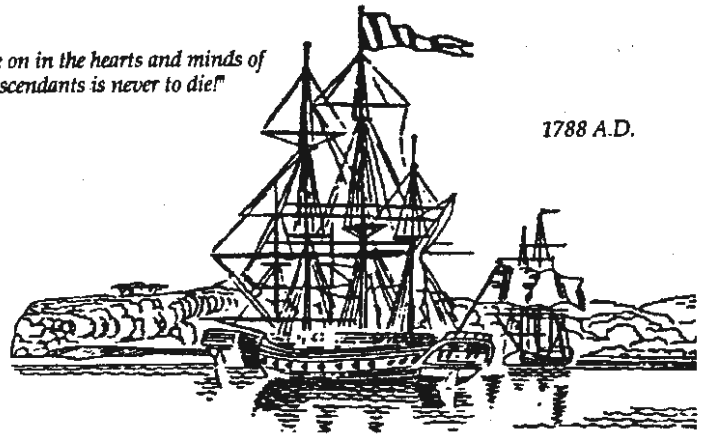


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"To live on in the hearts and minds of  
Descendants is never to die!"



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The 11th November, 1990 was Armistice Day. I am sure that we all remembered it. However, I do hope though that those who gave the traditional minute's silence at 11am gave some thought to our Servicemen in the war threatened Gulf Region and to those Australian "Guestages" held in Kuwait and Iraq.

The Annual General Meeting was held at Melrose Hall, Emu Plains. There were no changes to the Board. The two motions were defeated. On the point of the motions concerning Postal Elections, I must comment that the spirit of them being moved was a most genuine one and related to giving members who could not attend the A.G.M., especially because of distance, access to voting. I must stress that members can vote by Proxy, so, any member can actually vote.

Two past members of the Board did not re-nominate. They were Rose Millwood and Wilma Townsend. I am personally most disappointed to lose both from the Committee. Rose served for about two years and was one of those silent achievers. Wilma is a foundation member of the Fellowship and also a life member. She is a very active person and I often ask myself where she gets the time and energy to achieve as much as she does and still find time to make a worthwhile contribution to meetings, mid-week attendance in the office and other activities. She always

made sound and worthwhile suggestions. Wilma was strongly supported by husband Loch. Loch gave her tremendous support and even attended the regular meetings where he remained "on call" and actually contributed to the problem solving process. We will miss them both from our ranks.

We welcome back to the Committee Doug Oakes after a spell in the backbenches. Doug's good work as Grave's Committee Convenor has been tremendous.

The Committee has been most concerned that with inflation families with more than two members find it impracticable and uneconomic to enrol them all in the Fellowship. The Committee has decided that a maximum of \$50.00 in fees for the year, regardless of the number of children enrolled in each Nuclear Family with Junior Members should apply.

An opportunity has arisen to reinstate the gravestones of a number of first fleeters in St. Anne's, Ryde. These include Richard Hawkes, James Bradley, Joseph Hatton, and Edward Goodin. James Small is also buried at St. Anne's, Ryde. There is a proposal to have the gravestones placed onto a sleeve near the site of the graves, but together. A quote for the work designed to conform with the Church's wishes has been submitted to the Fellowship. The Committee has agreed to authorise the

work and pay the account. However, in doing so the Committee feels it is acting on what it feels is best for the nation's heritage but acting on behalf of the descendants. The Committee looks to the descendants for reimbursement. In this regard each descendant family is invited to send \$5.00 to the Fellowship.

Similar arrangements have been made in respect of Botany Cemetery. The gravestones have to be recreated according to a specification but the Trust will allow then to be placed in the Pioneer's Memorial Section. James Squire is one of those affected and similarly the Fellowship invites a \$5.00 donation so that the work can be carried out on behalf of the descendants.

The Scribes who wrote about the First Fleet and later arrivals depicted the female convicts in a very poor light. We have progressed family historical research to a point where we have a very good idea about them as individuals. I actually found a record where my ancestor Olivia Gascoigne was mentioned in an official document as a "good person".

I am speculating but I believe that the comments about that woman were propaganda for home consumption. The British taxpayer was paying for a naval fortress in the guise of a penal establishment. They did not want

migrants or snoopers or newspaper men here. They also did not want to create the impression that any poor conditions which existed were not the Government's fault but rather the fault of the convicts.

The convict era the subject of our inculcation and current educational topics can be focused more on the 1825 plus period not the first and early fleets. Through this newsletter we would like to hear your views.

Our humble apologies for the members whose Newsletter went astray recently. They have been found at First Fleet House under the stairs. How they got there is a mystery and we are very sorry for the inconvenience caused.

Christmas is coming soon and as we will not have another edition of the Newsletter before then, I wish to thank all the Committee Members, the Office workers, the function organisers, the Newsletter Dispatch Team, the Chapter Committees

and all the other supporters who made the Fellowship work efficiently during the year. I also wish every Member and their family a very merry Christmas and a happier New Year.

Yours In Fellowship  
James Hugh Donohoe



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### FROM THE MAILBOX

Dear Editor

I am endeavouring to trace photographs of the 13 children of Sarah (Daughter of William Nash and Maria Haynes) and John Williams. So far I have 6, namely, Robert, Elizabeth, John, David, Edward and William. That leaves photos of Mary, Ann, Sarah, Maria, Eliza, Susannah, and George to be added to the collection. Details from Joan Rowe, (02) 771-3070

### BITS AND PIECES

Raffle

The raffle drawn at the 1990 Annual Meeting was won by Mr. M. Nall of Newtown Victoria. (Pink F79)

Congratulations

### "Pioneers Pilgrimage of Flags and Flowers"

Sunday 27th January, 1991

10.30am at The Garrison Church  
Cnr. Argyle & Lower Fort Streets  
Millers Point, Sydney.

10.30am.  
Thanksgiving Service for our  
Pioneers

11.35am  
Procession of Flags and Flowers to  
Captain Bligh Monument, then  
Captain Phillips Monument at First  
Fleet Park, then to the First Fleet  
Landing Site Monument at Circular  
Quay, where Pioneer families and  
Historic Associations lay posies (Card  
attached to identify the forbear or  
Association) on that Monument.

Cheers for Pioneers, Country and Queen.

12.15pm

Disperse for a picnic lunch on  
Observatory Hill.

All Enquires:  
Rev. Brian Seers  
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### Four Day Tour to Melbourne for "The Phantom of The Opera"

\$410.00 per person, twin share  
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**1989 SPORTS BOY OF THE YEAR**  
Congratulations to Richard Glass (FF  
Frederick Meredith), a pupil of  
Camden South Public School N.S.W.

Richard's achievements include representing the Metropolitan S.W. Region for State Championships in Aussie Rules at Wagga, District P.S.S.A. representative in Softball, Athletics, Cross Country and Aussie Rules. He is also well represented in the schools P.S.S.A in Softball, Touch Football and the Tiger Shield in Soccer and State knockout in Aussie Rules.

We wish Richard all the very best for the future.

### HERITAGE TOUR TO FRANCE AND ENGLAND APRIL - MAY, 1991

*Paris and the Somme Battlefields on the 75th Anniversary,  
accompanied by the Golden Kangaroos Band.*

*The Six First Fleet Cities: Portsmouth, Plymouth, Ryde, Bath,  
Lyndhurst, and London.*

*Visit Gov. Phillip's grave in the Australian Chapel at Bathampton.*

*Present the Sirius Sculpture to the City of Portsmouth.*

*Install a Plaque on Gov. Hunter's Grave at Hackney, London.*

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## AROUND THE TREES

### Joseph Tuzo Descendants

As one of your other ancestors in Joseph Baylis, Soldier, who arrived in the Second Fleet on "Surprise" your attention is drawn to The 1788 - 1820 Pioneer Gazette #122 of October, 1990.

"A reunion of the descendants of the brothers Joseph and John Baylis who arrived in the N.S.W. Corps in 1790 and 1791 is being planned for near Easter in 1991.

Would all interested please contact:

Margaret Torrens, 7 Knox St. Epping NSW (02) 868 4748 or

Jane Ireland, 109 Victoria St. Coffs Harbour NSW".

### William Nash/Maria Haynes

Descendants are invited to be present at the 10am service at St. Philip's Church, York Street, Sydney, on Sunday 17th February, 1991, to be followed by a picnic lunch on Observatory Hill. This is the 202nd Anniversary of William and Maria's wedding at St. Philip's on 13th February, 1789. Details from Joan Rowe, (02) 771-3070.

### Reference Library Shelf List.

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Shelving 1 (near steps)

People of the First Fleet - Don Chapman

First Fleet Families of Australia C.J. Smee

Pioneer Register - 2nd Edition Vol 1. (Contains old Vols 1-5)

Pioneer Register - 2nd Edition Vol 2. (Contains old Vols 6-10)

Pioneer Register - 3rd Edition Vol 3. (Contains old Vols 11-15)

Pioneer Register - Vol 16.

Pioneer Register - Vol 17

The Fettered and the Free - Iris Nesdale

The Catholics of N.S.W. 1788 - 1820 and their Families - J.H. Donohoe

Norfolk Island 1788 - 1813. The People and their Families - J.H. Donohoe

The First Fleeters - Fidlon, Ryan & Cowell

The Second Fleet Convicts - Edited by R.J. Ryan

The Third Fleet Convicts - R.J. Ryan

The Convict Ships 1787 - 1868 - C. Bateson

The Forgotten Generation of Norfolk Island and Van Diemen's Land

The Crimes of the First Fleet Convicts - John Cobley

The Journal of Arthur Bowes Smith, Surgeon, "Lady Penrhyn" 1787 - 1789. A loose leaf edition is also available.

The Journal of Philip Gidley King, Lt. R.N. 1787 - 1790. Fidlon & Ryan

The Journal & Letters of Lt. Ralph Clark 1787 - 1792. Fidlon & Ryan

Year Book Australia 1968 No. 54



## BOOKS

"Hawkesbury River History, Governor Phillip, Exploration and Early Settlement"

Edited by Jocelyn Powell and Lorraine Banks.

Available from: Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society

Post Office  
Wisemans Ferry  
NSW 2775

Cost: \$15.95 each plus \$3.00 postage.

### FAMILY HISTORY REFERENCES

Works compiled by the President of the Fellowship of First Fleeters, James Hugh Donohoe BA., Dip.FHS. are currently available through the Fellowship.

They are supplied in Book or Photocopy form, Micro-fiche or Computer Disk (same prices apply).

### RESEARCHING YOUR ANCESTRY HERE AND OVER THERE

A short guide to researching a family tree in a nutshell and prompts on sources of advice and help where the research becomes more difficult. \$4.95ea.

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A comprehensive list of first fleet families and 1,200 of their children. \$9.95ea Postage \$1.50 each for the above.

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A book listing most of the 10,000 Catholics in NSW up to late 1820. Published by The NSW State Archives Authority. \$19.95 inc. postage. Not available on Micro-fiche or Computer Disk.

Cheques and Money Orders for these can be addressed to the Fellowship which will arrange for the works to be forwarded.

## "THE SECRET HISTORY OF THE CONVICT COLONY"

The Annual Dinner of the Canberra Chapter of the Fellowship of First Fleeters was held at the Hill Station restaurant on 23rd July, 1990, and was addressed by Robert J. King, author of the recently published, "The Secret History Of The Convict Colony: Alexandro Malaspina's report on the British Settlement of New South Wales" (Sydney, Allen & Unwin Australia, 1990). The following is an abridged version of his talk:

### Alexandro Malaspina at Port Jackson, March/April 1793

"We will remain for the rest of our lives eternally gracious hospitality for which we have been obliged to the Colony, the effort of the Government in maintaining good harmony with us, and the particular courtesies in which have competed frankness and openness, as much as may be compatible between two generous, though rival, Nations."

With these words, Alexandro Malaspina, commander of the first Spanish scientific expedition to visit Australia, summed up the friendly personal relations which had been established between the English colonists and Spanish visitors during their month-long stay, between 12 March and 11 April 1793.

Every courtesy had been extended by the acting governor of the settlement, Major Francis Grose, even to the extend of offering the settlement's daily password, which was sent across in a sealed envelope. Bennelong's brick cottage, on the east point of Sydney Cove, was assigned to the visitors to store their instruments while they made astronomical and gravitational observations (Bennelong himself had gone to England the previous December with Governor Philip). While the crews of the expedition's two ships, the "Descubierta" and the "Atrevida", replenished wood and water, and made repairs, the naturalists, Louis Née and Thaddeus Haenke, collected botanical and zoological specimens during excursions to Botany Bay and Parramatta. Née collected 1,155 plant specimens (most of which are still held by the Jardin Botanic in Madrid). Juan Ravenet who, like Malaspina, was an Italian from Parma, and Fernando Brámbila, who was from Milan, were the expedition's artists. Their sketches and portraits of the

local settlement, its inhabitants and the local Aborigines, remain an important record of the period. The visitors were entertained in the colonist's homes, and they in turn invited the officers of the settlement and their wives to parties held on board the "Descubierta" and "Atrevida". Major Grose was received on board with the honours due a lieutenant general. The expedition's Chaplain, Padre Mesa, stayed at the home of the Rev. Richard Johnson and his wife. Before the expedition left Sydney, the results of all their scientific observations and calculations were made available to the British officers, and Major Grose was presented with landscapes by Brámbila of Sydney Cove and Parramatta. Ravenet had become extremely popular for his willingness to paint miniature portraits of the ladies and gentlemen of the colony. All reports of the visit attest to the genuine respect and personal friendship which was established between the Spanish visitors and the lonely English settlers.

The visit of the Malaspina expedition to Sydney Cove had a deeper purpose. Francois Péron, who visited Port Jackson with a French expedition in 1802, wrote after his visit: "The Spanish expedition of Admiral Malaspina did not fulfil the expectations of its government." We will come to why it did not fulfil its expectations in a moment, but first it is necessary to explain what those expectations were.

The dispatch by the British Government in May 1787 of an expedition to colonise Botany Bay on the east coast of New Holland, and the small island of Norfolk in the seas adjacent had been a cause for concern to Spain. The Spanish Government had not followed up the proposals and urgings of Pedro Fernandez de Quiros to colonise the South Land, but they were aware of the dangers of allowing other nations to colonise it. A naval captain, Francisco Muñoz y San Clemente, sounded a warning in a "Political Discussion of the English Settlements in New Holland" dated 20 September, 1788, claiming that they would soon constitute a threat to Spanish commerce in the Pacific. "These dangers are grave", he said, "but those in time of war are even greater. The settlers will be able to fit out lucrative privateers so as to cut all communication between the Philippines and both Americas; they will think perhaps of extending their possessions, or they may influence

some revolution which would diminish ours."

In view of this warning, it was natural that the Minister for Marine, Antonio Valdés, should look with favour upon a proposal submitted on 10 September 1788 by Alexandro Malaspina and his partner, José de Bustamante y Guerra, for a "political and scientific voyage" through the South Seas, including in its objects "political inquiries, which would be confidential which, if the Government found it convenient, would include the English settlement of Botany Bay".

Aged 33 at the time he wrote his plan for the voyage (he was the same age as William Bligh) Malaspina had already had a distinguished naval career. He had been born, of an ancient noble family, on 5 November 1754, in Mulazzo in the Duchy of Parma, grew up and was educated at Palermo in the Bourbon Kingdom of Naples, and joined the Marine Guard of Cadiz in 1774. He saw action in several naval battles against the English in the western Mediterranean during the war of 1779-83 (the war of American Independence). Commissioned frigate captain in 1782, he commanded the "Asuncion" in a voyage to the Philippines in 1783-84, and subsequently the frigate "Astrea" in a voyage of investigation of the Spanish possessions in the Americas and the Pacific (in emulation of the British and French discoverers, such as Cook and Lapérouse), he worked on a plan for this with his partner Bustamante, and on 30 July 1789 set sail from Cadiz as Captain of the "Descubierta" and senior commander of the expedition.

During their stay at Port Jackson, the Spanish officers collected as much information as possible relating to the purpose and conditions of the "Botany Bay" colony, both from direct observation and from the books which had already been published about the colony (such as Watkin Tench's "Narrative of the Expedition to Botany Bay", John White's "Journal of a Voyage to New South Wales", and the anonymous "History of New Holland"). One of the expeditions officers, Lt. Jacob Murphy, an Irishman, acted as interpreter. The information was put together in a confidential report composed by Malaspina entitled, "A Political Examination of the English Colonies in the Pacific". In this, he compared the reasons given in London for the Botany Bay project with the actual situation existing at Port Jackson. He saw the sterility of the soil, the poor state of agriculture, the absence of

good timber or any other commercial produce, the great expense of sending out and maintaining convicts, the administration of 700 men in the New South Wales Corps. He also saw the strategic advantages of Port Jackson, and the amplitude of the territorial jurisdiction given to Governor Phillip, which included all the islands of the South Pacific. He concluded that the settlements of Port Jackson and Norfolk Island were part of a pattern of projected English settlements throughout the Pacific, designed to give Britain control of navigation and trade. Port Jackson was designed to be the haven and centre of this system, by which in time of war sudden attacks could be launched against Spain's possessions in the Pacific.

We can now appreciate Malaspina's perspicuity because, unknown to him, just a little more than a year before his visit to Sydney, during the Nootka Sound Crisis of 1790 (when Britain and Spain went to the brink of war over the question of Spanish sovereignty in the Pacific), the kind of "large Military operations" he had in mind were secretly planned by the British Government. During this crisis, an ambitious plan was drawn up for the destruction of the Spanish empire in the Americas. Simultaneous attacks on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of Mexico, Panama and South America were planned, with the aim of fomenting revolts among the local inhabitants leading to independence from Spain. Major-General Sir Archibald Campbell was placed in charge of co-ordinating this strategy.

In a "Secret Paper on South America" which he wrote in 1803, Captain Sir Home Popham said: "The Continent of South America has naturally engaged the attention of this country in every probable rupture with Spain, and in the year 1790 it was so seriously taken up that, if hostilities had commenced, I have little doubt but an armament of considerable magnitude would have sailed to that country; for Sir Archibald Campbell, who expected the command, consulted me on the occasion, particularly with respect to the co-operation from India." A memorandum by another of Campbell's assistants, Lord Mulgrave of the Admiralty, gives an idea of the role of Port Jackson in this scheme: Mulgrave wrote that, after first capturing Manila, the expedition from India "might proceed directly South, touching at New Holland for refreshments and crossing the Pacific

Ocean in South latitudes by this Rout".

Captain Sir George Young had stressed in 1783 the importance of Botany Bay as a port of shelter and refreshment for warships sent into the South Sea in a war against Spain. It was Young's proposal (or more strictly, the proposal developed jointly by Young, James Matra, John Call and Sir Joseph Banks) which the British Government acted upon in mid 1786 when they made the decision to settle Botany Bay. The decision to found the colony was taken in the context of a crisis in the Netherlands, which at that time threatened to lead to a renewal of the war between Holland, France and Spain on the one hand against Britain on the other, which had had such disastrous results for Britain in 1779-83, during the War of American Independence. The Netherlands were in a state of virtual civil war during the mid 1780's, divided between the pro-French Patriot party and the pro-British Organist party, and this explains why the British Government respected the Dutch claim to the western part of New Holland in drawing the boundary of their new territory at Longitude 135o East of Greenwich, the meridian which cuts Australia in half.

The Dutch crisis did not result in a war between Britain and Bourbon Powers in 1787, as had been feared but, as Sir Home Popham said, plans to attack South America, including expeditions sent across the South Pacific by way of Port Jackson, were revived whenever a rupture with Spain threatened or occurred, that is, in 1790, 1796 and 1806. We can now read the secret memorandum drawn up by Major-General Sir James Craig when war broke out between Britain and Spain in late 1796, for an expedition from England via the Cape of Good Hope and Port Jackson against the west coast of South America. Craig wrote: "It is proposed that the Force from the Cape should be joined in its passage to the South Seas by 500 men from Botany Bay, part to be recruited from the Convicts and the remainder from the Corps now there..." This plan was presumably similar to that which Craig had proposed to Sir Archibald Campbell during the Nootka Crisis in 1790. A similar strategy was drawn up in 1806.

On each of these occasions the strategy was not carried out, either because the dispute with Spain was settled quickly, or because higher priorities called British forces

elsewhere. After 1808, Britain became the ally of the Spanish Bourbon monarchy against Napoleon, and South America achieved its independence without the aid or interference of British expeditions sent across the Pacific.

When Francois Peron wrote in December 1803 the "the Spanish expedition of Admiral Malaspina did not fulfil the expectations of its government", Malaspina himself had just been released after eight years of close confinement in the Castle of San Antonio in Corunna. His expedition had returned home to a hero's welcome in September 1794. He was promoted to rear-admiral (Brigadier de armada), commended by the King, Carlos IV, and preparations were begun to collate and publish the results of the voyage. It was estimated that the reports of the voyage would fill seven large volumes when published. During the voyage he had developed advanced ideas on what

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was required in the way of reforms in Spain's American and Pacific provinces. He naturally gravitated toward the progressive faction at Court led by the Count of Aranda. For a while he gained the favour of the Queen. But the sailor who had survived the wildest storms of the oceans was out of his depth at Court. The Queen's favourite, the Prime Minister Manuel Godoy, saw him as a rival. Malaspina's proposals for "a change in the government of the Indies" were represented to the King by Godoy as subversion. An order for his arrest was issued on 23 November, 1795, and after a secret trial, he was condemned to ten years imprisonment. Godoy's vindictiveness knew no bounds. Manuel Gil, the cleric who had been appointed to assist Malaspina in editing and writing up his reports, was presumed guilty by association and also condemned to

imprisonment. The lady-in-waiting through whom he had had contact with the Queen, the Marchioness de Matallana, was also arrested. All work on publication of the results of the expedition was halted, and all the reports and other materials were consigned under seal to the archives. Malaspina remained confined in the prison of San Antonio for eight years. He was at last released at the request of Napoleon Bonaparte, whose intercession had been solicited by the Count di Melzi, the Vice-President of Napoleon's new Italian Republic. He was allowed to retire to his native Italy where, broken in health by the years of his ordeal, he died on 9 April 1809 at Pontremoli in Lunigiana, just a few kilometres down the road from Mulazzo where he had been born 55 years earlier.

Malaspina's personal tragedy involved a national one. The

suppression of the findings of perhaps the most carefully prepared, extensive and successfully carried out voyage of exploration of the Eighteenth Century had incalculable consequences for science, particularly in the Hispanic world. His prescience with regard to the need for reform in the Americas if Spain was to preserve her empire in the New World was proven correct within a few years. Equally accurate was his divination of the real motives behind Britain's establishment of settlements at Port Jackson and Norfolk Island. His "political examination" of this question may now be compared with other documents long buried in scattered archives, to reveal the secret history of the New South Wales colony.

Robert J. King.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Report for period 22nd March to 22nd May, 1990.

We extend a warm welcome to the new members joined during this period 13 adult, 5 junior members and 2 spouse associates plus 2 spouse associates of earlier members.

### FF OWEN CAVANOUGH - MARGARET DARNELL:

Miss Kate Louise Christiansen (Jnr), Miss Ray Clare Christiansen (Jnr), Mr John Robert Hannah.

### FF JOHN CROSS:

Mr Arthur Richard Swan (sp Mrs Viola Swan)

### FF WILLIAM ELLIS - ELIZABETH COLE:

Mr Ellis Rodger Thomas.

### FF NATHANIEL LUCAS - OLIVIA GASCOIGNE:

Mr Richard Gibson Nicholson, Ms. Jill Matthews.

### FF RICHARD PARTRIDGE - MARY GREENWOOD:

Miss Renee April Ryall (Jnr), Mr Alan Stephen Ryall.

### FF SAMUEL PIGOTT:

Mr Glen Anthony Burke, Mr Darren Kenneth Burke, Mr William Peter Roy Spence (sp Mrs Sally Ann Spence), Miss Kylie Renee Spence (Jnr), Mr William David Lee Spence (Jnr).

### FF WILLIAM STANDLEY:

Mr Alwynne George Kilpatrick, Mrs Lynette Ann Ng.

### FF JOSEPH TUZO:

Mrs June Lillian Tierney.

### FF ELIZABETH YOUNGSON:

Mr Eric Christiansen.

Spouse Associates of Earlier Members:

Mr Kenneth Edwin Burke husband of Mrs Brenda A. Burke #5841, Mrs Patricia Marie Rosewarne wife of Mr Phillip Rosewarne #2780.

### NEW FIRST FLEET ANCESTORS:

William Ellis, Marine (Friendship), Elizabeth Cole, Convict (Lady Penrhyn), William Standley, Marine (Sirius)

For the period 26th July to 19th September, 1990

We extend a warm welcome to new members joined during this period 19 Adult, 10 Junior members.

F.F. Thomas Arndell:  
Mrs Meredith Lois Gray.

F.F. Daniel Barnett:  
Mr Oliver Beresford Richards (Jnr).

F.F. James Bloodworth - Sarah Bellamy + James Lee  
Mr Errol Joseph Coates.

F.F. William Broughton:  
Miss Tyrilly Ruth Bolton (Jnr), Miss Mindy Blair Bolton (Jnr), Miss Cassandra May Bolton (Jnr).

F.F. Thomas Crowder:  
Mrs Jennifer Alvia Birch, Mr Stephen Grenville Lamond.

F.F. William Dring/Ann Forbes + Thomas Arndell:  
Mr Paul Granville James Thomas.

F.F. John Folley:

Mrs Janice Lillian Talbot, Miss Rebecca Lee Talbot (Jnr), Mr Steven Paul Talbot (Jnr).

F.F. Ann Forbes/William Dring:  
Mrs Thelma Florence Smithers.

F.F. Robert Forrester:  
Mr Alexander Wilson Forrester.

F.F. Edward Jones/Martha Beddingfield:  
Mrs Rosemary Ella Corbet Adams

F.F. Samuel Piggott:  
Miss Megan Jane Lawless (Jnr)

F.F. Anthony Rope/Elizabeth Pulley:  
Mrs Leah June French, Mrs Gayle Patricia James, Mr Gregory Clifton Hall, Mrs Roslyn Kildey.

F.F. John Small/Mary Parker + James Bradley:  
Miss Camilla Rosanne Vernon (Jnr)

F.F. William Tunks:  
Mrs Margaret Rose Cottier (sp. Mr Robert Clifford Cottier).

F.F. Joseph Tuzo:  
Mr John William Cowell (sp. Mrs Gwenda Mary Cowell), Miss Melanie Leanne Cowell (Jnr).

F.F. William Tyrrell + James Williams:  
Miss Ruby Malmberg (Jnr).

F.F. William Whiting:  
Mr Garry William Johnson.

F.F. Robert Williams:  
Mrs June Ellen Boucher, Mrs Helen Elizabeth Butler (sp Mr Bruce Leonard Butler).

F.F. John Winter/Ann Sandlin:  
Mrs Valerie Cynthia Trickett.

## ADDITIONAL

### FIRST FLEET ANCESTORS:

William Ellis (Marine) Friendship, Elizabeth Cole (Convict), added to James McManus, Jane Poole and James Bradley for Mr Robert John Taylor #4435, Miss Rachelle Deanne Taylor #4436 and Mr Scott James Taylor (Jnr) #4437.

Edward Humphries (Convict), Scarborough, added to Owen Cavanaugh and Margaret Darnell for Mrs Noella Esma Lee #976.

### SPOUSE ASSOCIATES OF EARLIER MEMBERS:

Mr Eric Dunham husband of Mrs Rita Dunham #4166.

Mr Gunther Kaindl husband of M/s Noni Staggs #4118.

Membership Report for the period 20th September - 24th October, 1990.

We extend a warm welcome to new members joined during this period 10 adult and 6 junior members.

FF THOMAS ARNDELL + ANN FORBES - WILLIAM DRING  
Mrs Beryl Isabell Loftus.

FF BENJAMIN CUSLEY:  
Mr Ronald Hildyard Hargrave.

FF JOSEPH HATTON:  
Miss Cassandra Lee Dwyer (Jnr).

FF GEORGE JOHNSTON  
ESTHER ABRAHAMS:  
Mr Joseph Bruce McKinney, Miss Fleur Elizabeth McKinney (Jnr), Mr Gordon Robert Joseph McKinney (Jnr), Miss Vanessa Ruth Roslyn McKinney (Jnr), Miss Cassandra Astrid Eileen McKinney (Jnr).

FF NATHANIEL LUCAS  
OLIVIA GASCOIGNE:  
Mrs Judith Vivienne Gordon, Mr Angus Carnegie Gordon, Mr Myles Macquarie Gordon.

FF HENRY PARSONS:  
Miss Jessica Emily Flint (Jnr).

FF MARY PHILLIPS:  
Mr Trevor Thomas Ruffin.

FF JAMES RUSE:  
Mrs Maxine Elenor Talbot.

FF JOSEPH TUZO:  
Mrs Fay Elizabeth Best.

FF JOSEPH WRIGHT:  
Mr Sydney Robert Maher.



## BIRTHS

CASSANDRA MAY BOLTON  
22nd March, 1990  
(FF William Broughton)  
Third daughter of Lawrence and Merri Bolton  
Third grandchild of Ruth Blair (#223)

BLAKE DANIEL RAVEN  
11th October, 1990  
(FF Thomas Arndell/Elizabeth Burley/John Nichols)  
Son of Lindsay and Suzanne Raven  
Grandson of Marge and Ken Raven

REBECCA MAREE COY  
15th August, 1990  
(FF Andrew Fishburn)  
Second daughter for Gregory and Joanne Coy  
Second grandchild of Winsome (#2914) and Bryan Coy.

AMIE ROBYN STEVENSON  
11th July, 1990  
(FF Thomas Acres)  
Fourth child of Leanne and Peter Stevenson  
Grandchild of Fay (#4420) and Bert Golding  
Great Grandchild of Sarah L. Golding.

JOEL LESLIE COLLISON  
28th July, 1990  
(FF Thomas Chipp)  
A brother for:

ANEKA RENEE COLLISON  
30th April, 1989  
(FF Thomas Chipp)  
and

PAMELA JAYNE AITKIN  
24th July, 1990  
(FF Thomas Chipp)  
All Ninth Generation Born  
Australians.

NICOLE JENNIFER THOMAS  
2nd August, 1990  
(FF Thomas Acres)  
Daughter of Annette Thomas (#5675)  
First Grandchild of Judith (#5674)  
and Fred Thomas.

NATHANIEL JAMES HENDY  
18th June, 1990  
(FF Nathaniel Lucas/Olivia Gascoigne)  
First child of Margo (#5090) and Graeme Hendy.  
"Named By Father"!!!

SHANE ROBERT LAUFER  
4th July, 1990  
(FF Andrew Fishburn)  
Second son of Ray and Anne (#1036) Laufer.  
Grandson of John (#1035 President of Hunter Valley Chapter) and Vivienne Bone.

SIAN EMILY SANDO

21st June, 1990

(FF Edward Goodin)  
First child of Julie and Mark Sando.  
Great Grand-daughter of Agnes (#4111) and Victor Hillman.

AMELIA VICTORIA CHRISTIAN  
6th July, 1990  
(FF Matthew Everingham/William Tunks)  
Second daughter of Timothy and Janette Christian.  
Fourth Grandchild of Joy and Peter Christian.

MICHAEL JAMES WRIGHT  
30th April, 1990  
(FF Philip Devine/Robert Forrester/William Eggleton/Mary Dickensen)  
First child of Alison and Paul Wright  
Grandson of George (#3365) and Joan Pierce.

TEGAN LOUISE ELLIS  
10th September, 1990  
(FF James Walbourne/Sophia Lewis)  
Daughter of Glenn and Louise Ellis.  
Born 200 years after James and Sophia's first born son, William.

JOHN ARCHER GARLAND  
25th June, 1990  
Son of Stuart and Angelina Garland.

## CONDOLENCES

Deepest sympathy is offered to the families of the following:

DENIS OWEN SMART  
(FF Caroline Laycock)  
Died 19th October, 1990 after a long illness.

Youngest son of Thursday helper Bernice Smart (#3130)

ELSIE GRIFFITHS  
(FF Andrew Goodwin/Lydia Munro)  
Died 30th December, 1989  
Aged 78 years.

ENID WARREN #3530  
Late of Nowra NSW

GEORGE STEPHENS  
(FF Nathaniel Lucas/Olivia Gascoigne)  
Died 11th October, 1990  
Aged 80 Years.

LEONARD DAVID REID  
#2178 (FF Ellen Wainwright)  
Passed away 14th September 1990.  
On several occasions Len gave lectures to Fellowship members on the early days of Bathurst and Gulgong. These lectures were illustrated with slides from the Holtermann Collection.

Len worked on the Holtermann project at the Mitchell Library for several years collating and classifying the photographs for the benefit of future generations.

Our sympathy is extended to his family.



## HOME IS THE SAILOR

In the untimely demise on August 10th of our late Governor, Rear Admiral Sir David Martin, the New South Wales Ship of State lost a most competent man on the bridge and who could deny it - a person who in a short eighteen months in office had won the admiration and esteem of all Australians.

It was typical of him as an officer of a navy, which he had served in with distinction for over forty years that he remained on duty in spite of a grievous and terminal illness until the day of his retirement and with what must have been a great physical effort made his last public appearance as he was driven along Macquarie Street in Sydney before sorrowing crowds who still were given that impish grin and friendly wave that we had come to know so well.

Little did we know that three days later he was to drop anchor and ring down "finished with engines" for the last time.

He was a man of the people whose naval efficiency carried him to the highest seagoing commands available in the Royal Australian Navy including selection as "Father of the Year" on his retirement on the grounds of the care he gave to

hundreds of young naval ratings under his command in various postings.

Tragedy entered his life at an early age when his father, Commander Harold Martin, was lost when H.M.A.S Perth, in which he was an executive officer, was sunk with a heavy loss of life in Sunda Strait in February, 1942. He often said that he was too young to fully understand the situation and for quite some time afterwards expected to see his dad come through the front door. Poor little lad.

At one time his grand parents ran a small country store in the small potato growing district of Robertson, near Moss Vale, where he used to spend some of his school holidays and often found himself digging and bagging the famous "Robbie Reds". No wonder he became such a down-to-earth person in later life.

Less than two years ago, as a great-great-grandson of Marine Officer George Johnston of the First Fleet and eventually Lieut. Governor of NSW Sir David, together with several hundred fellow descendants of George Johnston, attended the first gathering of the clan ever held in Australia and at which it was my pleasure and privilege to address the gathering and to congratulate him on

his pending elevation to the Vice Regal posting at Government House.

The future was unpredictable but he made an outstanding success of his short term in office. Each of his thirty-two predecessors, naval and military officers and members of the British aristocracy carried out their duties in accordance with conditions prevailing at the time but Sir David introduced an informal formality which suited the Australian people. All credit to the Premier for his wise choice of a Governor and recommendation to the Queen.

The Australian poet Adam Lindsay Gordon said it all when he composed the following lines:

*"T'was well:  
he toiled till his task was done  
Constant and calm in his latest throe  
The storm was weathered, the battle won  
When he went my friends,  
where we all must go.  
God grant that whenever soon or late  
Our course is run and  
our goal is reached  
We may meet our fate  
as steady and straight."*

*Bert E. Weston, Esq.  
(Cousin of Sir David Martin)*

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

## WEDDING BELLS

MacKenzie Weston Craig (FF William Broughton) son of Ruth Blair married Robin Elizabeth Harding on 6th October, 1990 in Canberra.

Michael James George Donohoe (FF Nathaniel Lucas/Olivia Gascoigne/James Squire/Edward Goodin), first son of President James Hugh (#2626) and Sandra Anne Donohoe married Margaret Ann Ross, first daughter of Mr & Mrs W.B. Ross at St. Agnatus College, Riverview on 25th November, 1989.

David Ross Hannon (#4447) FF William Eggleton/Mary Dickenson, only son of Moya and Ross (#4446) Hannon married Prudence Rose Litchfield on 6th January, 1990.

Johanne Mary Hannon (#4448) FF William Eggleton/Mary Dickenson, only daughter of Moya & Ross (#4446) Hannon married Robert Brian Howard on 11th February, 1990.

Peter Robert Canning (#4032) FF Matthew Everingham, married Carol Hinsehen on 31st March, 1990 at Bass Hill N.S.W. Uniting Church. They were married by Peter's Aunty, Pastor Clare Singleton (#4116)

## BUY A BRICK DONATIONS

We wish to record appreciation to the following for recent donations to the Fellowship's "Buy a Brick" Fund. These names will be recorded in our Donor Book in the Library at First Fleet House.

T.Silk, L.Ferguson, D.Lucas, M.Wheeler, Tunks Descendants, Friends of First Government House Site, Hugh Morgan.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*200th Wedding Anniversary of Joseph Wright  
("Scarborough" - First Fleet)  
and Ellen Gott  
("Neptune" - Second Fleet).*

*Married 13th December, 1790 at St. Phillips Church, Sydney.*



## A STORY OF INTEREST

### THE FIRST FLEET

The transports taken up for service were as follows, as well as their complements of seamen, marines, and convicts embarked on board them at the time of leaving England:-

Alexander, 452 tons, 30 seamen, 35 marines, 194 convicts.

Lady Penrhyn, 333 tons, 30 seamen, 3 officers or marines, 101 female convicts.

Charlotte, 335 tons, 30 seamen, 42 marines, 86 male and 20 female convicts.

Scarborough, 430 tons, 30 seamen, 44 marines, 205 male convicts.

Friendship, 274 tons, 25 seamen, 40 marines, 76 male and 21 female convicts.

Prince of Wales, 350 tons, - seamen, 29 marines, 2 male and 47 female convicts.

Fishburn, victualler and agent's ship, of 378 tons, 22 men.

Golden Grove, victualler and agent's ship, 335 tons, 22 men.

Barradale (Borrowdale), victualler and agent's ship, 275 tons, 22 men.

Sirius and Supply were ships of the line.

The terms of contract with the owners of the above ships were 10 shillings per ton per month until their arrival at Deptford, except the Lady Penrhyn, Charlotte and Scarborough, which ships were no longer in the service when they were cleared of their cargoes in Botany Bay, and from that time their contract ceased with the Government, and they began a new

one with the East India Company, on whose account they were to go to China for a cargo of tea to carry to England. Lieutenant Shortland, of the Navy, had the appointment of Agent of Transports, and was to return to England with the other three transports and the three storeships the instant the Governor had no further occasion for them. The transports were fitted up for the convicts the same as for carrying troops, except the security, which consisted in very strong and thick bulkheads, filled with nails and run across from side to side 'tween decks abaft the mainmast, with loopholes to fire between decks in case of irregularities. The hatches were well-secured-down by crossbars, bolts and locks, and were likewise railed round from deck to deck with oak stanchions. There was also a barricade of plank about three feet high, armed with pointed prongs of iron, on the upper deck abaft the mainmast, to prevent any connection between the marines and the ship's company with the convicts. Sentinels were placed at the different hatchways, and a guard always under arms on the quarter deck of each transport, in order to prevent any improper behaviour of the convicts, as well as to guard against any surprise. Each transport had on board a certain quantity of each kind of utensils proper for agriculture, as well as a distribution of other stores for the use of the Colony, so distributed that an accident happening to one ship would not have those disagreeable consequences which must be the case if the whole of one species of stores was on board each ship. The victuallers were loaded with two year's provision of all species for the marines, convicts, etc, for two years

from the time of their landing in New South Wales.

In the transports were embarked four captains, 12 subalterns, 24 sergeants and corporals, eight drummers, and 160 private marines, making the whole of the military force, including the Major Commandant on board the Sirius, to consist of 212 persons, of who 210 were volunteers. The number of convicts was 565 men, 192 women, and 18 children; the major part of the prisoners were mechanics and husbandmen, selected on purpose by order of the Government.

By 10 o'clock 13th May, 1787 they cleared the Isle of Wight, at which time, having little pleasure in conversing with his own thoughts, Captain Tench strolled down among the convicts, to observe their sentiments at this juncture. A very few excepted, their countenances indicated a high degree of satisfaction though in some, a pang for being severed, perhaps for ever, from their native land, could not be wholly suppressed. In general, marks of distress were more perceptible among the men than the women; for he recollected having seen but one of those affected on the occasion, "Some natural tears she dropped, but wiped them soon". After this the accent of sorrow was no longer heard; more genial skies and change of scene banished repining and discontent, and introduced in their stead cheerfulness and acquiescence in a lot, now not to be altered.

With thanks to Lieut. King and Captain W. Tench

Contributed by:  
Ron Magurie #5749

## ON SALE

### NEW NAME BARS

We now have a new design for Name Bars, with Fellowship of First Fleeters.

### YOUR NAME

NAME or NAMES of YOUR FIRST FLEETER(S) and a small ship logo beside the names.

Fellowship of First Fleeters, is in blue, together with the logo, Names are in black, on a white base.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

On Sunday 4th November I spent an enjoyable and informative tour of the Presbyterian Section at Rookwood Cemetery. This was the last tour of 1990 and tours will commence again in March 1991.

There are six tour guides who give tours of different parts of the historic sections of the cemetery. Full and Half Day tours are available at a very reasonable price.

Don't miss these tours, they are most interesting!!

We will keep you informed of the 1991 tours,

### Norfolk Island Tour.

The Norfolk Island tour, March 1991 has filled. This always proves to be a popular tour and we hope to see others of this kind in the future.

Many thanks go to the members who sent in extra money with their returned butts of the raffle tickets. This money has been put into the "Buy a Brick" fund.

The Junior Members Colonial Costume Christmas Party at Australiana Pioneer Village was thoroughly enjoyed by all and the children looked ever so lovely in their costumes. Our thanks go to the staff of the Village for their help and complimentary photograph of the children which will be hung at First Fleet House. Copies can be obtained from the Village at \$10.00 each.

I have been asked by many present at the "President's Welcome" 24th November, 1990 to give a very special thank you to the ladies who served afternoon tea. Not just for serving afternoon tea, but for their friendliness which was felt by all.

The continuation of the story "History of the Fellowship" by Doug Oakes will be printed in a future issue.

*Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas.*

**Your Editor**

**Rhonda.**



## A MOMENT OF VERSE

### THE SLEEPER CUTTERS DAUGHTER!!

*My dad rises up each morning,  
When it's still quite dark.  
To go and do battle,  
With the great green grey iron bark.  
To be a sleeper cutter,  
Is very sad you know.  
To go out and fall our native trees,  
That took a hundred years to grow.  
The iron bark and the stringy,  
The gum and woolly butt.  
All natives of Australia,  
They're the ones he will cut.  
Yes, to be a sleeper cutter,  
Is very sad, but still.  
If my dad doesn't do it,  
There's others here that will.  
When I went out helping dad,  
About a week ago.  
From every stump cut months before,  
Did seven suckers grow.  
So maybe with the help of rain,  
And pollinating bees.  
In a hundred years or so,  
We wont be able to see the forest,  
Because of all the trees.*

*By Sophia Gudgeon.*

Sophia Gudgeon is a resident of Gulgong N.S.W. She has written and published a book of poems. This is one of her poems which has been written over the past six years.

She is now 16 years old. Her brother Richard who is 8 years old has also put his hand to poetry and one of his works will be published in the Junior Newsletter.

### CAN YOU HELP?

Can any members assist us in obtaining a couple of male and female mannequin dummies to display our recently donated colonial clothes on at First Fleet House?

Due to the resignation of our Treasurer, Roy Morris we are now in need of an Hon. Treasurer to take Roy's place.

Any interested persons should contact James Donohoe (Pres) at First Fleet House on Phone number (02)360-3788 or (02)360-3988

### CORRECTIONS

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We apologise for the exclusion of a name.

FF John Small/Mary Parker + James Bradley:

Mrs Judith Ann Watts.



*Merry  
Christmas*

**SOCIAL DIARY FOR 1991**

*Friday, 25th January, 1991  
Australia Day Eve Dinner.*

*Sunday, 27th January, 1991  
"Pioneers Pilgrimage of Flags and Flowers"*

*Sunday, 17th February, 1991  
William Nash/Maria Haynes  
March, 1991  
Matthew Everingham*

*Easter, 1991  
Joseph Tuzo Descendants*

*April/May 1991  
Heritage Tour to France and England*

*9th - 12th May, 1991  
Sixth Annual Congress  
on Genealogy and Heraldry*

*Saturday, 25th May, 1991  
Herbert Family Reunion*

*Don't forget to wear your First Fleet T-Shirts,  
Windcheaters, Ties etc to these outings.*



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