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FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was indeed a pleasure to meet and talk with a number of our members at a reception at the Gold Coast last April. Due to the efforts of Norman Mason, aided and abetted by his charming wife Jeanne, an afternoon-tea get together was held at the home of Peter and Helen Mason at Tweed Heads. My personal thanks to all who made the day the success that it was.

The Hon. Stephen Mutch, M.L.C.(F.F. Edward Whitton) was our Guest of Honour at our recent Art Show. Frank Allen displayed his magnificent paintings to perfection and of course the focal point was the collection of First Fleet Ships together with a painting of the Fleet at anchor in Sydney Cove. The collection is valued at \$16,000 and it is to be hoped that it remains in Australia, preferably Sydney. We are able to offer members beautiful prints of any ship of their choice, an order form is included in this Newsletter. We are also holding a Guessing Competition, the prize being a COMPLETE SET OF THE TWELVE PRINTS. Each member will find 5 tickets

for this competition with this Newsletter. Please forward the butts with your name and address, together with \$2.00 to First Fleet House if you wish to be included in the draw. The result will be published in the December Newsletter.

Our daytime functions have been well received and the Executive intends to organise more of these for the remainder of the year. The tour of the Tank Stream proved extremely popular and we look forward to the Johnathan King lecture at Darling Harbour in July and the proposed tour of Middle Head fortifications in August. We were forced into a position, unfortunately, to postpone the proposed function at First Fleet House on the 13th May, due to lack of interest.

Little publicity has been given to a remarkable feat accomplished by one of our members. In May and June 1988, Peter Norville (F.F. Andrew Fishburn), made the first solo flight around the world by an Australian born pilot in a fixed wing aircraft. More is

the pity that little or no publicity was given to Peter for his feat of endurance in this remarkable venture. I am sure that we all feel some pride in the fact that this First Fleeter did accomplish an outstanding feat in our Bicentennial Year. A book has been published on the flight. (See Book Column)

Those Gremlins got into the system once again. Some NSW members received their Newsletter much later than the rest of us due to the fact that we ran out of envelopes and Newsletters. Hopefully this will not happen again!! Some members pointed out that the mid section of the new members list was missing. This will be forwarded to you all in this issue.

A rather glaring error appeared in Doug Oakes' Short History of the Fellowship, in spite of the fact that two members had proof read and vetted the contribution. A spelling error appeared in the name of our 3rd President, Fred Daniell and our sincere apologies go out to his family.

IN FELLOWSHIP PETER CHRISTIAN.

1989/90 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE.

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A SHORT HISTORY OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS.

**BY DOUG OAKES - FOUNDATION AND LIFE MEMBER
PART 2.**

In 1970 the Fellowship became deeply involved in the Captain Cook Bicentennial Celebrations. We joined the Royal Australian Historical Society and the Society of Australian Genealogists in order to have access to their respective records. In that year also, the Fellowship raised over \$500 for the establishment of a special Australian Chapel in the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, Bathampton, England where Arthur Phillip was laid to rest. In 1971 three Vice-Patrons were appointed. They were, Arthur Ingham-Meyer, who had established a Chapter in Towomba Qld, Jack Luscombe, a former Town Clerk of the City of Sydney who had been a great help to us in our formative years and was guest speaker at an early Australia Day Dinner, and my father Dudley Oakes, a foundation member and also a member of the first Committee of the Fellowship.

In 1972 we constituted a Chapter in the Port Macquarie district. President Frank Everingham, Secretary Betty Loneragan and Treasurer Vince Parker, visited the area and held an inaugural meeting with local members. Unfortunately this Chapter folded after two years.

In the same year we also introduced Spouse Membership and Fred Daniell (F.F. William Tunks), became the Fellowship's third President. After only a short time in office, Fred passed away in February 1973 and Edgar Kable (F.F. Henry Kable/Susannah Holmes), was appointed fourth President by the Management Committee. This year, along with our sister body, the 1788-1820 Pioneer Association, we ap-

proached the Sydney Cove Development Authority urging that body to restore Cadman's Cottage and naming the nearby park, First Fleet Park, both being adjacent to Circular Quay. The Fellowship is proud of the part it played toward the successful accomplishment of these projects.

Also in 1973 the then Governor, Sir Roden Cutler, accepted the invitation of the Executive to become our first Patron.

The same year, we moved into our first office, a smallish room in the Assembly Hall Building, Margaret St. Sydney.

Moving ahead, the Fellowship commenced a programme of monthly lectures which proved extremely popular and went on for many years. We also commenced participation at the Australia Day festivities at the Rocks, selling souvenirs and putting forward an interesting story on First Fleeters and their Descendants. The first Hon. Life Member was awarded to the then Archivist Mary Thompson who had been a diligent worker and laid down strong foundations for the membership to build upon.

In 1975 Mrs Beryl Lewis commenced her seven years as President and Edgar Kable was appointed the second Life Member of the Fellowship. It was in this year that we commenced visits to Government House to present the Governor with a Memorial. This ceremony dates back to the very early days of the colony when our pioneer forefathers attended upon the Governor with Petitions and Memorials seeking all manners of favours.

To Be Continued.

FROM THE CANBERRA CHAPTER

Building on from a successful 1988, the Canberra group is planning new activities for 1989. Last year our events included a visit to the Ferguson Room, National Library, a successful "junk" stall at the Western Creek Festival and our pleasant Fellowship Dinner at Clancy's with Professor Ken Inglis as guest speaker.

COMING EVENTS.

Annual General Meeting 22nd June

Our third Annual General Meeting will be held at Room 3, Griffin Centre, on Thursday 22nd June, 1989 commencing at 8.00pm. Captain Paul Kable is to be our Guest Speaker.

Annual Dinner 30th June

Our Dinner was a great success last year and we hope to make this an annual event. This year we will be holding our Dinner at Hill Station Restaurant. Professor Manning Clarke has consented to be our Speaker on this occasion. Cost for the dinner will be \$30 per person and we would like your replies with cheques no later than the 18th July.

Family Dinner 21st September

On this evening members of the Rope/Pulley Family, together with descendants of Anne Forbes and those of William Roberts are asked to join the Committee for supper. Location of evening will be advised to those family

members that we know of and also in the press closer to the event.

Weston Creek Festival

November

This will be held again early in November, and we hope that we can again have the success with our "White Elephant and Plant Stall" as we did in 1988. This event last year was the one that set our finances on the right track. Please start saving all your goods for us now, everything and anything will be accepted. We can arrange for goods to be collected or they can be left at 50 Bendigo St. Fisher. Please help us to

make this our Fund Raising event of the year.

Christmas Function 3rd

December

Our final function for the year will be a B.Y.O. Family Barbecue to be held at Weston Park. Games etc. will be organised for the children. It is felt that a function is needed for the whole family after such a busy year.

So you can see that we have quite a busy and exciting year ahead of us, and we ask fellow First Fleeters to join with us to make these events successful. Please mark these dates in your diaries.

If you live in the Canberra district and haven't already registered with the Canberra Chapter please do so, so we can keep you informed of our activities.

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TRIALS OF A FIRST FLEET OFFICER AND HIS FAMILY

John Palmer was born on the 17-6-1760 at Westbourne, England and at the age of 9 years he was taken into the Navy as a Captain's messenger. From the beginning he went on to become a Midshipman. While on the staff of Admiral Digby he served with the then Prince of Wales, who was later to become King William IV.

As the Captain's clerk on board the H.M.S. Richmond during the War of Independence, John, with the rest of the ship's crew had the misfortune to be captured. The H.M.S. Richmond, together with H.M.S. Iris were engaged in the sabotage of cutting the mooring buoy lines of the French Fleet at Chesapeake Bay whilst they were at sea, making it impossible for them to tie up and so having to anchor in deep water. This meant that the Frenchmen would waste much time in getting the anchors up to give chase to the British.

During the course of his capture in America, John was released and had the good fortune to meet Miss Susan Stilwell, the daughter of a royalist family. They were married in New York on the 2-8-1783. At the conclusion of the war, John and Susan returned to England and in 1786 he was appointed Purser on the H.M.S. Sirius under Captain Phillip and came to Australia in the capacity with the First Fleet.

John served on the Sirius as Purser/Supply Officer for the young

colony until 1790 when the ship was wrecked on Norfolk Island. Then at the Governor's request took up the position of Commissary General to the colony of NSW and was formally appointed to that position on 8-3-1791 by King William IV.

John was granted leave in 1796 to return to England to finalise his affairs in that country. He then returned with his wife and family to Australia on board the H.M.S. Porpoise and settled on his land grant at Woolloomooloo. He had been separated from his wife for 10 years.

The couple had 8 children born to them of which only 3 were to survive infancy. The first, George Thomas was born 26-4-1784. The second, John Westwick was born in 1786 but died during his first year. The third, Henry Westwick was born in September 1787 and died in 1788. John Jnr. was the next on 7-4-1798 after John Snr. returned to England. The next was a stillborn daughter in 1799. Number six, Edmund was born in 1800 on board the H.M.S. Porpoise and died at the Cape of Good Hope a month later. The only son born in Australia, Edwin in 1801, lived 11 months. The final child, a daughter Sophia Susanah born 16-8-1803 was their only surviving female. Mary Catchpole, who came to Australia as a convict, was at one time employed at Woolloomooloo as a wet nurse to one of the children.

When John and Susan came to Australia to settle, John brought with him his brother Christopher and his two sisters Sarah and Sophia, the later who married Robert Campbell (of Duntroon and the Wharf) in 1801. (But that is another story)

John's troubles had not finished with his family. He and Susan were dining with Governor Bligh when the N.S.W. Corps staged their revolt which became known as the "Rum Rebellion". As a result of his part in this and the fact that he refused to release his records to the rebels, he was gaoled for some months and then had to return to England with Governor Bligh as a witness in the Case of Major Johnstone.

In 1826 John took up a land grant at Jerabombera. The land extended from the river on the west side of Queanbeyan South, to what is now the industrial area of Hume. Like a number of landowners he was an absentee landlord.

John also had land grants at Parramatta and in the Hunter region (The Hunter grant was later exchanged for land at Jerrabombera.)

Susan died in 1832 and John in 1833 (the longest surviving officer of the First Fleet) and are both buried in St. John's graveyard at Parramatta in the family vault which stands beside the Campbell family vault.

PIONEER FAMILY CELEBRATES

Contributed by Laurie Copping, Written January, 1988.

Of the many celebrations which took place in the months past, one of the most exciting events was a dinner for some five hundred descendants of

Australia's first family, who commemorated the 200th Wedding Anniversary of Henry Kable and Sussanah Holmes.

Henry and Sussanah languishing in the grim, derelict goal in Norwich Castle in 1783 could never have imagined that they would marry in the third wedding,

ceremony in the far off convict settlement at Sydney Cove, or realize that their eleven children would be the beginning of the first family in the new colony.

Both had been sentenced to hang for their crimes, and both had been reprieved to transportation. Henry, his father and one other Abraham Carman, had robbed a house in Aldburgh near Norwich, of clothing and food to the value of 8.70.0. All were sentenced at Thetford on 18th March 1873 to be hanged. Because of his youth, 19 years, young Henry was reprieved to 7 years transportation, a comparatively light sentence at a time of harsh punishment. Nevertheless, Henry almost certainly saw his father and Carman swing from the Castle Bridge.

In March 1784, Susannah was also committed to the gallows for the theft of goods, mainly clothing and silverware, to the value of 52/-. Aged 19 years she was also reprieved and sentenced to transportation for 14 years.

In the gaol Henry and Susannah became lovers and she bore Henry a son, later baptized in the colony with his sister Diana on 5th December, 1788, as Henry. Their pleas to marry were refused by the prison governor. When the First Fleet assembled at Portsmouth, Sussanah and two other convict women were escorted by a turnkey, John Simpson to the transport "Charlotte". The Captain refused to take the baby on board because he lacked papers. The child was taken from his distraught mother's arms and left with Simpson. Simpson, a kindly man, rushed to London to the home of Lord Sydney, Home Secretary, who after listening to the case, ordered that the child be reunited with his mother and Henry be sent on the same ship as Susannah. Further he ordered that the couple be permitted to marry. Although the latter order was not adhered to, Henry and Sussanah and their child were reunited on the transport "Friendship". The story aroused so much interest in the London papers and a collection was made to purchase items for the young couple. The goods including clothing and books was entrusted to Captain Sinclair

of the "Alexander". More of the parcel later.

On the voyage to the Cape although sexes were segregated, Henry and Susannah had opportunities to see each other. Henry apparently had the freedom of the ship, helping the sailors. In Lieut. Clark's journal dated 12th December 1778, he writes "Cable (an earlier spelling) two of the prisoners who have liberty of going about the ship had stolen Beef -- I will keep a sharp look after them when at Botany Bay otherwise they will steal the teeth out of my head". At the Cape the women convicts on the "Friendship" were transferred to other ships, Susannah to the "Charlotte", to make room for stock.

The Rev. Richard Johnson, who had espoused the cause of the couple, informed each of the welfare of each other for the remainder of the voyage.

At Botany Bay, Kable was transferred to the "Supply" with three other convicts. It is claimed that Kable, a giant of a man, carried Governor Phillip ashore from the longboat at Sydney Cove. Although this legend is not documented, my great grandmother, Henry's granddaughter, told the story to my mother on a number of occasions.

On 10th February 1788, the first marriages in the Colony took place. Henry's and Susannah's being the third in the register. As the first two marriages apparently did not produce traceable descendants, the large family of Kable was truly the Colony's first family. They lived in a tent adjacent to the Governor's tent-house and early in 1789 Henry was in charge of Phillip's vegetable garden. The marriage was marred for Sussanah as the parcel of goods had been plundered and a dress she had hoped to wear was missing. In the first civil action in the Colony on 1st July 1788, Kable successfully sued Captain Sinclair and was granted 15 compensation. Interestingly this sum exceeded the value of the goods they were accused of stealing. Thus Henry became the first convict to acquire money.

In December Diana and brother Henry Jnr. were baptized. Later in 1809 she

married William Guadry in the first marriage at St. Philip's Church, being the first born Australian to reach maturity. Another son, John, became Australia's first prize fighter.

By 1791 Kable was overseer of the watch. In 1794 he was appointed Chief Constable and Gaoler to the Colony. In 1802 he was dismissed from the position for importing pigs on a Government wharf for his own use. Later he built his own wharf at Parramatta which town was also served by the first stage coach also owned by Kable. On his dismissal he built a three storey mansion near the old gaol site.

He received an unconditional pardon in 1796 along with grant of 30 acres at Petersham, and shortly after a further 15 acres. About this time he became licensee of the "Rambling Horse" one of Sydney's finest inns of the time. Kable had already entered into a shipbuilding partnership with James Underwood. Together they built the "Contest" off 44 tons, the first ocean going ship in the Colony. By 1805 the firm had expanded considerably, with the addition of Simeon Lord as a partner. Kable and Co. also entered the Bass Strait sealing trade, as well as being importers of note, owning some 25 vessels.

By 1810 Henry had retired to Windsor leaving Henry Jnr. to take over his father's trading interests and captaining his ships on numerous trading missions. Kable had by now built a large home and brewery in Kable St. Windsor and amassed large farming interests. During his career, Kable owned a total of some one thousand acres. He died on 16th March 1846 aged 84. Susannah had predeceased him in 1825. He was buried in the family vault at St. Matthews, Windsor, where other members of his large family are at rest.

From the squalor of Norwich, the young couple had travelled across the world to the desolate penal settlement to become leading and prosperous citizens. It is their lives which was celebrated at their 200th Wedding Anniversary at the Regent Hotel on the site of Henry's Sydney mansion, on 13th February, 1988.

BIRTHS

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

NICHOLAS MALCOLM EBB, 16th April, 1989, F.F. John Cross

Son of Malcolm and Leanne Ebb. Sixth grandchild of Arthur and Marj Ebb. Great-grandson of Arthur Ebb.

KARLA MAREE BOYD, 6th January, 1989, F.F. William Nash/Maria Haynes, Daughter of Russell and Elizabeth Boyd, Grand-daughter of Ted and Marjorie Boyd.

HUGH JOHN NICHOLS DAVIDSON, 30th January, 1989, F.F. John Nichols

Son of Geoff and Debbie Davidson, Grandson of Isabelle Stewart

SARAH JANE HAY, 8th September, 1988, F.F. Thomas Chipp/Jane Langley

Daughter of Ian and Fiona Hay, Granddaughter of Melda Longland, Great-granddaughter of Mary Windus.

MAXWELL DALE TOOVEY, 23rd

April, 1989, F.F. Caroline Laycock, Grandson of Eulie (Member #3036) and Keith Toovey

LUKE BLIGH VAN SANTEN, 29th March, 1989, F.F. Edward Miles/Robert Forrester/Ann Forbes, Son of Mrs Rae Van Santen. (Member #4746)

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations on the marriage of **Peter John Woodbury #5650** to **Joanne Rose Brereton**, which took place at the Scots Kirk Church in Hamilton on the 27th May 1989 at 3pm.

We welcome Joanne to start yet another branch of the Matthew Everingham descendants.

ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations on the announcement of the engagement of **James Andrew Brodie #2141**, (F.F. Andrew Fishburn) and **Nicolle Mongique Taylor** in January last.

James and Nicolle plan to set "the date" in February, 1990.

OBITUARIES

Deepest sympathy is offered to the families of the following:

ROBERT LACHLAN COLHOUN, Member #1926, F.F. James Squire, Died 11th January, 1989.

LYLA VENETA BOURNE, Member #2913, F.F. Andrew Fishburn, Died 6th December, 1988

PHYLLIS JOAN CAMERON, Member #2138, F.F. William Roberts, Died 6th March, 1989

BETTY O'RIELLY, Member #452, Died 20th December, 1988

DAISY HUNTER, Member #1942, F.F. Nathaniel Lucas/Olivia Gascoigne, Died 29th November, 1988

RICHMOND WILLIAM MANYWEATHERS, Husband of Foundation Member Beryl Manyweathers #93, Died 30th March, 1989 Aged 82 Years.

MRS MURIEL KELLY, Member #805, F.F. John Small/Mary Parker, Died March, 1988, Dear wife of Denis Kelly and Mother of Ian Wicks.

MRS OLWEN WARD EDWARDS, F.F. William Nash/Maria Haynes, Died 19th May, 1989, Maintained a keen interest in F.F.F. over many years.

GRACE FERGUSON #3374, F.F. Ann Forbes, Died 1st May, 1989, Her loss will be felt by all who are working on the "For-

bes Family" helping Doug Huxley write his book.

MRS ADELINE MORRIS, #4133, F.F. Matthew Everingham, Died 9th February, 1989, Aged 86 Years, Mother of our Treasurer Roy Morris and Mrs Hazel Wylie., "To Live In The Hearts and Minds of Descendants is Never to Die".

BITS AND PIECES

6th Australian Congress of Genealogy and Heraldry.

The 6th Australian Congress of Genealogy and Heraldry will be held in Launceston, Tasmania from Thursday 9th May to Sunday 12th May, 1991.

Any enquiries to:
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Hobart
Tasmania, 7001.

Further notices in future Newsletters.

PEN FRIENDS

A pen-friend is wanted by Karin Bain, 9 years old.

Her address is 3 Gallaway Close
Dereham, Norfolk,
England NR20 3ER.

The President was represented at the recent Annual Memorial Lecture of Friends of First Government House given by Professor Brian Fletcher, by our Vice-President Alice Clarke. Alice also filled in at the last moment to chair the meeting of the Hunter Valley Chapter in May.

Joyce Cowell was a recent guest speaker at Loreto Convent, Kirribilli and naturally her subject was about First Fleet "matters". Joyce and Rod Best are making good progress in the preparation of the Fellowship's publication on Plaque Ceremonies. It is hoped that the book will be launched sometime in 1990.

Don't forget to send any photographs or information in regarding the plaque ceremonies you have attended in the past.

The Heritage Week stall was again manned this year by the faithful few, and, although not as a profitable as in former years, it was considered a success both from the point of view of finance and public relations.

The John Nichols Family Society forwarded to the Fellowship a copy of its publication on the history of its family. A review of this book will appear in a future Newsletter.

Additional information on how to get to "First Fleet House"

Bus Numbers 324, 325, and 327 depart at regular intervals from Castlereagh Street thence William Street. Alight at corner of Crown Street on left. Short walk downhill to Cathedral Street on left.



AROUND THE TREES

WILLIAM ROBERTS & KEZIA BROWN

Descendants of First Fleeter William Roberts and his wife Kezia Brown are invited to attend the next family reunion, which will once again be the popular "Picnic in the Park" get-together, at McQuade Park, Windsor NSW. (opposite St. Matthew Anglican Church). The date is September 3rd, 1989, starting at 10.30am. and ending at 4.00pm.

There will be the usual events and games for the children. Please bring your own picnic lunch, family photographs etc. For further information please contact:

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JANE LANGLEY

Descendants of Jane Langley "Lady Penrhyn" are invited to attend a get-together on Sunday, 5th November, 1989. Venue to be advised (all weather venue - it's on, rain or shine!)

For details: "Jane Langley Family Association"

Ila Knight, 60 Kittyhawk Cres. Raby, 2566, Phone:(02) 603 3664

Melda Longland, 11/14 Warialda St. Bexley, 2207, Phone:(02) 587 6657 (after 5.30pm)

Please pass these details on to any family members who are interested in attending.

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FROM THE MAILBOX

**Shirley Beale, Member
writes from Kent, England.
5-2-1989**

We have been very busy with research into the Beale family to date and as they now have a more organised format here in England. I thought to write and let you know so that the information could be available to members who may be coming to England. The main thing is the introduction of Readers Tickets, which we found to be and excellent idea, as once obtained one can go from one records office to another with identification which saves a lot of messing

about and establishes one as a bonafide researcher and one is therefore treated in a much more professional manner. The tickets are free and for a period of four years. Rules change slightly from County to County.

It would be wise for any interested person to bring two small passport photos with them as we had quite some fun getting ours here. We had to resort to those awful photo cubicles which for 1 pound will produce four unrecognisable photos of oneself, disguised as criminals.

Research is now big business here, now much busier than our last visit and this

is really the off season for overseas visitors. In some places equipment and table space has to be booked in advance or is either first come first served, which sees us up in the dark and off in the half light and what they call "raw grey" weather to get on with the job. I think we are both becoming quite expert at finding our own way around and sniffing out information. It is very exciting really sorting through transcripts which may date from as early as 1550.

I find the social history involved absolutely fascinating and especially the details given in say 1550 to early this century. It is also exciting some of the

handwritten books which one sees being examined by other people. The way names change occur, generally by the way the person thought it should be spelt thus Beale could be Beal, Seal or Heale and by the subsequent transcriber who may not correctly identify the ancient handwriting if they were not very expert in that field. Much of the transcriptions have been done by lay people in local parishes therefore one must be very flexible and if possible call for the original document. We have another six weeks of this so here's hoping we'll find lots of interesting things. Quite honestly one could spend a lifetime doing research on so many subjects besides one's own family.

We have been to Battle Abbey, near Hastings where the Battle of Hastings was fought in 1066. We actually walked over the battle field, now grazing pastures for sheep. The Abbey, was built by William on the sight of the battle and it is reputed that the high altar stood exactly where Harold fell. It was a beautiful place until Henry VIII wanted to bed Anne Boleyn and thus in the rise of the C of E the Abbey was sacked and destroyed in 1538. Henry had quite a year as Winchester Cathedral which was damaged the same year and not restored until late last Century. Winchester is 900 years old or more, we visited there on Friday and last Sunday Dover Castle and Bodiam Castle.

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As you can see it is now three weeks later and much research has flowed under the bridge. We have been travelling to various areas. Last week Bath to see the FFF plaque on Phillips grave, that was a must, and to research Phillip Shewring. Bath is a beautiful city even in the winter and well worth a visit. At the archives we were able to read their file on Arthur Phillip which was very interesting in more ways than one. We have now been to CRO's at Sussex, Kent, Surry, Hampshire, Wiltshire, Essex, Herefordshire, Somerset, plus Bath City Record Office, PRO's London and Kew, St. Catherine's House, Census Office, Portugal Street, Society of Friends and the SOG.

We attempted to communicate with the Australian Heritage Centre, Isle of Wight to no avail. The information centre in Portsmouth had never heard of it even though its marked on the map. That needs to be clarified as to when it does open, days times etc as we had intended to make a visit there as a matter of priority, as well other members may wish to from time to time.

Another thing of interest here, is Urban Archaeology. With rebuilding of certain areas they are now finding all sorts of goodies from their past. Developers here now have to pay for research of an area before they can redevelop and are even employing archaeologists themselves to handle the situation. I tell you this because I think it is a great idea and could be applied to Australia.

Regards to all

Yours in Fellowship

Shirley Beale.

FUTURE FELLOWSHIP FUNCTIONS

TOUR OF FORTIFICATIONS AT MIDDLE HARBOUR & PICNIC

Sunday 6th August and Sunday 13th August, 1989.

Cannons and their attendant soldiers rolled down Military Rd on their way from Kirribilli to a series of headlands forts, gun pits and underground chambers over 100 years ago.

Members and friends are invited to tour these fortifications on Sunday 6th August at 10.30am and 1.30pm

There will also be tours at the same times on Sunday 13th August.

Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the magnificent view from Middle Head. The forts are at the corner of Middle Head Rd and Chowder Bay Rd, parking is available.

N.B. 25 Persons per tour.

\$5.00 adults, \$2.00 children from 5 - 12 years.

Send cheque and stamped, self addressed envelope for tickets to:

Middle Head Tours
FFF, 105 Cathedral St.
Woolloomooloo, 2011

Every effort will be made to allocate the date and times requested.

WEDNESDAY DAYTIME AUXILIARY

Please note that meetings and outings of the Wednesday Auxiliary will now be held on the last Wednesday of every second month. The Wednesday Auxiliary formed so all members of the Fellowship could participate in outings to places of historical or cultural interest or come along to our home, First Fleet House to enjoy the various guest speakers we invite for your interest. We co-operate with your Functions Committee which arranges a more diverse programme. Our outings are mainly arranged within the city area to

easily accessible spots for you all. So please come along and support your Wednesday group, open to all members. Remember the last Wednesday of every second month.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 28th June.

at 1.30pm at First Fleet House

A most interesting guest speaker Mr. Ken Gardiner, member of the Society of Australian Genealogists will speak on the Rookwood Project. Come along and enjoy the witty disclosure on the various genealogy aspects of this project.

Afternoon Tea will be served. Members and friends welcome.

Norma Cunningham. (Convenor)

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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR
PERIOD**

22nd March 1989 to 24th May 1989.

We extend a warm welcome to new members
joined during this period:

12 Adults and 10 Junior members, 3 spouses.

THOMAS ARNDELL: Mrs. Lynda Gai Brooks

JAMES BLOODWORTH - SARAH BELLAMY +
JAMES LEE: Miss Caitlin Louise Owens (JNR).

THOMAS CHIPP - JANE LANGLEY: Mrs.
Margaret Joan Schoch.

JOHN CROSS: Mr. Henry James Pemberton,
Mr. Phillip William Pemberton (JNR).

ANDREW FISHBURN: Miss Cassandra Therese
Maher (JNR), Mr. Duncan T. McDonald (JNR).

ANN FORBES: Mr. Timothy Andrew Roberts
(JNR).

GEORGE GUEST: Mr. Murray Clyde Bird.

JOHN LONG - MARY HARRISON: Mr. Geoffrey
Neville Hussey.

NATHANIEL LUCAS - OLIVIA GASCOIGNE +
JAMES SQUIRE: Mr. Ronald Abraham
Benjamin.

NATHANIEL LUCAS - OLIVIA GASCOIGNE +
MARY PHILLIPS- WILLIAM SALTmarsh: Mr.
William John Torley.

WILLIAM NASH - MARIA NASH: Miss Stacey
Lorraine McMasters (JNR).

CHARLES PEAT - HANNAH MULLINS: Mrs
Josephine Anita Bowles.

JOHN ROWE: Mr. Kevin Preston. (Sp. Mrs. Stella
Preston).

JAMES SHIERS- MARY SMITH: Mr. Ronald
George Maguire. (Sp. Mrs Margaret Maguire.)

JOHN SMALL - MARY PARKER: Miss Rebecca
Alison Butchart (JNR). Mr. James Patrick
Blackwell (JNR).

THOMAS SPENCER - MARY PHILLIPS: Mr.
James David Clancy (JNR).

JAMES SQUIRE: Miss Rebecca Jane Limbach
(JNR).

JAMES WRIGHT: Mr. Alan Ernest Slatyer, (Sp.
Mrs Betty Myrtle Slatyer).

ADDITIONAL FIRST FLEETERS:
John Herbert and Daborah Ellam added to
Frederick Meredith for Mrs. Jackie Russell
#2278.

NEW FIRST FLEET ANCESTORS:
John Long Marine, "Sirius": Mary Harrison
Convict, "Prince of Wales"

CORRECTIONS

Membership Report 18/1/89 to 21/3/89
Caroline Laycock

Mr Henry Thomas Davies should read:
Mr Lesley Thomas Henry Davies.

A MOMENT OF VERSE.

YOUR NAME

It came from your father
it was all he had to give.
So its yours to use and cherish
as long as you may live.
If you lose the watch he gave you
it can always be replaced,
But a black mark on your name Son
can never be erased
It was clean the day he took it
and a worthy name to bear
When I got it from my father
there was no dishonour there.
So make sure you guard it wisely
after all is said and done.
You'll be glad the name is spotless
when you give it to your son.

Anon.

EDITORS NOTE:

The closing date for the July/August
Newsletter is 20th July, 1989.

Please type or print any articles and
enclose member number with all cor-
respondence and First Fleet ancestors
for "birth", "wedding bells", and "con-
dolences" columns.

There is no fee for any articles
published in the newsletter.

**SYDNEY MARITIME MUSEUM
JONATHAN KING**

SUNDAY 23rd JULY, 1989 - 2pm - 5pm.

Jonathan King will addressing members and friends at the
Sydney Maritime Museum, on board the historic ferry,
"Kanangra", at Darling Harbour on Sunday 23rd July, 1989.
His subject - "The First Fleet Re-enactment Voyage" - a
subject dear to the hearts of all First Fleeters.

This will be an exciting and interesting day, as we not only
have Jonathan King's fascinating talk, but inspections of
the ships of the Sydney Maritime Museum - "The Sydney
Seaport".

The Sydney Maritime Museum is dedicated to the
preservation of historic vessels and some of the ships open
for inspection include the partially restored "James Craig",
one of the last sailing ships which plied the trading routes
between England and Australia. She rounded the dreaded
Cape Horn 28 times and travelled virtually all corners of the
globe.

For inspection also is "The Krait", an ex-Chinese junk
commissioned in World War II, which was involved in a raid
on Singapore Harbour with a group of Australian

commandos, and destroyed units of the Japanese
merchant fleet before successfully returning to base. "The
Krait" is featured in the TV mini-series.

The ferry "Kanangra" is the only remaining example of the
first generation of steel hulled, double-ended screw ferries
which worked Sydney Harbour.

Admission is from 2pm, and Jonathan King will be
speaking on board the "Kanangra", at 3pm, followed by
afternoon tea, and more time to inspect the ships.

TICKETS: \$10.00 each, \$5.00 for children under 12, Family
tickets \$30.00.

Send stamped, addressed envelope to Jonathan King
Talk, Fellowship of First Fleeters, 105 Cathedral St.
Woolloomooloo, 2011.

The Sydney Maritime Museum - "Sydney Seaport" - is
situated next to Pymont Bridge at Darling Harbour. A
monorail station is nearby, and parking is available.

