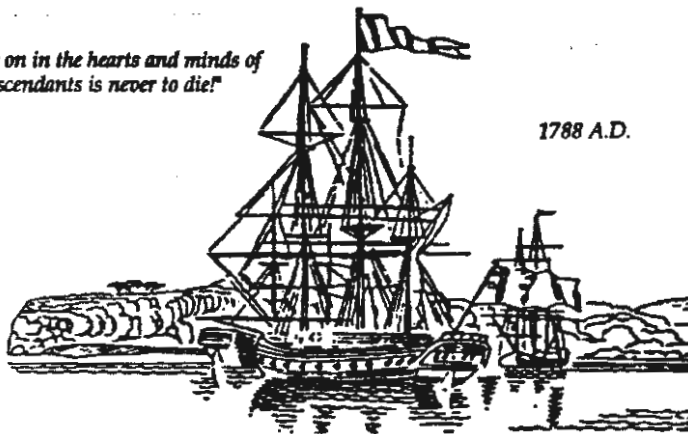


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Again the format of the Newsletter is temporary as we explore ways of upgrading it and seek a new publishing arrangement.

I attended the plaque-laying ceremony on Philip Gidley King's gravestone in St. Mary Magdalene Church yard at St. Marys. Thanks to Barbara Townsend for her arrangements and to Bev Naughton for the bus trip associated with the function.

The Commonwealth Government has positively responded to our requests for funds to support our heritage program and historical graves research objectives. A cheque for \$8,000 has been received.

I will be attending the Tweed, Newcastle and Canberra Chapters' Annual General Meetings over the next couple of months.

I have received many complaints from Sarah Smith's descendants (Lady Juliana) concerning an article in *Descent* recently, which challenges James Lee (Lady Penrhyn) as the father of her two children. A formal letter to the Editor of *Descent* is being forwarded from the committee. In essence, the article's author says that:

- James Lee was never on Norfolk Island. (He died there on the 25th December 1795.)

- James Lee was not on Norfolk Island in 1788 because he was victualled in the main settlement. (So were four others, like Lee, who were quoted in King's and Phillip's dispatches in relation to various activities associated with Norfolk Island.)

Lee was mentioned in respect of Phillip's brief concerning the flax plants there. (Twenty-one people were victualled, 25 mentioned in Norfolk Island dispatches.)

- James Lee is not listed on the victualling lists. (Lee's military payroll reference says Norfolk Island.)

- James Lee was not the father of Sarah Smith's two children. (One of these children was the grandparent of the writer of a thesis negatively questioned by the author. Oral history handed down by a grandparent surely has more weight than "probabilities.")

In any case, I linked a James Lee to Sarah Smith some seven years ago from Norfolk Island's primary records. I did that before I even knew anything about the claims of descendants. That in itself backs the descendants.

There has been a breakthrough on the family backgrounds of Olivia Gascoigne. She has been traced to the

family of Gascoignes who were the High Sheriffs of Yorkshire. The name Olivia Gascoigne appears in four references in their records. One descendant has since reported that Olivia claimed that her mother's name was Sarah Wentworth. Three of the "Olivia Gascoignes" were baptised in the chapel of Wentworth Castle near Sheffield, owned then by Frederick Vernon-Wentworth. The names of Vernon and Wentworth were among her grandchildren's given names (see the grandchildren of John and William).

The Vernon family were related to the Vernons of Hanbury Hall in Droitwich, Worcestershire, where an Olivia Partridge had earlier married a John Gascoigne in the 1730s. John Gascoigne was captain of H.M. Greyhound. Robert Campbell named two of his colonial vessels Greyhound and Racehorse. Frederick Vernon-Wentworth was related to Robert Campbell through the Duke of Argyle and Lachlan Macquarie. He was also the son of Henry Vernon, "Father of the Turf."

Olivia lived here at the intersection of Grosvenor, Clarence, Cumberland and York Streets and Argyle Cut in the 1810s. These names were all cousins of the Wentworths.

She was the first resident of Liverpool, the name of another cousin.

Longford, Tasmania, was named just after she arrived there in 1817. She was believed to have been born in Longford, Ireland, on the Wentworth estate on the Westmeath border (home of D'arcy Wentworth's parents).

Captain Gascoigne, believed to be her grandfather, was in Admiral Thomas Rowley's Fleet. The locket painting of Thomas Rowley, still in the family of her son, John (he married the daughter of a Thomas Rowley, here), is of a man in an admiral's uniform of the 1730s.

Some people have not received the copies of my books which they ordered. Due to a receipting problem, I cannot discern who they are. Could they please contact me so that I can send them immediately.

There are still some copies available on my Tasmania and First Fleet Family works.

*Yours in Fellowship,
James Hugh Donohoe.*

**NOMINATIONS FOR
MEMBERSHIP
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
1991 - 1992**

Nominations are hereby called for the positions of President, Vice-Presidents (2), Treasurer, and 15 committee members, on the Executive Committee.

Forms of Nomination, which shall be in writing and signed by the member and his proposer and seconder, shall be lodged with the Secretary, First Fleet House,

*105 Cathedral Street,
Woolloomooloo, N.S.W. 2011,
at least 14 days before the
Annual General Meeting at which the
election is to take place.*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Notice is hereby given that the
Annual General Meeting
of the Fellowship of First Fleeters
will take place on Sunday,
10th November 1991.*

*The Meeting will take place at
Bowral (place of meeting will be
published in the next Newsletter),
commencing at 2.30pm sharp.*

Alice Clark's Letter from London

Sunday 16th June 1991

Dear Zona,

It was indeed a pleasant surprise to receive your phone call last Wednesday morning, and what a lot has happened since then - actually it seems everything has happened, and all to the good. Thanks for your letter re the grant for the restoration of the lettering on John Hunter's tomb - the timing was perfect.

So back to Wednesday. As arranged we tripped off to Hackney and met the Rector, Rev. William Hurdman, at 10.30am. He is a very charming and busy man but he spent considerable time showing us the tomb, asking questions and making plans for the unveiling and dedication. Lucky that I knew the Mayor was coming!

Ula and I had a quick lunch as we had tickets to a matinee which was quite hilarious and relaxing - "Don't Dress for Dinner".

When we got back to the Hotel about 5.30pm there was a phone message for me to phone the Australian High Commissioner's Office, and I was told the High Commissioner was not able to attend the John Hunter Unveiling, but that Mr Jim Payne, Counsellor/Information at Australian High Commission would be attending. I was able to contact him at his home and ask him to unveil the plaque - to which he consented. I was told a letter had been sent to the F.F.F. President - but I'm not sure when.

Then on Friday morning I received your letter re the grant for restoring lettering on the tomb.

The tomb is a high vault, about four feet high with a platform around the base and a slab of marble on the top which bears the inscription for John Hunter (as you enclosed). The name JOHN HUNTER can be seen on inspection - the letters are approximately one inch in length. The second line in smaller letters can scarcely be deciphered and the smaller print you can't see at all - just an odd letter here and there. Leaves, dust and moss covered

most of the top of the tomb. (A rough sketch)

Two ladies who have been studying churchyard memorials cleaned the marble slab. One told me today it was originally on the front of the tomb and in the late 1880s it was moved to the top of the tomb and that has caused the deterioration.

The Rector very kindly had the plaque attached on the narrower side under the overlapping slab - it faces the pathway.

The tomb is in a row of some 12 similar-sized tombs, the third of three rows, enclosed on one side by a six-foot high wall and the other three sides by a four-foot high railing with gates at the two narrower sides so it is fairly well protected. Had it been left on the side of the tomb it would have been protected partly by the overlap of the top i.e. the top part of the inscription - the JOHN HUNTER - is less weathered than the lower part. You can see where the marble tablet was prized from the side, but it is probably stuck too hard to the top and may get broken if it were interfered with. On hindsight it may be better to get a new tablet or brass plaque made and put on the side where the marble tablet was originally.

I will see what the stonemason thinks after he has seen it and given an estimate. It will probably cost more than \$500 when converted to sterling.

SUNDAY 16th JUNE at
ST JOHN-AT-HACKNEY

We had a very nice ceremony for the unveiling of the John Hunter plaque. The Rector, the Rev William Hurdman, had had the program printed out. He has been so helpful. The Mayor of Hackney welcomed the visitors to Hackney. Alice spoke on the First Fleet (briefly) and the Fellowship of First Fleeters. Ula spoke on John Hunter R.N. First Fleeter and Second Governor. The plaque was unveiled by Mr Jim Payne, Counsellor Australian High Commission. Dedication by the Rector the Rev Hurdman, and the Curate, Rev Sally Theakston, said the prayer.

Mr Jim Payne gave a very good talk on John Hunter and complimented the FFF. on its work. The Rector then thanked everyone for coming and invited us to the Rectory Garden for a glass of wine. The wine was very special - it was Mrs Hurdman's own special Elder Flower vintage - it was jolly good too!! She is also a very charming lady - they have two sons, ages 9 and 12 years.

Among the guests - apart from the Mayor and Lady Mayoress and Mr Jim Payne, was Mr Michael Gage (I had spent time trying to phone him and left messages - he had phoned me back but some dill in the office at the hotel said there was no Miss Clarke, an Australian staying here - most of the staff are Indians). So I was very pleased to meet Michael. Also present were Sarah Joynes (from Australian High Commission) and her husband - several parishioners and a Miss Kate Dyer and her friend. These two are doing research on churchyard memorials.

I had a short chat with the Rector about the grant to repair the lettering - he gives his full approval.

The Mayor of Hackney, Councillor Gerry Ross, is very interested - he was very pleased to have been invited as he is trying to get his Council and the people of Hackney more interested in the history of Hackney - he gives his full support.

Michael Gage will help in any way he can. He referred me to Kate Dyer - she is attached to Hackney Borough Council. Kate knows a monumental sculptor (he has done up some headstones in the Borough) - he is an expert in stonework. She will ask him to look at the Hunter tomb and give his opinion. She is interested to see it well restored as that is one of her things. I have her address and phone number and will contact her when I return from our Continental trip. We leave tomorrow and return on 29th June. Then we have till 12th July before returning home. Mr Jim Payne will also give his full support.

I think they were all impressed with the ceremony - it was excellent!

Sarah Joynes will also do anything she can - so there are plenty of offers of help. It was a great

opportunity, especially with Mrs Hurdman's good brew.

So till 29th July when we return to London and hope to have some information - trust all goes well. My thanks to Doug and Joyce and all,

Best Wishes, Alice.

SO WHERE IS HACKNEY?

At the time that the First Fleet landed at Sydney Cove and the struggling settlement began to spread along the Tank Stream, Hackney was a thriving village about one mile from London. Farmhouses and green fields separated it from the city. It was a fashionable place for those who wished to live "out of town." It was also the home of the Hackney carriage. It is recorded that Samuel Pepys practised his archery in the fields. Brooke House, the old Tudor manor house, still stands in Clapton Road, so, too, do the old alms houses established over 200 years ago.

As Sydney Town grew from that small settlement to become a city, so, too, has London's East End

extended to envelope Hackney into its Greater London Metropolis. As in Sydney it has become a haven for many migrants from far across the seas. It is one of London's largest boroughs.

The Church of St. John-at-Hackney was built at the time that Captain John Hunter was Governor of New South Wales. It replaced a thirteenth century church of which only the tower remains as a silent sentinel keeping guard over the old cemetery that is now a park. Its ancient bells now ring their changes from the belfry of the new church. A high wall divides the old from the new and protects the last remaining tombs which stand between it and the church.

It was to Hackney that Captain John Hunter came after his term as Governor of New South Wales. Here, he rejoined the Navy and served with distinction to become Vice-Admiral of the Red Squadron. He died on 13th March 1821. His tomb stands within the iron enclosure on the south side of the church.

The Fellowship's plaque was unveiled on his tomb before a small gathering of parishioners and visitors, including two FFF. members, on 16th June 1991.

DAYTIME FELLOWSHIP

We welcomed a crowd of 26 to our 4th July meeting at First Fleet House, and all seemed to enjoy the day. Many thanks to Norma, Olive and Wyn, who took up duty in the kitchen and kept the hot soup flowing and the bread and damper buttered.

For over an hour we viewed the films of the Newcastle earthquake and felt for the people concerned. Thank you, Alan Skinner, for sharing them with us. A big "thank you" to Joyce for arranging the TV hire.

In regard to the 4th September outing, mention was made of a cruise with lunch on board. We find that this needs a little more time to arrange, so it will be deferred. We are sorry for any disappointment. What has been decided on is a ferry trip to Mosman, followed by lunch there at Sizzlers. A bus will take us

from the wharf at Mosman to the restaurant. Concession passes will cover ferry and bus fares, and the restaurant has a wide range of prices. Perhaps we could look around the area before returning.

We would appreciate a call to the office (phone 360 3788) if you intend to join us so we will know how many seats to reserve. North Shore residents will meet us there.

A small charge of \$1.00 will go towards the Daytime Fellowship funds. We hope to see you then.

WHERE: Mosman Ferry at Circul Quay

WHEN: 4th September (Wednesday)

TIME: 11.00am (Ferry departs 11.15am, sharp)

FIRST FLEETERS BURIED OVERSEAS

Mollie Gillen in her book "The Founders Of Australia. A Biographical Dictionary of the First Fleet" names the burial sites of the following people outside Australia and Norfolk Island.

1. Captain Arthur Phillip (1738-1814), Bathampton, England.
2. John Hunter (1737-1821), Hackney, England.
3. Philip Gidley King (1758-1808), Tooting, England.
4. John White (1736-1832), Worthington, England.
5. William Balmain (1762-1803), died 17 November 1803. Buried St. Andrew's, Holborn, England.
6. Arthur Bowes-Smith (1750-1790), died 31 March 1790. Buried Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex, England.
7. Richard Johnson (1755-1827), died 13 March 1827. Buried United Parish of St. Antholin, Walbrook, London, Eng.
8. James Meredith (1841), died 9 July 1841. Buried Monmouth, Wales.

9. Jacob Nagle (1761-1841), died 17 February 1841. Buried Canton, Ohio, U.S.A.

10. Elizabeth (Needham) Marr (1761-1825), died 3 January 1825. Died at the Star and Garter Tavern, Portsmouth, England

11. James Plowman (1750-1811), died 22 June 1811. Buried Horsham, Sussex, England.

12. John Alexander Ross (1779-1800), died 29 June 1800. Buried Brentford, Middlesex, England.

13. Robert Ross (1740-1794), died 9 June 1794. Buried Brompton near Gillingham, England.

14. Watkin Tench (1758-1833), died 7 May 1833. Buried Devonport England.

15. Henry Waterhouse (1770-1812) died August 1812. Buried Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Westminster, England.

16. George Worgan (1757-1838), died 8 March 1838. Buried Liskeard, Cornwall, England.

17. Henry Lidgbird Ball (1756-1818) died 22 October 1818. Buried Mitcham, England.

18. Denis Considen (1815), died 29 December 1815. Buried Cumberland Street, Parish of St. Marylebone, London, England.

19. William Dawes (1762-1836), died 1836. Buried Antigua, West Indies.

20. James Scott (1796). Buried Portsmouth, England.

The Fellowship has been able to have memorial plaques attached to the tombstones of Captain Arthur Phillip, John Hunter, P. G. King and John White.

Further information on the other 16 First Fleeters mentioned is desired. In particular details of their actual burial sites and the address of location so that we may write for further information and whether there is an actual memorial to any of these First Fleeters.

We seek your cooperation for as much information you can supply on their location and any other details.

DOUGLAS OAKES
Plaques Convenor.

BUY A BRICK DONATION

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 the Donor Book in the Library at First Fleet House.

H. F. Collingwood, M. E. Livingston, P. M. Stafford, I. M. Rietmuller, I. M. Schmar, A. W. G. Chapman, K. G. Skinner, N. Dawson, B. Dwyer, R. I. Dunham, P. Norman, D. R. Huxley, C. J. G. Johnson, N. Lucas, C. V. Herbert, O. Mahomed, J. W. Cowell, N. R. Prowse, H. G. Morgan, P. M. Franklin, C. E. J. Curry, J. M. Martin, F. N. Lucas, G. V. McDonnell, R. W. Morris, A. E. Ebb, F. M. M. Scott, T. R. Best, P. Bosman, V. Moore, B. L. Brennan, C. T. Phillip, D. J. Heldon, R. Benjamin, A. J. Allsopp, I. M. Cooper, J. B. Tiernan, Friends of 1st Government House, Tunks Association.

JOHN HUNTER MEMORIAL FOR MUNICIPALITY OF MOSMAN 1993 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Mosman Municipal Council is planning to have a bust of John Hunter made and installed in the suburb of Balmoral, Sydney.

The suburb already has a Hunter Road and a Hunter Park named in honour of NSW's second governor.

Mosman Council has a sister-city relationship with Norfolk Island. The relationship was made because John Hunter was in charge of Sirius when it was wrecked there on 19 February 1790 and he and his crew were marooned on the island for 12 months. Prior to sailing for Norfolk Island, the ship was careened in Mosman Bay.

The Fellowship wrote to Mosman Council and acquainted it with the

fact that the Fellowship of First Fleeters was able to have one of its memorial plaques attached to John Hunter's tombstone at St. John's in the Borough of Hackney, and suggested that it may like to consider a sister-city relationship with the Borough of Hackney.

The Mosman Council responded stating that it is considering writing to the Mayor of Hackney as the Borough may be interested in purchasing an identical copy of the bust which would certainly bring down casting costs. There was no mention of the starting of a sister-city relationship. But they thanked us for our interest and the information on John Hunter we were able to give them.

PHILIP GIDLEY KING PLAQUE DEDICATION SERVICE

Sunday, 7th July, 1991

ST. MARY MAGDALENE
CHURCH, ST. MARYS

WITH the sun shining bright on this Sunday morning, the Fellowship conducted another plaque dedication service.

This time the service was held at St. Mary Magdalene Church Cemetery, St. Marys, N.S.W.

A memorial plaque has been placed on the tombstone of Philip Gidley King, the third Governor of New South Wales.

BIRTHS

A warm welcome to the arrival of the following new First Fleeters

BRADLEY ROBERT BAKER, F.F. Mary King, 2nd February 1991, great-grandson to Mrs Olga Elizabeth Mahomed.

FRANCESCA DAISY FLORENCE DIANA VON BRAUN-BATES, F.F. William Tunks, 26th February 1991.

LIBERTY ANNE CHRISTIAN, F.F. Matthew Everingham, William Tunks, 27th May 1991, daughter to Nicholas and Felicia Christian, granddaughter to Peter and Joy Christian.

RACHAEL NICOLE DUCK, F.F. Matthew Everingham, William Roberts, 3rd May 1991, second daughter to Robert and Karen Duck.

NICHOLAS ROSS LITCHFIELD HANNON, F.F. William Eggleton, Mary Dickinson, 11th November 1990, son to Prudence Rose and David Ross Hannon, grandson to Moya and Ross Hannon.

HARLEY JAMES MAGUIRE, F.F. James Shiers, Mary Smith, 19th June 1991, son to Stuart and Catherine Maguire, grandson to Ron and Zona Maguire.

THOMAS ROBERT PATFIELD, F.F. John Small, Mary Parker, 7th June 1991, son to Martin and Judith Patfield, grandson to Bryan and Norah Patfield, great-grandson to Frank and Rita Patfield.

King died on 3rd September 1808 and was buried in the churchyard of St. Nicholas, Lower Tooting, London.

As a 1988 Bicentennial project, the King Family descendants had the tombstone brought out to Australia and erected next to the grave of his wife, Anna Joseph. A plaque attesting this is fixed to the concrete sleeve embracing the tombstone.

The President of the Fellowship of First Fleeters, Mr James Donohoe, in his introductory speech welcomed everybody to the service. Mrs Barbara Townsend, a life member of the Fellowship and a descendant of Philip Gidley King, then read the eulogy.

Mr Len Stapleton, who is the President of the St. Marys Historical Society, gave an interesting treatise on the history of the church, detailing the fact that it is built on a two-acre block of land which was donated by the King Family for the "establishment of a place of worship."

We were privileged to have as a guest the Mayor of Penrith, Mrs Faye Lo Po, who is also the new member for Penrith in the New South Wales Parliament.

Mrs Lo Po emphasised the roles and the suffering of the women in the settlement of this country and raised the Queen Anne flag for the dedication service.

OBITUARIES

Deepest sympathy is offered to the families of the following:

DOROTHY MAY BROWN, No. 3116, F.F. William Whiting, died 12th May 1991. Wife of W. A. Brown.

ERIC WALL SMITH, husband of Myra A. Smith No. 1476, F.F. Andrew Fishburn. Died 12th May 1991.

SHIRLEY BRANGWIN, No. 5142, F.F. Daniel Stanfield, died May 1991. Wife of M. W. Brangwin.

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The Rector of St. Mary Magdalene's, the Rev. Daryl Robinson, then concluded the service with a dedication prayer.

To conclude the morning, a morning tea was graciously supplied by the Ladies' Guild of the church and was gratefully enjoyed by those in attendance.

GRAVE DONATIONS

Donations are gratefully acknowledged towards work on the following graves:

F. F. Joseph Hatton B. Dwyer
F. F. James Bradley P. Bradley
F. F. Edwin Goodin ... J. Azzopardi

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

23rd May to 26th June 1991

We extend a warm welcome to new members joining during this period, eight adults and four spouse associates.

OWEN CAVANOUGH
MARGARET DARNELL:

Mrs Jean McKenny.

THOMAS CHIPP - JANE
LANGLEY:

Mr Allen Armitage (sp. Mrs Mabel Nellie Armitage).

ANN FORBES:

Mr Eric Grantley John (sp. Mrs Dorothy May John).

JAMES FREEMAN:

Mrs Elsie Maud Burns.

JOSEPH HATTON - ANN
COLEPITTS:

Mrs Pamela Bell Wilsmore (sp. Mr Robert W. Wilsmore).

EDWARD HUMPHREY - MARY
WILLIAMS:

Mrs Leigh Johnston; Mrs Wendy Eileen Angus (sp. Mr George Angus).

PHILLIP SHEWING - JANE
LANGLEY - HENRIETTA
SHEWING:

Mr Archibald Norman MacDonald Lockhart.

THE ST. MARYS/PENRITH EXCURSION

AN overcast brisk morning saw our coach leave York Street on our excursion to St. Marys for the plaque ceremony and then to continue our exploration of the Penrith district.

We visited Combewood, the home of Mrs Margaret Cox, who very graciously allowed us the use of her beautiful garden to partake of our lunch. We were very impressed with the beautiful trees which line the carriageway including a male and a female Himalayan cypress, both over 100 years old. The garden layout remains essentially as it did when it was first laid out.

Combewood celebrated its centenary in 1990. It stands on a

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CHRISTOPHER PALMER & MARY DYKES MEMORIAL PLAQUE SERVICES

Sunday, 14th April 1991

The Fellowship will be producing a Supplement to its book "Where First Fleeters Lie," detailing dedication services held since 1988. The Supplement will include information and details of the services held for Christopher Palmer and Mary Dykes on Sunday, 14th April 1991.

The Fellowship had arranged for photos of the services to be taken for publication in the Supplement, but when the collection of the prints was made, lo and behold, only a reel of blanks was available.

Therefore a plea is made to members and/or their friends who may have taken "real" photos of these events to graciously let the editors have copies. The copies will be kept in the records and used for the Supplement.

small part of the original 1,000-acre land grant made to Captain Daniel Woodriff. This grant was to become the foundation for the City of Penrith. Captain Woodriff died without taking up residence on this grant and it was his grandsons, Francis and Frederic Daniel, who came to live on the estate. Frederic built Rodley, in Mulgoa Road, and Francis built Combewood, naming it as a combination of Woodriff and his wife's family name, Tingecombe. The house is still inhabited by descendants of the original owner.

After lunch, we were given a guided tour by Mrs Cox and her daughter, Marguerite. We saw photographs of Captain Woodriff and his descendants and memorabilia of all the generations, both of the Woodriffs and the Coxes. Of special interest was the beautifully executed model of Captain Woodriff's ship and his naval hat which he wore during the Napoleonic Wars.

Several members of the family were very competent artists and there was ample evidence of their work throughout the house, including the folding doors between the parlour and the morning-room. These had been decorated with landscapes.

We completed our tour in the kitchen where we saw the beautiful old dinner service which originally consisted of 50 pieces, and the remains of the old servant-bells. Mrs Cox also explained that the house had been built with a hot-water service (rare in those days) and the pipes and access to the tank are still in evidence in the kitchen.

After saying our goodbyes, we proceeded to the village of Mulgoa, passing the Cox mansions of Glenmore and Fernhill and McEwan's Glenleigh on our way to The Cottage where the Cox boys grew to adulthood before building their own homes.

The Cottage was probably built in the 1820s. It is of brick nog

construction with an iron tiled roof. The tiles on the roof were found in a paddock where they had been used as a pig-pen and were salvaged, restored and treated by the present owner and his father. A very time-consuming job. The Cottage is still in the process of restoration and we were very grateful to be allowed the privilege of seeing this old homestead.

After partaking of our afternoon tea, we wended our weary way home after a very enjoyable outing.

BEVERLEY NAUGHTON,
Executive Committee

A FIRST FLEET CONVICT

*He came to this country uncertain,
To him it was hearsay proclaimed
As a land with his fellow companions
To establish a colony famed.*

*From his family and dear ones he
parted.*

*Emotion was cruelly deplored.
His companions from now on
accepted*

As felons, associates, bored.

*He was convict by actions convicted,
When youthful temptations prevailed,
In a society fending encounters,
With whatever picking availed.*

*Transportation was Justice's sentence
For deeds oft' sternly provoked.
When justice was often perverted
By pressures unjustly invoked.*

*We would venture in new land
exploring
In chain gangs, manacled, railed;
Required to follow instructions,
Or suffer stern reaction and flailed.*

*His sentence extended untimely,
Few rewards for his efforts he found,
Till time, with extemporization,
Might give him some land to
expound.*

—Composed by a
great-great-grandson.