mountains District and Anzac Memorial Hospital until his retirement in 1980.

EXTRACT FROM THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, 7-1-89.

"Born on August 3, 1914, John Fredrick Clair Camplin Cobley was educated at Katoomba Intermediate High School and the University of Sydney where he graduated Bachelor of Medicine.

From 1937, he undertook post graduate studies in London for two years and, in 1939, became a member of the Royal College of Physicians and was awarded a Diploma of Anaesthetics.

At the beginning of World War II he volunteered, and served from 1940 to 1946 with the Australian First Field Ambulance in Greece, Crete, the Western Desert and New Guinea. He then became the service's commander.

On March 9th, 1943, he married Margaret Sanbrook who bore him three daughters, Jan, Susan and Meglet.

Returning to Australia in 1946 - he lived in Sydney and Leura in the Blue Mountains - he practised as a consulting physician and was a visiting physician to the Royal Hospi-

tal for Women, Paddington, and a visiting clinical assistant at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

He became well known to Sydney-siders from 1966-68, presenting a series based on medical case histories, Dr John's Casebook, on ATN 7."

It was in 1960 when Dr Cobley began work on the first "Sydney Cove 1788". When he was helping one of his daughters gather information for a school project on Australian History, her research involved finding and analysing primary historical sources. He turned the information into a book and it was published in 1962.

BOOKS

"DHARUG AND DUNGAREE" THE HISTORY OF PENRITH AND ST. MARYS TO 1860.

A beautiful presented book of 368 pages, illustrated, and published in conjunction with the council of The City of Penrith.

Much of the story focuses on Anthony and Elizabeth Rope, First Fleeters, tracing their lives from the English Goals to their settlement on the Nepean. Many other early settlers are also mentioned.

Available from Penrith Council.

Private Bag No. 5
Penrith NSW 2750.

**\$34.95 (Post free in Aust.) Hardback
Edition**

**\$65.00 (Post free in Aust.) Gold
Embossed Edition.**

"The Catholics of New South Wales 1788-1820 and Their Families"

by James Hugh Donohoe.

A joint Bicentennial publication by the NSW State Archives and St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, based on sources in the

Archives of St. Mary's Cathedral, the State Archives and the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Important new reference book. Valuable for family, Catholic and local historians, researchers and academics.

Seeks to identify the early Catholics and their families. Includes introduction, facsimile documents and an index to 10,000 names. 450 pages.

Available from

N.S.W. Government Information Service
Bookshop,
55 Hunter Street,
Sydney.

Or for immediate delivery - postage free-
State Archives "Kingswood"
O'Connell Street
St Marys NSW 2760.

All Enquiries (02) 673 1788

FUTURE FELLOWSHIP FUNCTIONS

Wednesday Daytime Auxiliary.

Our Christmas luncheon at the N.S.W. Bowlers Club on the 8th December last, was a very happy occasion enjoyed by the 60 members attending. The raffle of a christmas cake and pudding was won by Mrs. Bernice Smart.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held at First Fleet House on Wednesday 1st March at 1.30pm when we will elect the Committee for this year. Do come and join us for afternoon tea.

Norma Cunningham Convenor.
Mary Hope-Caten
Bernice Smart.

SUNDAY, 16th APRIL, 1989.

The fellowship will be holding a stall in Macquarie Street, Sydney for Heritage Week. F.F.F. souvenirs will be on sale.

T-Shirts will not be available from the stall as these are only sold to the descendants of First Fleeters and are available from "First Fleet House" only.

"TANK STREAM" TOUR - SUNDAY 2nd APRIL, 1989.

Seven tours of the Tank Stream have been booked for Sunday, 2nd April, 1989 for members and friends. Each tour lasts approximately 45 minutes and takes 15 people. Times will be allocated and tickets issued.

Wear old clothes, the Water Board issues gumboots and helmets. Children under five are not admitted, and adults must be fit, as there are rung ladders to climb.

Tours start and finish from Curtin Place, Pitt St. end, first street past Hunter St. between Pitt and George St.

Send cheque and stamped, addressed envelope for return of tickets to:

"Tank Stream" Tour,
Fellowship First Fleeters,
105 Cathedral St.
Woolloomooloo
NSW, 2011.

TICKETS: Adults, \$8.00 Children (6-12 years). \$4.00

-Laminated Place Mats with "The Beginning" by Tom Silk \$4.50 or 4 for \$16.

-Foam backed place mats as above \$6.00ea

-Tea Towels with "The Beginning" by Tom Silk \$3.00ea

-Plain Cards with "The Beginning" by Tom Silk \$1.00ea

Please add for postage.

FROM THE MAILBOX.

Nell Sansom Member #226

Chairman, "Friends Of The First Government House Site" writes;

On 30th November in our Bicentennial Year the Hon. Wal Murray Deputy Premier, Minister for Public Works and Minister for State Development announced the Design Competition for the First Government House Site Project.

This Project involves a redevelopment of the entire block bound by Young, Bridge, Phillip and Bent Streets but it is the First Government House Site on the corner of Bridge and Phillip Streets that the greatest interest revolves.

The executive and Mr Rod Best (previously secretary) of the Friends received official invitations. The Friends are indebted to Mr Best for his excellent work in preparing the various briefs relating to the First Government House Site prior to the announcement of the Design Competition.

The following is an extract from the Forward issued by Mr Murray at the function....

"One of the nation's most significant historic site is where the First Government House was built in 1788. Remnants of that house were located by archaeologists during 1982-84, reinforcing its cultural significance and providing a valuable repository of archaeological evidence dating from the colony's earliest days. As such the site has outstanding cultural significance in the history of European settlement in Australia.

Few nations can point with such exactness to their beginnings. The NSW Government has a firm commitment to conserve and commemorate the site in a manner befitting its significance.

Until 1845 the site was the administrative and social centre of the colony, where many important events in our history took place.

The NSW Government, as part of the Bicentennial celebrations, will ensure that all remaining evidence of the original building

AROUND THE TREES



PROPOSED BELLETTE FAMILY REUNION

All descendants welcome in Hobart, September 24th 1989.

For more information please contact:
Marje Lampkin, 16 Cressy Street, New Town 7008, Tasmania.

Telephone: (002) 28 5020
R.S.V.P. As soon as possible.

ON SALE

-T Shirts for children \$9 each, Adults \$12 or XXL \$13 each in Navy, White, and Marine Blue, with our own Logo.

Available only from the Fellowship of First Fleeters.

-New Fridge Magnets (Sirius and Supply) (The Landing) (Sydney Coat of Arms) (Koala) and others \$2 ea

-Car Stickers with our Logo \$1.50ea
-Stick Pins \$3.00ea
-Bottle Openers \$3.50ea
-Bells with Logo \$6.50ea
-Our Teaspoon, Tea Caddy, Fluted Spoon,
Cake Fork, all \$4.00ea
-Key ring on leather with Logo \$5.00ea

will be conserved in situ and be suitably commemorated.

The development of the Commemorative Facility will be financed by the sale of unused development rights by the Government to enable a prestige commercial office development on private land adjacent to First Government House Site.

The NSW Government, City Council, Com-realty Young Street Pty. Limited and State Authorities Superannuation Board invite Architects to participate in a competition to select the design for a First Government House Commemorative Facility and a significant, high quality, private-enterprise commercial office development on adjoining land."

The guidelines for the development of the site provide for the displaying of the footings under ideal conditions and for facilities such as a lecture theatre and museum, factors which will ensure both the archaeological and historical interpretation of the early years of our settlement receive maximum exposure. On completion, the Historic Houses Trust will assume administration and the Friends have been promised that a room will be set aside for their use.

Within a week of the announcement of the Design Competition thirty one architectural firms has registered with Brian Eastoe of Public Works Department but there is no indication as to how many of these architects have sympathy with the Site and how many have interests in the highrise luxury commercial development on the private sector of Young Street. A late report states that 170 firms had registered by 10th January.

The Friends will endeavour to ensure that the Site will remain the dominant feature.

The Friends would like to take this opportunity to thank the Fellowship of First Fleeters for your support over the last five years and it is hoped that you will continue to add support for there is much to be done before the state of fait accompli is achieved.

Mrs Ivy Richardson (Member # 2826)

writes:

"The following item is the Overseas Service and Citation of my brother William Arthur Woods. I am sure his ancestors Peter Hibbs and Matthew James Everingham would be proud of him."

APPROVED FOR THE AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL (immediate)

**QX8178 Pte. William Arthur Woods,
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.**

**Date of Birth: 15.10.10 Next of Kin: Mr
C.G. Woods (Brother)**

**NAM-
BOUR.....QLD.**

Date of Enlistment: 2.6.40

Overseas Service:

1. Middle East 26 December 1940 to 1 March 1943
2. New Guinea 28 July 1943 to 10 March 1944
3. Morotai 28 April 1945 to 29 May 1945
4. British North Borneo 30 May 1945 to 15 November 1945
5. Japan 10 December 1950 to 21 February 1951
6. Korea 21 February 1951 to 11 March 1951

Honours and Awards:

1. Distinguished Conduct Medal
2. 1939/45 Star
3. Africa Star
4. Pacific Star
5. Defence Medal
6. War Medal
7. Australia Service Medal
8. Korea Medal
9. United Nations Service Medal (Korea).

CITATION:

On 13 Oct '43 during the period of fierce and continuous fighting over difficult mountainous jungle country that followed the opposed landing north of FINSCHHAFEN by the 20th Australian Infantry Brigade Group, Pte WOODS showed most conspicuous leadership, resolution, and personal bravery. When his company attacked strong and well sited enemy positions, concealed in a thick undergrowth of tangled cane west of the village of KUMAWA, WOODS was commanding his section, the section Corporal having been wounded in an earlier engagement. As the attack went in WOOD'S section came suddenly under heavy machine gun fire from a strong enemy post thirty yards away. WOOD'S at once led an assault on the post and pressed it home although two of his men were killed and four were wounded leaving him with only one man to support him when he reached the enemy post, which they reduced with grenades. He then turned and engaged a flanking post which had already caused casualties to another section of his platoon and overcame its fire so effectively that the rest of the platoon were able to close with the two remaining posts and destroy them.

Pte. WOODS' soldierly and methodical coolness under fire is illustrated by the fact that during the action he used twelve grenades against the enemy though he carried only two into the attack, and an Owen sub-machine gun though he began the attack with a rifle. The sub-machine gun and several magazines for it and the extra grenades he obtained from our men who became casualties during the progress of the attack. His courageous conduct opened the way to the defeat of three heavily defended enemy positions and was one of the decisive

factors in enabling our troops to clear the area of the enemy, who withdrew in confusion leaving behind them thirty-nine of their dead and a number of weapons.

BETTY E. DUNS. (Member # 1051)

writes.....

'Devine' Reunion

Pontville, Tasmania.

A great day was had by the 60-70 who went to Pontville on the 5th November, 1988 to honour the memory of Thomas, youngest child of Philip DEVINE F.F. "Alexander", and his descendants. They came from far and wide, and once more old family photo albums, without names, became a "guessing game". There was however one most interesting item - a dictionary given by Lt. Joseph Breedon to his brother-in-law, Thomas, in 1810 when he married Rebecca Devine, second child of Phillip. After the death of Joseph Breedon, Rebecca married James Haydock Reibey, and their headstone can be seen at Entally House, Hadspen near Launceston.

After a short church service flowers were placed on the graves of Thomas and Anne Senior, their sons Thomas and Joseph, and daughters Charlotte and Sarah - their spouses and families, before gathering in the hall for a BYO lunch.

BIRTHS

A warm welcome to the following New First Fleeters....

SALLY MERLE CUMMINS, F.F. John Small/Mary Parker, at 8am on 8th August, 1988 at Bunbury W.A. Daughter of Robert and Laurel Cummins, grand-daughter of Neville and Betty Cummins.

DANIEL JOHN SURANYI, F.F. William Broughton 24th January, 1988.

SAMANTHA LOUISE MEREDITH, F.F. Frederick Meredith 6th December 1988, daughter of Paul and Debra Meredith, second grand-child of Ray and Patricia Meredith born in the Bicentennial Year.

CLARE JEAN CROSSLEY, F.F. Mathew Everingham 22nd August 1988, daughter of Fran Everingham and Gordon Crossley, second grand-daughter of the late Frank Everingham.

RUBY CERES MALMBERG, F.F. William Tyrill/James Tyrill 8th September 1988, daughter of Carl Anders and Collette Malmberg and grand-daughter of Svante and Florence Malmberg.

LUKE MICHAEL MONTUORI, F.F. John Palmer
6th July 1988, son of Michael and Lianne Montuori.

OBITUARIES

DEEPEST SYMPATHY IS OFFERED TO THE FAMILY (FAMILIES) OF THE FOLLOWING.....

SARAHJANE KEENES (nee Rope), F.F. Anthony Rope/Elizabeth Pulley.
Died 11th September 1988, at the age of 100 years and 4 months at Brisbane. A very proud descendant of 2 First Fleeters.

NINA ELIZABETH McKEY, F.F. Frederick Meredith.
Died 3rd December 1988, aged 86 years at Port Macquarie.
Foundation Member of the Fellowship

FERNIE LEONE BLADE, # 1862 F.F. Thomas Arndell/Ann Forbes.
Died 28th September, 1988.

RENNIE KEITH PITT, #4766, F.F. Mary Stevens (Phillips)
Died 1st August, 1988.

VALENE EGAN, #2144
Died 28th November, 1988
Beloved wife of Patrick Egan.

FRANCIS JOHN (Frank) EVERINGHAM
Member #15

F.F. Matthew James Everingham

Died 6th February, 1989.

Founding executive member, past president and vice president. A 5th generation proud Australian who was well respected and will be sadly missed.

COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE SERVICE

St. Peter's Anglican Church,
Campbelltown, NSW
Sunday, 13th November, 1988.

Our final commemorative plaque service for 1988 was held at the St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery, Campbelltown NSW.

The service was one of the Church's Commemorative functions held on the day. It was called "The Day the Governor Came" in memory of Governor Macquarie's visit to the area to officially read and declare the proclamation of the Church site and the City of Campbelltown site.

The full days activities commenced at 7.30am and our ceremony was held at 12 noon. President Peter Christian commenced proceedings for the plaque service by explaining the project to those present. Mrs Pam Quick, the Fellowships Secretary and a descendant of Henrietta Fletcher gave a short speech on her First Fleeter ancestor.

Five years ago to the day in 1983 the Fellowship had a small plaque installed on Henrietta Fletcher's headstone in the Church yard cemetery.

Yvonne Bently then spoke on the activities of First Fleeter James Ruse. James Ruse is buried at St. John's Catholic Church cemetery, Campbelltown. One of our plaques is also installed on James Ruses' tombstone.

Agnes Ackers then spoke on the Life's and Trials of her First Fleeter ancestor Thomas Acres. Thomas Acres is one of many First Fleeters buried nearby and whose actual burial location is unknown.

Guy Thomas, Chairman of the Campbelltown Bicentennial Committee then unveiled the Queen Anne Flag covering the plaque, placed on the Columbarium entrance pillar. Rev. John Darlington rector of St. Peter's dedicated the plaque.

This commemorative plaque is smaller than the other plaques we have had installed at other cemeteries and former cemeteries during this Bicentennial Year. The plaque matches a similar plaque installed on the opposite pillar in memory of early Campbelltown Pioneers.

We congratulate the St. Peter's Anglican Church on their day's activities and thank them for letting us be part of their functions.

Doug Oakes
Convenor
Plaques Committee.

CORRECTIONS

SEPT/OCT 1988

- * BOOKS P.5.
"Tasmania 1803-1820 The People and Their Families"
This book is not available through Fellowship of First Fleeters, but is available through:
Mr. J. Donohoe
23/21 Elamang Ave,
Kirribilli N.S.W. 2061
There is a delay of approx. 2 Months

NOV/DEC

- * President's Report P.1.
"Lee Bullock"
Should read "Lee Bulloch"

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- * Births P.4.
E.J. Makepeace
Should read "First Great Grandchild of the late Lola Wilkinson"

NOV/DEC

- * Plaque Service Report P.5.
Elizabeth Beckford's name was incorrectly included as being buried at the Sandhills Cemetery. She died on the voyage out on "Lady Pehrbyn" on the 11th July 1787 and was buried at sea.

Our apologies for any inconvenience.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE MARCH/APRIL NEWSLETTER IS 15TH MARCH, 1989.

Don't forget to type or print any articles and please enclose you member number especially for "From the Mailbox" and "Members Queries" columns, and "First Fleet Ancestors for "Births", "Wedding Bells" and "Condolences" columns.

The Editor.