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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The proposed outing to Darling Harbour and the address by Jonathan King on the 23rd July last was abandoned due to lack of numbers. We only had some 20 replies from members which would have incurred a loss to the Fellowship funds. I know that Jonathan has a most interesting story to relate and perhaps we should endeavour to avail ourselves of his services at some future date.

Please keep those subscription (blue) forms rolling in. We are extremely grateful to those of you who have included a donation to the "Buy a Brick" fund. This money goes straight towards the reduction of our present outstanding debt of some \$60,000 on First Fleet House. Your continuing support is vital to the future of the Fellowship.

Appertaining to the above, we are asked from time to time, at First Fleet House "If I join, what is in it for me?" Whilst realising that the bulk of our membership is in New South Wales (not necessarily Sydney), no special privileges are enjoyed by those mem-

bers except perhaps the hard slog of time and effort given by the faithful few at headquarters. At least 1/3 of the \$18.00 subscription goes toward the cost of producing and posting the Newsletter. The remaining amount goes to the day to day running costs of our house. This year expenses were increased by the issue of the New Certificates and the recent increases in postage. Judging by the personal mail I receive, many of you look forward to the Newsletters as a means of keeping in touch. It is so important to keep our publication going.

I recently represented the Fellowship at the Jubilee Dinner Dance of the Women's Pioneer Society. Our congratulations to that important Pioneer body on reaching 60 years of age.

Best wishes also from the Fellowship to the newly formed "Arthur Phillip" Society Inc. This body aims to promote the memory and honour our Founding Governor (Admiral) Arthur Phillip R.N.

In this issue there is a call for nominations

to the Executive of the Fellowship. There are a number of vacancies within the Executive.... The position of President is vacant and we shall be losing the services of our Secretary Pam Quick... so please if you can see your way clear to nominate please do so and play an important part in the decision making process of the Fellowship. The Executive meets at First Fleet House on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, 19th November, 1989 from 2pm to 5pm at Epping RSL. Afternoon tea will be provided at \$2 per head and Fellowship Christmas items will be on sale. There will be a postal vote in addition to voting taking place on the day. Reports, Balance Sheets and Voting Papers will be included in the next Newsletter. If you are not financial you will not be able to cast a vote.

"A History of the Fellowship of First Fleeters" Part 3 has been held over until next Newsletter.

IN FELLOWSHIP PETER CHRISTIAN.

1989/90 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE.

FULL MEMBER: \$18.00
PENSIONER: \$8.00
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RELATIVE ASSOCIATE ADULT: ... \$10.00
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Donations for the "BUY A BRICK" Fund would be greatly appreciated. Enclose payment near heading on blue subscrip-

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**1989/90****COMMITTEE:**

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BITS AND PIECES

Sixth Australasian Congress on Genealogy & Heraldry, 1991.

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

Host for the Congress is the Genealogy Society of Tasmania, Inc. with the support of the Australian Federation of Family History Organisations.

Venue for the Congress is the Albert Hall Convention Centre which adjoins the charming 12 hectare City Park near Launceston central business district. The Albert Hall was originally built by the Launceston City Council as a venue for the 1891 Tasmanian International Exhibition and was ranked the 11th largest hall in the world at the time of its construction. Thus the Hall will be celebrating its centenary in 1991. In recent years it has been extensively renovated and extended to serve as a convention centre.

Our Heritage in History

The theme of the congress is family, local and social historical research for today and tomorrow. The Congress Committee is planning a varied programme of interesting and stimulating lectures from internationally acclaimed genealogists, workshops, seminars and special interest meetings all focusing on specific genealogical themes. There will also be the opportunity to meet and socialise with people of similar interests and to explore the extensive local history and genealogical resources available in Launceston.

Launceston is situated at the head of the beautiful Tamar Valley in the mid north of Tasmania. It is the heart of the state's thriving northern agricultural and commercial region and has a population of around 85,000. It is the third oldest city in Australia, being settled in 1805, and enjoys an easy going, provincial life style. May is the best time of the year to see Launceston; the days are usually clear and fine with

cool to cold nights although showery periods may occur. Daytime temperatures generally range from 6 degrees C to 17 degrees C.

Tasmania boasts an abundance of scenic and historic assets to provide a wealth of unique visitor attractions and activities. You can sample the unspoilt wilderness of the wild West Coast region, drive through green farmlands with ancient trees glowing with autumn colours or wander through century-old stately houses. Visitors to the island have the choice of travelling by air or sea.

Flights:

Tasmania is serviced by four airports and Ansett Airlines (the official carriers for the Congress) operate four daily services through Burnie (Wynyard), Launceston and Hobart. Connecting flights are available daily from all major Australian cities. East-West Airlines also operate daily services to Devonport and Hobart, including direct flights from Sydney. Discount fares are available from both airlines, subject to published conditions. Adult return fares from Melbourne as at 1st March 1989 range from \$156 - \$284. New Zealand and other Overseas registrants can fly direct to Hobart or come through Sydney or Melbourne.

Congress Accommodation:

Allotments of accommodation for congress delegates have been reserved at a variety of establishments ranging from \$22.00 per person per night twin share to \$70.00 per person per night twin share. Full accommodation details will be outlined in the official registration brochure. Most of the accommodation reserved is within a few minutes walk of the Congress venue. Alternative accommodation is also available through the various Tasmanian holidays packages on sale at all airlines and travel agents. Accommodation in Launceston can range from Caravan Park, cottage and colonial style accommodation through to 5 star International standard hotel.

A registration brochure is currently being prepared and will be available early in 1990. If you would like a copy, please write to:

Congress Convenor
P.O. Box 360
SUMMERHILL
Tasmania, 7250.

FROM THE CHAPTERS

From the Tasmanian Chapter
Sunday, 3rd September, 1989.

All Tasmanian members are invited to the "Tasmanian Chapter Meeting" at the Reading Room, Ross Library for a luncheon get-together from 11am followed by the business meeting at 1.30pm.

All Enquiries contact:

ROY PECK 442784
KAYE GRICE 447309

"THE CHAPTERS"**"A.C.T. CHAPTER"**

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Marion Batchelor
Postal Address: P.O. Box 30,
Waramanga
A.C.T. 2611

"HUNTER VALLEY CHAPTER"

Contact: (Hon. Secretary)
Mrs Clare Foley
Postal Address: 118 Pacific H'way,
Belmont North,
Windale N.S.W. 2306

"TASMANIAN CHAPTER"

Contact: (President)
Mr. Roy Peck
Postal Address: 17 Martin Place,
Kingsmeadows,
TAS. 7249

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL APPEAL

It is commonplace to be telling First Fleeters that the common origin of each of us and our First Fleet ancestors is, of course, Portsmouth. While our ancestors may have come from all over England and some from places further afield, all congregated through Portsmouth to commence on their epic journey.

Within the city of Portsmouth stands the last uncompleted English Cathedral. This church commenced as a chapel for seafarers in 1180 and in 1185 was dedicated to Sir Thomas of Canterbury. By 1320 the chapel had become the parish church to serve seafarers of the Portsmouth community. When Portsmouth was declared a city in 1927 it was the parish church of St. Thomas which was declared to be the cathedral church of the diocese.

The cathedral church was then designed by Sir Charles Nicholson but unfortunately was not completed due to the intervention of Second World War at which time a temporary retaining wall was added part-way down the intended nave.

It is now intended to complete the cathedral, although not to the same size as had originally been intended by the architect.

For this purpose the Bishop of Portsmouth has launched an appeal to complete the building of the cathedral and in particular the involvement of Australia in the provision of the west front. Incorporated within this wall would be a memorial to the First Fleeters which at the present time is envisaged to be an inscribed roll of First Fleeters on the inside wall of the cathedral.

By way of interest the original architect of the cathedral was Sir Charles Archibald Nicholson, the second Baronet of Luddenham. It was Sir Charles' father, Sir Charles Nicholson, who was the first Baronet of Luddenham and was in fact the great benefactor and chancellor of the University of Sydney between 1854 and 1862. The Nicholson Museum at the University of Sydney is named in his honour. It was Sir Charles Nicholson who was instrumental in gaining for the University a Royal Charter from Queen Victoria in 1858. Sir Charles was knighted in 1852 and was the first Australian to be created a Baronet (of Luddenham New South Wales) in 1859. He returned to live in England in 1862 and unfortunately did not return to Australia thereafter. The architect of the Portsmouth Cathedral

was therefore his eldest son. One of the other sons of Sir Charles Nicholson, namely Sir Sydney Hugo Nicholson, was also noted for his contribution to music and was the founder of the Royal School of Church Music. He had been named by his father in honour of Sydney, New South Wales.

At this time the executives of the Fellowship do not consider that it should, at a time when it is requesting members to contribute towards the discharge of the mortgage of First Fleet House, launch an appeal for another building fund - even one so worthy as that of the completion of Portsmouth Cathedral. If any of the family groups or individual members would however care to be involved in organising fund raising or wish to learn more about Portsmouth Cathedral and its completion then details can be had from the Fellowship offices.

FROM THE MAILBOX

Nola Avis, Member #94
F.F. William Nash / Maria Haynes
3rd June, 1989.

I have just returned from a thoroughly enjoyable three weeks in London, Bath the Isle of Wight and Portsmouth - and places in between with nineteen others.

We were The First Fleet Re-enactment Group. The tour was organised by Mr. Wilbur Wright of Fairlight and our "leader" was Dr. Jonathan King.

The first two days were cold and drizzly but from then on we enjoyed the sunshine often too hot, all the way.

We attended the Anzac Day Memorial Service at Westminster Abbey soon after our arrival in London of April 25th.

On 27th we were welcomed at St. Katherine's Dock by Ken Taylor, Harbourmaster, where the re-enactment vessels gathered in 1987, carrying out last minute repairs etc.

We visited such places as Tower of London, Dickens Inn, The Old Bailey, had a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament, Windsor Castle and Greenwich, where there was a wonderful Captain Cook Display.

We were invited to lunch at the home of Sir John and Lady Ann Page at Taplow Village, Buckinghamshire. Sir John, Jane King's uncle, is the longest surviving Member of Parliament in England (23 years). We had a riotous time and enjoyed marvellous hospitality there.

Our coach took us to Bath on 1st May, visiting Oxford and Blenheim Castle (Winston Churchill's birthplace) on the way.

At Bath we enjoyed a right royal time. Our first outing was to a reception by the Britain/Australian Society. We saw the house Captain Arthur Phillip lived in - 19 Bennett Street, 1806-1814. We visited Bath Abbey, the Roman Baths, St. Nicholas' Church, Bathampton, where Phillip is buried, the Vicar, Oliver Bailey, conducting a short service for us. The Lord Mayor of Bath and his Executive Officer entertained us at the Guild Hall later that day, and entertaining it certainly was! I discovered Richard "Beau" Nash, apparently the "Father of Bath" and hope to ascertain that he is one of my ancestors.

We left Bath on 4th May to travel to the Isle of Wight. Stonehenge was our first stop along the way. It's not just a pile of rocks! Next stop, Winchester, where we were guided through the Cathedral and saw the house Jane Austen lived in before her death. There is a plaque in the floor of the Cathedral in her honour.

We travelled by ferry, coach and all, from Portsmouth to the Isle of Wight. What a delightful place! Our first visit there was to Osborne House, East Cowes, the country home of Queen Victoria and her consort, Prince Albert. It is magnificent with very many treasures displayed.

Next stop was Newport, on the Isle, where some of us visited the County Records Office to search for more links in our ancestry. Then to Ryde where we were received by the Mayor and his Councillors. We were given gifts of scarves for the women and ties for the men, all displaying Ryde's crest. While in Ryde we were invited to the Australian Heritage Society Museum which was officially opened by the Queen just prior to the Re-enactment vessels leaving Portsmouth for Sydney on 13th May, 1987. Ian Lauder is responsible for the establishment of the Museum which is in the old St. Thomas' Church. It is a record of those who left England's shores, shown in paintings, talking figures etc.

Leaving the Isle we ferried across the Solent to Portsmouth where we spent a wonderful seven days. The Mayor, Mr. Ken Hale, as his last official engagement, gave a reception for us in Henry the Eighth's Southsea Castle. The next day we were guests at the inauguration of the new Lord Mayor, Miss Gladys Howard, in Portsmouth Guild Hall. A

full-scale pageant it was and we felt privileged to be there.

Our next historic excursion was to inspect three ships in Portsmouth Harbour - The Warrior (first iron clad vessel to be built), Victory (Nelson's flagship) and the Mary Rose (Henry the Eighth's pride and joy, built in 1511, which sank and was recently salvaged.)

Next day we visited Lyndhurst, the district in which Captain Arthur Phillip lived when he was invited to command The First Fleet. Some of the brick wall surrounding his farm house still stands. We were very well received by the Manager of Lyndhurst Park Hotel and a reception was held in the garden court where the Chairman of New Forest Council, the Vicar, School Master and his secretary joined us and were presented with various Australian mementoes and items of historical and educational interest and a plaque from Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council.

Later that day we were shown over the square rigger "Astrid" in old Portsmouth by Mike Kitchenside, Commander of the First Fleet Re-enactment.

Next day we were guests of Timothy Bavin, Bishop of Portsmouth, and his mother, at their lovely home, Bishopwood, for luncheon. The Provost of Portsmouth's Cathedral, St. Thomas' of Canterbury, Rev. David Stancliffe, was there and invited us to a tour of the Cathedral. It is the only unfinished Cathedral in Britain as World War Two intervened and it is planned to complete it and incorporate in the building a chapel as a First Fleet Memorial, displaying the names of all who sailed to Australia in 1787. A campaign to raise 600,000 Pounds for the work is under way.

That evening we were guests of the Britain/Australian Society and Portsmouth City Council at a dinner in the Banquet Hall in Portsmouth Guild Hall. The proceedings were enriched by many humorous speeches, full of nostalgia, for these people are the ones responsible for the re-enactment ever taking place. It was Jonathan King's dream but they made it come true. We all truly felt at home as they treated us like family. We are friends for life!

Next day, last day, Jonathan held the launching of his latest book at the First Fleet Exhibition Building, Square Tower, Old Portsmouth. The Mayor and Lady Mayoress were in attendance.

In the evening we all gathered at the Royal Naval and Royal Albert Yacht

Club for our last Hurrah! Also present were crew members from the re-enactment vessels so you can imagine that a very jolly time was had by all. Invited guests were Grahame Bishop, Brian and Maureen Hall and Ian and Lesley Lauder, all of whom have the spirit of the First Fleet and worked very hard in the period leading to the sailing of the Re-enactment Ships.

We parted next day, all going our separate ways. It was an unbelievably wonderful three weeks. I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

Mr. E.C. Jones #3358

writes from Moree NSW.

The following are transcripts of the graves of some of the Arndell Family at Rocky Creek Station, Coroda.

Rocky Creek Station was owned at one time by John Arndell, descendant of First Fleeter Thomas Arndell.

The graves are in a poor state, but the headstones are intact and quite legible, despite two of them having been topped.

A heavy iron picket fence which surrounded the graves has collapsed due to floodwaters from the nearby creek. Free ranging cattle have also done some damage. The present owner ties his dogs up near the site in an attempt to keep cattle from the graves.

The site is at present covered with cedar berry trees and variegated thistle and a large patch of violets grow there.

I have heard it mentioned that the site was to be listed with the National Trust but I have no confirmation of this.

Perhaps some of the descendants of Thomas Arndell would be interested in restoring the area.

*Sacred to the Memory of
John Arndell. Died September 4th 1905.
Aged 77 years.*

*"Fear thee not for I am with thee,
Call upon me in thine hour of trouble
And I will answer thee,
I will never leave thee,
Nor forsake thee."*

*Sacred to the Memory of
Albert Fredrick Arndell
Died August 27th 1881.
Aged 14 years.*

Sacred to the Memory of

*Ada Agnes, beloved wife of Thomas Evans
Keene and daughter of John Arndell who
died at Moree January 10th 1897.
Aged 32 years.*

*"Blessed are the pure in heart
For they shall see God.
The lord giveth and the lord taketh away
Blessed be the name of the lord
And so he giveth his beloved sleep."*

Gloria Inexcelsis Deo.

Sacred to the Memory of

*Catherine Arndell
Who departed this life
on the 8th November 1875.
Aged 45 years.*

*"A tender wife, a mother dear
A faithful friend lies buried here
Free from malice, free from pride
And as she liv'd - so she died."*

*Erected by her affectionate husband
As a tribute of veneration to her dear
memory.*

May her soul rest in peace.

H.F. Bowd. Sc.
Maitland.

Yours faithfully,
Mr. E.C. Jones

(Re: Shirley Beale's) letter May/June
1989, page 7 column 1.

Australian Heritage Centre, Isle of
Wight)

Nola Avis, Member #94 has been able
to supply us with the correct name and
address of the centre on the Isle of
Wight after a recent visit there and ex-
pects they will be of assistance to her in
tracing information on her ancestors.

The address is:

St. Thomas' Centre
Box 5, P.O.
Ryde, Isle of Wight.

The centre has an association called
AGEMICS and anyone interested in
joining is asked to write to the centre in
Australia.

AGEMICS

Railway Parade
Kiama, N.S.W. 2533

Anyone who has used the centre might
write and let the readers know how it
has helped them with their research.

WHAT IS A FAMILY HISTORIAN?

Between the innocence of childhood and the happy unawareness of the mental asylum, we have that delightful creature called THE FAMILY HISTORIAN.

Family Historians come in assorted sizes, heights and colours, but all have the same creed; to track down ancestors in more archives and more libraries, in more newspapers than any other person and to impart their stories at every opportunity to every person who will listen.

Family Historians are found everywhere.... lurking in graveyards, hiding in libraries, rifling through indexes, chasing up leads, organizing reunions and microfiching.

The Register General loves them, the Mitchell Library tolerates them, their families humour them and Heaven protects them.

A Family Historian is a writer with a pedigree chart to fill in, an Historian with a death certificate in his hand, and a Society Member with a tape recorder and a parent that is not often at home.

To the family and friends he is someone who collects old photos, litters the spare room, writes dozens of letters and has a huge telephone bill. To the local community the Family Historian is a fanatic who reads old papers, asks a lot of questions and knows what S.A.G. means.

The Family Historian is a composite.... he has the curiosity of a cat, the patience of Job, a craving for his Mother Country, eyesight attuned to microfilms and a hand in his pocket all the time. Nobody is so enthusiastic about a headstone, nobody else can get so much fun out of a Post Office Directory. Nobody else can sit for hours and look at a microfilm then fall asleep in front of T.V.

A Family Historian is a magical creature. When his head is drooping over the indexes, his ears humming from a family re-union and his feet sore from walking the pavements, when his Officer-Soldier-Settler turns out to be a Convict and he gets no results from the Register General, your heart will go out to him, and your spirit gladdens when you hear that shout:

"I'VE FOUND HIM!!!"

ANON.

BIRTHS

A warm welcome to the following New First Fleeters

COLIN KEITH FROST

5th May, 1989. F.F. Matthew James Everingham.

Son of Roger and Debbie Frost,
Grandson of Keith and Valerie Frost.

JEREMY RICHARD FARDELL

20th February, 1989. F.F. John Herbert/Deborah Ellam.

Son of Colin and Annette Fardell,
Grandson of James and Marie(#1443) Fardell.

KATHERINE HANNA WALSH

10th July, 1989. F.F. Anthony Rope/Elizabeth Pulley.

Daughter of Peter and Debra Anne Walsh,
Grand-daughter of James and Marion Harvey.

ANDREW KEVIN LAW

23rd May, 1989. F.F. John Nichols.

Son of Peter and Karen Law,
Grandson of Kevin (#3705) and Shirley Doherty.

PATRICK LINDSAY SHIELDS

14th May, 1989 (Mothers Day). F.F. William Roberts.

Son of Kerry and Lynne Shields,
Grandson of Eric and Elizabeth (#1989) Murphy.

JOHN VINCENT GOLDING

3rd May 1989. F.F. Thomas Acres.

Son of Wayne and Clare Golding,
Fifth grandchild of Bert and Fay (#4420) Golding,
Great grandson of Sarah Golding.

ENGAGEMENT

Congratulations on the announcements of the engagement of **STUART JAMES KNIGHT #5105**, (F.F. Thomas Chipp/Jane Langley) to **KAREN MILLER OF** Campbelltown.

Stuart and Karen are both Seventh Generation Australians and plan to marry in August 1990.

Also **PETER ROBERT CANNING #3032**, (F.F. Matthew Everingham) and **CAROL HINSHEN** on the 28th April, 1989. Peter and Carol will be married on 31st March, 1990.

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations on the marriage of **ROWENA MELANAITE SUTTON** (F.F. William Roberts/Kezia Brown) and **DOUGLAS JOHN THOMAS**. The couple were married by Rowena's father, Rev. John Sutton of Collaroy, in the Uniting Church, Mosman, NSW, on Saturday 11th March, 1989. The reception was held in the Beastro, Taronga Park.

Also **ANDREW HOWIE** and **HELEN PASK #1947** (F.F. James Ruse) who were married on 17th June, 1989 in the garden at Kameraigal, Belrose.

OBITUARIES

Deepest sympathy is offered to the families of the following:

WILLIAM PATRICK EGGLETON, Member #4332, F.F. W.P. Eggleton

Died 11th May, 1989.

THOMAS HENRY KEWLEY,

Associate Spouse,
Husband of Ethel Kewley, Member #5552, F.F. Anthony Rope/Elizabeth Pulley.

Died 2nd April, 1989.

JAMES HERBERT BRYANT FIRKINS, Member # 4056, Husband of Ada M. Firkins

Died 14th September, 1988.

OLWEN WARD EDWARDS,

Member #805, F.F. William Nash/Maria Haynes.

Died 19th May, 1989.

NEVILLE JOHN STEAR

(Husband of Joan Stear, Member #1080)

Passed away suddenly on 29th June, 1989.

Neville served in the Army in WW2 and was a prisoner of war in Changi. He was an active member of many community service groups and on his retirement, joined Joan as a helper on Newsletter Day for the Fellowship. He was a quiet achiever. Sincere sympathy is extended to Joan, particularly from the Newsletter helpers.

*"To live in the hearts and minds of
Descendants is never to die"*



AROUND THE TREES

BLOODWORTH/BELLAMY

Sunday 1st October, 1989.

All Bloodworth, Brown and Howe descendants are invited to attend a muster at 12 noon, Rylstone Memorial Hall after Church services.

Each family is asked to bring a picnic lunch which will go to a community table, their family tree will be written on white cardboard so as it may be displayed on the walls, old photographs and any relics which will be put on display (please mark these appropriately with your name.)

We are endeavouring to have the photocopier on hand which will entail a small cost to those wishing to use it.

Any enquiries please contact

Mrs Shirley Tunnicliff
24a Coomber St.
Rylstone NSW 2849.

BLOODWORTH/BELLAMY/LE

Sunday 17th September, 1989.

Descendants of James Bloodworth, Sarah Bellamy and James Lee are invited to attend a family picnic at 12 noon in Johnson Park (James Bloodworth's Farm), Dulwich Hill.

All enquiries:

Alice Clarke
P.O. Box 328,
Lane Cove, NSW 2066
Phone: (02) 428-4530

FORBES

Sunday, 12th November, 1989.

A gathering of all descendants of Ann Forbes is to be held in Centennial Park near the Rotunda - commencing 10am till whenever. This is the closest date to the 200th Anniversary of Ann's first child Sarah Bannister. Bring your own lunch, research andy photo's you may

have. Keith Selby will have his camera and will do copies for a small fee.

All enquiries:

June Bigham
2/80 Dee Why Pde,
Dee Why, NSW 2099
Phone: (02) 982-9550

or

Laurel McMiles
1 Zarlee St,
Fairfield West, NSW 2165
Phone: (02) 604-4457

or

Phyllis Selby
8 Carol Ave,
Jannali, NSW 2226
Phone (02) 521-1257

AMENDMENTS TO "Family Associations Directory"

Re: May/June 1989 Newsletter

FIRST FLEETER - THOMAS ACRES SOCIETY (Est. 1982)

Contact:

Miss Agnes Akers
Postal Address:
P.O. Box 484, Dee Why, NSW. 2099

THOMAS ARNDELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Contact:

(Secretary) Mr. R. Davis
Postal Address:
31 Clarinda St
Hornsby, NSW 2077

DEVINE FAMILY

Contact:

Mrs Betty Duns
Postal Address:
1/11 El Alamein St
Port Lincoln

HERBERT FAMILY ASSOCIATION (EST. 1988)

Contact:

(Secretary) Mr. Robert Herbert
Postal Address:
P.O. Box 312, Merrylands, NSW 2160

JANE LANGLEY FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Contact:

Ila Knight
Postal Address:
60 Kittyhawk Cres, Raby, NSW 2566

or

Melda Longland
11/14 Warialda St, Bexley, NSW 2207

JOHN NICHOLS FAMILY SOCIETY (EST. 1982)

Contact:

Barbara Coleman
Postal Address:
23 Maxwell St, Turramurra, NSW 2074.

ANN FORBES DESCENDANTS SOCIETY (EST. 1989)

Contact:

(President) June Bigham
Postal Address:
2/80 Dee Why Pde.
Dee Why, NSW 2099

Please inform the Fellowship of any amendments and new family associations so an up to date list can be published periodically.

SIXTEEN 9th GENERATION AUSTRALIAN BORN JANE LANGLEY DESCENDANTS.

Mr. J. Hindmarsh, member # 3747 has sent in a challenge to other First Fleet Families. Can anyone extend on sixteen 9th generation born Australians.

Jane Langley would surely be proud of the following:

	Born
LUKE DANIEL MACKAY	1981
ALICIA JADE MACKAY	1986
LYNDEN THOMAS MACKAY	1987
BENJAMINE GRANVILLE GUINERY	1982
CASANDRA ROSE GUINERY	1983
KELITA RENE GUINERY	1985
CALEB LUKE GUINERY	1987
TOD ANTHONY AITKIN	1982
NICOLE AMY AITKIN	1984
MARK FOSTER	1980
REBECCA FOSTER	1983
GUY WRAY	1988
ANEKA RENE COLLINSON	1988
Plus the 3 children of Glen Cherry (names not known at time of printing)	

Suzanne Stanton (Junior Newsletter Editor) would like to hear from 9th Generation members for the proposed column titled "One more than eight, one less than ten".

Suzanne asks that all junior members (ages 0-18 years) write about your First Fleeters ie; What sort of person they were, what was their life like?

Please write, print or type neatly, no more than 80 words.

Write to Suzanne c/o First Fleet House as soon as possible as she needs YOUR articles for YOUR NEWSLETTER.

1989 CONVENTION OF N.S.W.FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

14th & 15th October, 1989.
Regency Lodge
Cnr. Padley St. and Railway Pde,
Lithgow.

Hosted by Lithgow and District Family
History Society Incorporated.

Speakers will be:

Col. Ralph Sutton

Dr. Carol Liston

Dr. Trevor McClaughlin

Miss Gail Davies

Mr. Jack Watson

Mr. Colin Drew

Miss Carol Churches

Forum Chair: Miss Heather Garnsey

Apply for registration form and all en-
quiries to :

The Secretary
Lithgow and District Family History
Society

P.O. Box 516
Lithgow, NSW 2790
Phone: (063) 556207.

ANN FORBES DESCENDANTS SOCIETY

A meeting was held at First Fleet House
on the 25th June, 1989 to form a society
for the descendants of First Fleeter
ANN FORBES.

It was pleasing to see so many people
(about 30) turn up at short notice,
which is a tribute to the organisation of
June Bigham who spent many hours
contacting known researchers of this
line.

A society to be called - ANN FORBES
DESCENDANTS SOCIETY - was
formed and a general vote decided that
annual fees would be \$10 per family
and \$5 for junior with no other family.
Fees to be due and payable to
Secretary/Treasurer Phyllis Selby end
of June each year.

The purpose of forming the society was
to enable all available information to be
channelled through to Doug Huxley
who would appreciate any help from
researchers who have dates, stories,
achievements photos etc of any of
Ann's descendants which may be of in-
terest, for a book he is compiling on this
family.

A committee formed consisting of :

June Bigham (President)
Bruce Arnett & Laurel McMiles (Vice
Presidents)
Phyllis Selby (Secretary/Treasurer).

Coordinators were appointed for each
of Ann's children and are as follows:

ELIZABETH - Jill Mills, Mollie New-
bold

JANE - N/A

THOMAS - Doug Huxley, Laurel Mc-
Miles

CHARLOTTE - Patricia Harvey

ANN - Bruce Arnett, Joan Bale

JAMES - June Bigham, David Huxley

SAMUEL - Dot Johnson, Keith Selby

JOHN - Dot Fairfield

ESTHER - Elaine Holiday, Cavanoughs

SOPHIA - Shirley Hollister.

Any person wishing to contribute or
gain information on any of these lines
may do so by contacting any of the
above through June Bigham, 2/80 Dee
Why Pde, Dee Why, NSW 2099. June
will then refer your query to the ap-
pointed person.

One very interesting discovery came
out of the meeting from research being
done by Mollie Newbold. Mollie is not
a descendant of Ann Forbes but the
Aunt of Lorraine MURRAY nee JOHN,
a descendant - and after tracing Lor-
raines ancestors back to Thomas, was
confronted by Lorraines husband who
thought he too would like to have his
ancestry traced- Mollie found he de-
scended from Ann's daughter
Elizabeth Dring. How many can claim
both sides of their families being re-
lated so closely 6 generations ago.

FUTURE FELLOWSHIP FUNCTIONS

Wednesday Daytime Auxiliary

(Meets 4th Wednesday, every second
month)

Our Christmas Luncheon will be on 6th
December, details in the next newslet-
ter.

Our next outing, a visit to Victoria Bar-
racks on Tuesday 26th September, fea-
tures changing of the guard followed
by an inspection of the barracks and a
tour of the museum. Meet outside the
barracks at 9.45am, finishing ap-
proximately 12 noon. The cost will be
\$2.00 per person, bookings close on
12th September.

For bookings please phone:
Norma Cunningham (Convenor)
(02) 774-3459

or

Bernice Smart (02) 631-4865

ON SALE

From First Fleet House

**Prints of "Ships of the First Fleet"
Individual Prints approx 16" x 14"
\$20.00 each Postage \$5.00
Set of 12 prints
\$125.00 Postage \$7.50**

The Artist and the Paintings:

Frank Allen, a self-taught artist was
brought up on an island off the
Queensland coast and spent most of his
younger years at sea where he
developed a fascination for old sailing
ships. Whilst his later working life has
been spent as a commercial artist, his
spare time has been devoted to the
study of Maritime History.

The project of painting ships of the First
Fleet involved many long hours of re-
search and hundreds of sketches,
before pencil was transformed to water
colour.

No plans or draughts, apart from
H.M.S. Sirius and H.M.S. Supply (these
having been bought by the Navy -
records have survived the 200 years)
exist of the other 9 Merchant ships as no
central body kept details at that time.

Throughout 2 years of studying history
books and sketching details, it was pos-
sible to build a fairly accurate picture of
ship-building of that period. In some
instances, as in the case of the "Borrow-
dale" it was not possible to determine,
even through this research, as to
whether it had a figure head, scroll
head, or neither. As a consequence, it
was painted in stern view, so as not to
be historically misleading.

With this information at hand it was
possible to depict accurately the people
on board in correct perspective to the
ship's size and makes one realize how
unbelievably courageous the
forefathers of Australia were.

The paintings are invaluable addition
to history and will give people as much
understanding and pleasure of
Australia's birth, as they did the artist.

We have approached the N.S.W.
Government for a request for them to
purchase the original eleven paintings
of the First Fleet ships, together with a
painting of the Fleet at anchor in Syd-
ney Cove. The collection is valued at
\$16,000 and it is to be hoped that it
remains in Australia, preferably Syd-
ney.

They have referred the matter to the
Minister for the Arts, the Hon. Peter
Collins M.P., but support from you, the
members in the form of letters is essen-
tial to the future of these paintings.
Please help!!!

Write to:

The Hon. N.F. Greiner M.P.
Premier, Treasurer and Minister
for Ethnic Affairs.
Premiers Department
8th Floor
State Office Block
Sydney, NSW 2000

and

The Hon. Peter Collins M.P.
Minister for the Arts.
Level 22, McKeil Building
Rawson Place
Sydney, NSW 2000.

BOOKS

"Campsie's Past - A History of
Campsie and Croydon Park, N.S.W"

"Earlwood's Past - A History of
Earlwood, Undercliffe and Clemton
Park, N.S.W"

by Brian J. Madden & Lesley Muir

These two books are the first of a series
of histories of suburbs within the area
now known as the Municipality of
Canterbury, one of the earliest settled
areas in the Colony of N.S.W.

Order forms available from:

Miss J. Rooke
Municipal Historian

Canterbury Local Studies Centre

139 Beamish St,
Campsie, N.S.W. 2194

Phone: (02) 789-9420

Cost: \$7.95
plus
\$1.65 postage per copy.

A MOMENT OF VERSE

Untitled Lament

Reports of the First Fleeters get-
together have stirred a Harbord reader
to verse:

*"Now listen to me you people
I'm going to shoot a line
About my great-great grandfather
Who came here to do time.
If he hadn't gone a-poaching
In the local Lord's domain,
He wouldn't have been transported
And brought here wearing chains.
The First Fleet came a-sailing
In seventeen eighty eight,
A-bringing me ancestor
A-wondering about his fate.
For years we kept it quiet,
But now I'm shouting loud,
"I'm descended from a convict,
And I am flamin' proud."*

ANON.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For Period 25th May '89 to 28th June '89

We extend a warm welcome to new
members joined during this period 24
adult, 2 junior members and 2 spouses.

THOMAS ARNDELL - ELIZABETH
DALTON:

Mr Peter Charles Allison, Miss
Meghann Anne Race Allison

WILLIAM EGGLETON - MARY DICK-
ENSON:

Mr Alan Geoffrey Shaw.

MATTHEW EVERINGHAM + WIL-
LIAM ROBERTS:

Mrs Ellen Grace Reed.

CAROLINE LAYCOCK:

(Rev. Brother Basil) Henry John Col-
lins.

EDWARD MILES:

Miss Sarah Alicia O'Neill (Jnr)

MICHAEL MURPHY:

Mr Kevin Stephen Winterbottom (sp.
Mrs Maureen Winterbottom)

Mr Andrew Stephen Winterbottom; Mr
Simon James Winterbottom;

Miss Elizabeth Ann Winterbottom; Mr
Michael Thomas Winters;

Miss Amy Sarine Winters (Jnr); Mrs
Glenyse Joy Giesen.

JAMES SHIERS - MARY SMITH:

Miss Enid Dorothy Bullock.

JOHN SMALL - MARY PARKER:

Mrs Lorna Payne; Mrs Michelle Nicole
Terracini.

JOSEPH WRIGHT:

Mrs Elise May Semple; Miss Barbara
May Semple; Mr Eric Graham Semple;

Miss Sachi Gormack-Semple; Miss
Jayne Kathleen Semple; Mr Colin
Michael Semple.

ELIZABETH YOUNGSON:

Mrs Brenda Olive Blackmore (sp. Mr
Barry James Blackmore);

Mr Paul Anthony Blackmore; Mr
Stephen Phillip Blackmore; Mr Andrew
James Blackmore.

SPOUSE ASSOCIATES OF EARLIER
MEMBERS:

Mr Wolfgang Schoch husband of mem-
ber #5754 Mrs Margaret Joan Schoch.

CORRECTIONS

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

Mr Henry Thomas Davies (should
read)

Mr. Leslie Thomas Henry Davies
(Leslie was spelt incorrectly in the cor-
rection column of the last issue).

May/June p7.

"Future Fellowship Functions" column
The Wednesday Daytime Auxiliary
meets on the 4th Wednesday of every
2nd month NOT the last Wednesday.

EDITORS NOTE

The closing date for the September/October Newsletter is 14th September, 1989.

Please type or print any articles and enclose member number with all correspondence and First Fleet ancestors for "birth", "wedding bells", and "condolences" columns.

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