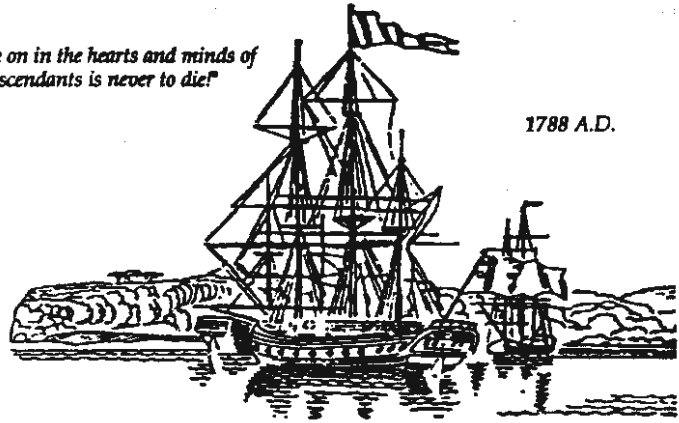


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"To live on in the hearts and minds of
Descendants is never to die"



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am rather concerned that the issue of Australia becoming a republic has come to the fore... politically. Some members have told me how disturbed they are that a republic may shortly eventuate. Many people admire Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and treasure the socio-political culture over which she rules, whether in England or Australia. There are those of us who see the Monarchy as part of the Constitution with or without its existence being justified in politically logical terms. Should our politicians set out to brainwash us on the issue over the next 10 years? The Monarchy is dear to the hearts of people right across Australia's political spectrum. Pro-republican sentiment should be allowed to germinate and mature in the community, rather than emanate from a few politicians. Surely the plight of financially strapped farmers, our youth and the sick deserve more attention than they are getting rather than the "non-problems" with the Monarchy.

I attended a function of the North Coast Chapter at Kingscliff last month. The Chapter president, Lionel Phelps, invited people from southern Queensland and other areas of northern New South Wales. Eighty-five people turned up and some had travelled hundreds of miles to attend.

Congratulations to you all.

I have just been told that the Sydney Cove Redevelopment Authority has decided not to proceed with the idea of laying pavers with the signatures of the First Fleeters. Their plans had advanced too far to include this concept. I thank all those who sent in additional signatures. We received many of them. There is still First Fleet Park which is owned by the Sydney City Council so the matter will be pursued through them.

I have sold many of my recently published books to members and these have been received late. I do apologise for this. However, the problem was in trying to get a quality print for small runs. I have endured many printing difficulties to deal with for the small runs I have needed. Photocopying is of poor quality and uneconomic in small quantities. Luckily I found the answer in a Glebe- (Sydney) based printer, Fast Books Pty. Ltd. They produced 40 copies of a 90 page book of high quality for \$7 per copy. I might add too that they did it overnight. There are many First Fleet stories worthy of a professional presentation but which would cost their authors a prohibitive sum with most printers. I can arrange for a brochure which guides on costings to be sent on request. Come on get those

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dusty old manuscripts out and see what can be done with them. Australia needs your First Fleeters stories.

My latest book (number 10) "The Forgotten Australians The Non-Anglo or Celtic Convicts and Exiles" is now in print and available pre-launch only to members for \$20. Publicly it will be selling for \$24.95 plus \$2.50 postage. This work, I believe, is the first examination in one project of the background of every one of the 162,000 convicts who arrived in Australia. All other works it seems were assessed on samples. First Fleeters particularly mentioned are Joseph Tuso, John Small, Mary Parker, John Caesar, Esther Abrahams, Olivia Gascoigne, Nathaniel Lucas, John Randall, John Martin, George Johnston, James Squire, Henry Lavell, and others with a cursory reference.

I have donated three copies to the Fellowship which are to be raffled. There will be no tickets but the membership number of every member who has contributed to the "Buy a Brick" so far up to the 31st October 1991 will be put in a hat and drawn at the Annual General Meeting in Bowral on the 10th November 1991. Anyone wanting an extra chance? Well, buying an extra brick would be appreciated (each \$1 equals one chance).

I have been receiving a little mail which suggests that the members outside Sydney are subsidising Sydney members. It seems to some people that the functions held in Sydney are supported from membership fees. The reality is that almost all the Sydney activities have been profit-makers. The profits have gone into meeting the administrative costs and keeping our membership fees down. There have been a number of activities outside of Sydney, especially in Newcastle, Kingscliff and Canberra. The income from those activities were kept locally. In this regard I suggest that, if anyone wishes to organise a local function for Fellowship members in your area, they write to the Committee and request funding support.

Our Vice-Patron Captain Paul Kable R.A.N. has told me he has been promoted to Commodore and is being transferred to London. On behalf of the Fellowship I wish him well in his new posting and congratulate him on his promotion.

*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 Memorial Hall,
Bendooley Street, Bowral,
commencing at 11.00am sharp.*

*A B.Y.O. lunch will be held in
the park after the meeting.*

MORE AT HACKNEY

Response by J. R. PAYNE, Counsellor (Information), Australian High Commission, at the unveiling of a plaque to Vice Admiral John Hunter, second Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, at St John-at-Hackney, 16 June 1991.

Your Worship, Rector, Executives and members of the Fellowship of First Fleeters, Friends:

The Australian High Commissioner, Dick Smith, would very much have liked to be here, but he cannot be with us, so I have the privilege of representing him.

The Fellowship of First Fleeters is performing a valuable service to Australia by drawing our attention to the formative years of our national heritage. A lot of dedication and hard work has gone into the location and marking of this, the third resting place of a First Fleet figure to be so recognised. Such dedication John Hunter himself, the man of duty and service, would have appreciated.

As an Australian who grew up admiring the quiet heroes who founded the Colony that became the birthplace of modern Australia, I am delighted to have this opportunity to do honour to John Hunter, a real hero who deserves perhaps more recognition than he has received.

If one looks for an example of the British warrior adventurer of the era, John Hunter certainly fills the bill; a man who saw naval action at Quebec and in the American War of Independence, who circumnavigated the globe and was twice shipwrecked.

But the man of action and adventure on the high seas also excelled in his own way ashore in the more mundane and often more difficult task of administrator, under circumstances of enormous stress. The man who wrote feelingly of what he called his

"anxious desire for the prosperity of this colony, at the planting of which I was present,"

suffered what amounted to a campaign of criticism, anonymous as well as open, and as a result, was eventually recalled. But true to his

naval traditions he stuck to his guns.

In the end he was recognised as an able contributor to the development of the Colony that was so close to his heart, not only through administrative reforms in line with his recommendations, but also through his natural abilities as a zoologist and botanist delighting in the exotic flora and fauna of the land.

In looking through the Governor's writings at the height of the troubled times of his administration I was touched by a personal statement in a letter to Under Secretary King:

"I claim no commendation but such as an upright discharge of my duty may entitle me to, and no man living can say that in this or in any situation I have ever filled in his Majesty's service that anything but the good of that service ever occupied a single moment of my time."

Certainly that is an ideal to which we might all aspire.

It is now my pleasure to unveil this plaque to the memory of John Hunter.

**VICE ADMIRAL JOHN HUNTER
R.N.**

*First Fleeter and Second Governor of
New South Wales*

Vice Admiral John Hunter R.N. was born at Leith, the Port of Edinburgh, 1737, the son of a ship master. He was educated at Kings Lynn in Norfolk at King Edward School and Aberdeen University where he studied theology with intentions of becoming a minister in the Church of Scotland. However, the call of the sea attracted him to the Navy and by 1760 he was a lieutenant.

In 1786 John Hunter was appointed Second Captain of H.M.S. Sirius which sailed, under the command of Captain Arthur Phillip, from Portsmouth 13th May 1787 with the First Fleet. Before reaching Botany Bay Governor Phillip went on board Supply, a faster ship, to reach their destination and prepare for the arrival of the Fleet. John Hunter, now in charge of the Fleet, brought the remaining 10 ships to Botany

Bay, all within five days of Phillip's arrival.

The voyage of the First Fleet from England to Australia was the most outstanding and remarkable event in maritime history. Eleven ships left Portsmouth 13th May 1787 and all arrived in Botany Bay in January 1788.

In October 1788 Hunter took Sirius to South Africa to obtain food when crops had failed, and he returned safely in May 1789. Unfortunately, on a trip to Norfolk Island to collect supplies, Sirius was swept on to rocks in very difficult seas and sunk. This was disastrous as Norfolk Island was the granary for New South Wales, and Sirius was the link with the Colony. Captain Hunter's good reputation was ruined for many years. He returned to England to be courtmartialled, but was honourably discharged.

John Hunter was appointed Governor of New South Wales to succeed Governor Phillip and he returned to Sydney in February 1795 where he controlled the Colony for six years.

On his return to England he rejoined the Navy in which he served with distinction and in 1807 he was promoted to Vice Admiral. After his retirement he lived in Judd Street, Hackney, where he died in 1821, aged 83 years.

His obituary in The Times stated: "His mild and conciliatory manners endeared him to all classes of society and to his individual exertions may be attributed the rising prosperity of New South Wales. A kind affectionate relative, a sincere and warm-hearted friend, a generous and liberal benefactor to the poor, for such was the benevolence of his heart that he never saw a fellow creature in distress without relieving him to the best of his abilities."

Vice Admiral Hunter was buried in the St. John-at-Hackney churchyard, London.

— Talk given by Ulla Clarke at the plaque unveiling ceremony.

AS IT WAS

AN ACCOUNT OF THE CONDIGN PUNISHMENT

given to the Irish Rebels implicated in the recent Seditious Assemblies and Consultations which have been held in different parts of the Colony of New South Wales to the great danger of His Majesty's Government and the public peace; as narrated by:-

JOSEPH HOLT,
former General of the Irish Rebels,
in 1798,

who was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the present affair, but was acquitted by the direct orders of His Excellency Governor King, as herein narrated.

In a few days after my arrest, there was nineteen men brought from Sidney jail before the governor to be examined and eighteen of them turned informers and everyone asked about me and not one man had the least thing against me. So we had a bad Clutch of Troublesome Raskils and what else cud we Expect. There was flogging Everyday till some of them never got better of it till they died at last, and some of them was so good as to bring Dr Harrel, the priest, in by their Information. He was in jail.

The six day of October 1800 we got orders to go in the boat - Mr Smith came to me and Brought me out of the prison and he and a few men went in the government Boat and when I was about ten miles from Sidney I saw the passage boat comming down and Mrs Holt and her young Child. I told Mr Smith that I saw her and he ordered the boat to Row toward the passage boat to take Mrs Holt for to return back and came to parmatta. There all the prisoners were put into jail except the priest. He was left in a house with a gard with him. Mr Smith let me go with Mrs Holt on honour to call on him in the morning.

I did attend to the minute and we march'd up to town gabby where all the Government men was, and this was the plan to give them the opportunity of seeing the punishment inflicted on several. There was one man of the Name of Morris Fitzgarrel and he was ordered to Receive three Hundred lashes.

The way they floged them was there armes pulled Round a large tree and their breasts squeezed against the tree so the men had no power to cringe or stir. Father Harrel was ordered to lay his

Joseph Holt (1756-1826) was a Protestant Irish farmer of County Wicklow, Ireland. As a trusted loyalist he held several minor local offices. In 1798 a company of militia fired his home and destroyed it. He took to the mountains and joined the United Irishmen.

In June 1798 he rallied the defeated rebels and with skill and resource organised guerilla resistance. Holt always managed to elude the authorities but eventually surrendered himself on the basis that he enter into exile, without trial, to New South Wales. Because of these lenient terms, and also some business deals he was permitted to conduct while he was awaiting transportation at Cork, he was suspected of having turned informer which he vehemently denied.

Holt and his family sailed from Cork in the Minerva in August 1799. On board as a passenger was Captain William Cox who offered Holt the position of manager of Brush Farm.

Because he was an experienced rebel leader, the authorities were ever fearful that he would become the centre for disaffection in the Colony. This was never to be the case, he had little time for what he considered the amateurish Irish Catholic dissidents. But in 1800 he was falsely denounced as a conspirator and although acquitted was forced to witness a brutal flogging of two convicted offenders, of which he wrote the following vivid account.

He received a free pardon in 1809, which was confirmed in 1811 by Macarthur, and eventually returned to Ireland.

His account has been presented in the Newsletter as is and it is interesting to see how spelling frequently followed the sound of the word. It also graphically illustrates the conditions our ancestors suffered in the formative years of our nation.

hand against the tree by the hand of the man that was flogging. There were two floggers, Richard Rice and John Jonson, the Hangman from Sidney. Rice was a left handed man and Jonson was Right handed so they stood at each side and I never saw two trashers in a barn moove there stroakes more handeyer than those two man killers did.

The moment they begun I turn my face Round towards the other side and one of the Constibles came and Desired me to turn and look on. I put my hand in my pocket and pulled out my pen knife and swore I Rip him from the navil to the Chin. They all gather Round me and woud have ill used me but Mr Smith came over and ask'd them who gave them any orders about me so they wore oblige to walk off. I cud compare them to a pack of hounds at the death of hair, all yelping. I turned once about and as it happened I was to lew'ard of the floggers and I protest, tho' I was two perches from them, the flesh and skin blew in my face as they shooke off the cats.

Fitzgarrel Recai'd his 300 lashes. Doctor Mason (I never will forget him) use to go to feel his pulls and he smiled and sayd "this man will tire you before he will fail, - go on". It is against the law to flog a man past 50 lashes without a Doctor, and during the time he was geting his punishment he never gave as much as a word; only one and that was saying, "Dont strike me on the Nick, flog me fair." When he was let loose two of the Constibles went and tuck hould of him by the arms to help him the Cart. I was standing by he said to them, "let my arms go," struck both of them with his elbows in the pit of the somack and nock them boath down and then step in the Cart. I herd Doctor Mason say "that man had strength in nuff to bear two hundredd more."

Next was tyed up was paddy galvin, a young boy about twenty years of age. He was ordered to get three hundred lashes. He got one hundred on the back and you cud see his back bone between his shoulder blades, then the Doctor order him to get another hunder on his bottom. He got it and then his huckles was in such a Jelly the Doctor order him to be flog on the Calves of his legs. He got one hunder there and as much as a whimper he never gave. They asked him if he would tell where the pikes was hid, he said he did not now, and if he did he would Not tell. "You may as well hang me Now," he says, "for you

never will get any musick from me." So they put him in the Cart and sent him to the Hospital.

There were two more got one hunder each and they sung out from first to last. One of them was named Mick Fitzgarrild, a shoemaker. Then three more was County Cork men live Near sir Henry Brown Hayes.

When the flogging was over Mr Smith and I walked on to parmatta and went into the Hotell kept by James Larra, a honest Jew. The table was soon furnished with a nice lampy and some hung beef - we took Dinner.

I was joined with the Company of my wife and Child and went in the boat. The land breese was in our favour and the tide also; the tide Runs up sixteen miles. We went down in one hour and forty minutes and then I was Braught up to Connal William Patterson, Lieutenant governor and several others, to Recaiue the dreadful sentence pass on us. Several was ordered into Jail till they would be sent to Norfouk Island.

The Connal turns to me and sayes, "Mr Holt, it is Governor King's orders that you must take charge of the Jail gange and overseer them." I was standing by my wife, look'd at him about one minute and said, "with summisin to you, sir, I hope you will Delivoe my answer to his Excellency. I have been Exempted by Governor Hunter and I have not Committed any fault since in this Colony, and if Governor King has law and power to make me overseer of the Jail gange, he has in his power to take my life. I will Comply with the latter before I will yild to the first."

The good ould Gentleman went Directly and tould the Governor what I sayed. My wife sayed, "my dear, you have a mind to loose your life by your unfortunate temper." I said, "I did not care how soome, for Dam the world, I sooner be Dead that to be striving to live." By this time the Connal came back and sade the Governor wanted me. "I will go, sir, to Recaiue Death or worse punishment." I was conducted by the orly sorgant in the room.

The Governor luck'd very earnest at me to see what sort of countenance I had and after some time he says "you are a very fond man of your family?"

"Yes, your Excellency, as a father and husband aught to be, and trust, sir, you like me the better."

"Go home, sir, with your wife and Come to me and I will give you a Grant of Ground for them." I Bow'd and walking to my wife I says, "my dear, you and I will be late home." The poor hart-broken Creature Cud hardly seport herself from been overjoyed; for too much Joy over ballanced as much in some measure, as too much grief.

I went in and thanked Connal Patterson for all favours, and went down to Henry Cables and got some wine and Rum, and went in the boat, and it was one o'clock in the morning before I Ratched Mr Coxes house. I made the boats man put me and my wife a shore, and when they heard my voice, the Mistress and her Childer were up in a few minutes and shew'd every proof of affectin and love to me and wife. So after a short coversation I went home to Brush farm.

JOHN SMALL MEMORIAL, ST. ANNE'S, RYDE

Sunday, 13th October 1991

The Small Family Association has invited the Fellowship to join it on Sunday, 13th October 1991, at its 19th Annual Family Reunion Service at St. Anne's Anglican Church, Ryde, for the dedication of the Fellowship's memorial plaque on the new John Small tombstone.

The Family Reunion will start with a Church Service commencing at 2.30pm at St. Anne's and the dedication service will conclude the service.

The service is then followed with a gathering in the church hall.

Mrs Bess Hooke, secretary of the John Small Family Association, has asked the Fellowship to seek the help of John Small descendants for a donation of a plate of food for afternoon tea.

The Fellowship of First Fleeters extends its thanks to the John Small Family Association for its invitation to join it at its family reunion service together with the donation of all its research papers for the publication of its family book, "The John Small Family in Australia 1788-1988."

— Douglas Oakes
Plaques Convenor

COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR FUNCTIONS

The Executive Committee of the Fellowship, because of a falling away of functions and also the load of organising was falling on too few members, has decided to restructure the committee for functions. It was decided the name of the committee would be the Activities Committee.

The role of this Committee would be to organise and coordinate the social functions of the Fellowship.

There are to be three sub-committees within the Activities Committee:-

1. Daytime Fellowship
2. Social
3. Excursions (Weekend)

These sub-committees are to organise an annual program of events.

Members of the Activities Committee are:

Activities Coordinator:	Beverley Naughton
Daytime Fellowship:	Joyce Cowell, Bernice Smart, Phyllis Selby
Social:	Alice Clarke, Ula Clarke
Activities Recorder:	Anne Davison

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 1991

Sunday 20th

Springtime in the Botanic Gardens
(walking tour, 10.15am to 3.00pm)

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 6th

Harbour History Cruise
10am - 12.30pm

DECEMBER

Wednesday 4th

Daytime Fellowship Christmas
Luncheon

JANUARY 1992

Saturday 25th

Australia Day Dinner

MARCH

Thursday 6th

Get-together & Speaker
First Fleet House 11.30am

Sunday 15th

Annandale Walk - full day

MAY

Wednesday 6th

Katoomba Excursion - full day

JUNE

Sunday 21st

Gledswood House & Winery - full

day coach tour

JULY

Thursday 2nd

Get-together and Speaker
First Fleet House

AUGUST

Sunday 16th

The Rocks Walk - full day

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 2nd

Excursion to Hawkesbury River &
Broken Bay Cruise - afternoon

OCTOBER

Sunday 18th

Zig Zag Railway - full day coach
tour

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 4th

to be advised

DECEMBER

Wednesday 2nd

Date to be advised

Daytime Fellowship Christmas
Luncheon

Christmas Dinner

BEVERLEY NAUGHTON,
Activities Convenor

DAYTIME FELLOWSHIP

What a wonderful, warm spring day we had for the trip to Mosman for lunch. Conditions on the harbour were perfect, and I'm sure everyone was pleased with the food at "Sizzler's." There were 29 of us and we certainly helped fill the place.

We have a two-and-a-half-hour "harbour history" cruise planned for 6th November. There will be a full commentary on board as we are taken up both the Lane Cove and Parramatta Rivers, and around Darling Harbour and the islands. The ferry leaves No. 4 wharf at Circular Quay at 10.00am and returns at 12.30pm. As we will be thinking of lunch about this time, we can book at "City Extra" at the Quay and eat there. Once again we ask you to phone the office (360 3788) if you would like to have lunch as a group. Note, book only if having lunch, no need to book for the ferry. Cost of the cruise is \$12 adults, \$7 pensioners and children.

It is also time again for thinking of our Christmas luncheon, booked for 4th December, and getting the numbers for that. Perhaps you could book for this and the "City Extra" lunch with the one phone call. We will have a lucky door prize and raffle, as usual. Cost this year is \$18.50, and we would appreciate payment in by 21st November. We hope you will again support our ventures. See you then.

SPRINGTIME IN THE BOTANIC GARDENS

Situated on the shores of Farm Cove and the site of the first farm in the Colony these beautiful gardens will be ablaze with the colours of spring.

We will have a guided tour of the gardens with the emphasis on the history of the gardens and those who guided its growth followed by a hamper lunch (sandwich, fruit and drink) and then an inspection of the new Tropical Centre. Group rates apply and the cost includes lunch and all tours. Bring a friend and join us for a family day.

DATE: Sunday, 27th October 1991

TIME: 10.15am to 3.00pm

PLACE: Meet at Visitors' Centre,
Woolloomooloo Gates of Gardens

COST: \$12.00 per person - all inclusive

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - 360 3788
or 360 3988 by Monday, 21. 10.91

FROM THE LIBRARY

Recent acquisitions have been as follows...

1) The Story of John Nichols, First Fleeter, donated by Mavis Coghlan, No. 1136. This book has been reviewed in a past issue of the Newsletter.

2) "Finetta - A Family Saga" 1791-1987. Author Horace Norton. Donated. The saga begins with the arrival of John Lee, convict, HMS Gorgon in 1791. A well-documented volume of some 200 pages.

3) "A Rich Inheritance" Volumes 1 and 2. These beautiful volumes were donated to the Fellowship by the William Roberts and Kezia Brown Family Association. The Volume 1 was reviewed some time after its launching in 1988. Volume 2, again edited by Narissa Phelps Morrissey, is a fully indexed, extremely well-documented Family Tree. The first five chapters, incorporating Part 1 of the Volume, consists of the history of William Roberts and Kezia Brown in addition to chapters on Biographical Updates and Corrections and Understanding Family Trees. Narissa and the members of her committee are to be congratulated on a marathon effort.

4) "St. Peter's Richmond... The Early People and Burials" 1791-1855. Author Yvonne Browning. Copy purchased. I had the pleasure of launching this book at St. Peter's, Richmond, last year. There are 10

First Fleeters buried in this cemetery, five marines and five convicts, and, as Yvonne writes in her book ... "all respected citizens of the area." The volume of some 500 plus pages carries a mine of information not only on the early rectors, lay preachers, parish clerks, sextons and wardens of the parish, but also short biographies of First, Second and Third Fleeters buried there. It is, indeed, a fairly comprehensive study of some of the early pioneers of Richmond. A chapter is included of the Oldest, Youngest, First and Last of First, Second and Third Fleeters. It is a book that I treasure in my own library and makes an important statement on Australian history. Yvonne, who worked for several years with Mollie Gillen in research for "The Founders of Australia," is to be commended for the production of this book. At \$30 a copy, it could be classed as a bargain especially for those who have an interest in the area, and, such was the interest generated, all copies have been sold.

5) "William Broughton and the Kennedy Connection," Margaret Carty No. 3538. Donated by the author. This well-written book contains five chapters on the life of William Broughton, First Fleeter, with regard to his years in the Colony and carefully and painstakingly researched from Colonial Government documents. The remaining chapters are

devoted to Family History and Family Trees, well set out, easy to read and many interesting photographs and maps.

In the Introduction, Margaret quotes from Stuart Hume, a Family historian, who, in a letter to her, wrote ... "I have never ceased to be amazed at, in many instances, the close family connections the really old families have with one another by intermarriage. We all seem to be related to this one or that one. The younger generations today you find, when they come seeking information, often turn out to have close ties of kinship and I haven't found one yet that wasn't worth knowing" ... How true this is in relation to many First Fleet families.

It is of interest to note that the well-known pioneer Throsby family are First Fleeters from William Broughton's fifth child Elizabeth Isabella (Betsy)... her grandson was Major-General Sir William Throsby Bridges, the first Commandant of Duntroon and later killed in action at Gallipoli.

This is an intensely interesting book, so full of the history of our land and some of its early pioneers.

Congratulations Margaret. (Copies still available from Margaret Carty, R.M.B. 7265, Hamilton, Victoria, 3300.)

— PETER CHRISTIAN

THOMAS HUXLEY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Many descendants of Thomas Huxley (Jones) and Ann Forbes (First Fleet) gathered at St. Peter's Church, Richmond, on Sunday, August 25, to attend a memorial service in commemoration of Thomas' arrival in the Colony in Salamander of the Third Fleet - August 21, 1791.

Reverend Noel Pilcher warmly welcomed the descendants included in his congregation, which completely filled this beautiful, historic church. The day being Baptism Sunday, five children were baptised and, prior to this ceremony, Rev. Pilcher likened the arrival of Thomas to a baptism, or a new beginning of his life.

Thomas and Ann were pioneers of the Lower Portland area in the Hawkesbury District and each survived to become octogenarians - Ann dying at approximately age 83, with Thomas following in 1854, aged 84. Their children and grandchildren established connections with most of the well-known early families in the region; many

descendants still residing in the Hawkesbury area.

After a short address at the graveside by Rev. Pilcher, a bouquet of Native Australian flowers was laid on Thomas' last resting place in St. Peter's Cemetery by Mrs June Bigham, President of the Ann Forbes' Descendants' Society.

The tombstone inscription, which follows, aptly sums up their long life which they shared together in those trying pioneer days:

*Our term of time is seventy years
An age that few survive
But if with more than common strength
To eighty we arrive
Yet then our boasted strength decays
To sorrow turn'd and pain
So soon the slender thread is cut
And we no more remain*

— Dot Johnson, 5th generation descendant.

BELLONA MUSTER

A reunion for the descendants of those who arrived on the Bellona is being planned for 16th January 1993, the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the ship in Sydney Harbour.

The Bellona, of 472 tons, was the ship which carried the first group of free settlers to the Colony of New South Wales, along with 17 women convicts. The ship was known as "the wet ship" because, heavily overloaded with cargo, it rode very deep in the water (much of the cargo was unusable when landed because of its dampness). The passengers spent much of the voyage soaked to the skin.

The Muster Committee plans to publish a Biographical Dictionary of the Bellona and would like to hear from anyone interested in participating in the Muster. The Committee would like to have descendant representatives of all Bellona passengers involved in the planning of the Muster.

Bellona passengers were: Free settlers - Thomas and Jane Rose (and four children), Elizabeth Fish, Elizabeth Watts, Frederick Meredith, Edward Powell, Thomas Webb and nephew Joseph Webb, James Thorpe, Walter Brody. Convicts - Margaret Allen, Sarah Bond, Catherine Buckley, Jane Dunston, Mary Ann Grecion, Esther Jane Hardy, Sarah Mason, Elizabeth Matthews, Sarah Poulson, Mary Randall, Lydia Stephens, Hannah Warburton, Ann Case, Anne Holloway, Jane Maria Newman, Mary O'Brien, Elizabeth Thomas.

Inquiries should be addressed to: - Lyn Stewart, Secretary, Bellona Muster, 13/46 Fontenoy Road, North Ryde 2113 (Phone 878 3632), or to Ray Meredith, Convenor, PO Box 614, Charlestown 2290 (Phone (049) 43 1246).

ADVANCE NOTICE
Date for your Diary
AUSTRALIA DAY EVE DINNER
Saturday, 25th January 1992 -
7.00pm
will be held on
The Terrace Buffet
The Wentworth Building
University of Sydney

TO LIVE ON IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS

During our recent tour to Britain Ula and I were privileged to represent the Fellowship of First Fleeters at the unveiling of the HMS Sirius sculpture by the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth on 13th May last, in the Cascades Centre. The Sirius sculpture by Victor Cusack is the gift of the people of Kuring-gai and the City of Sydney to the City of Portsmouth; it is a replica of his magnificent Sirius in Bicentennial Park, West Pymble. It is a fine tribute to Captain Arthur Phillip and all who sailed on the First Fleet.

At the luncheon in the Guild Hall a copy of the Fellowship's book "Where First Fleeters Lie" was presented to the Lord Mayor, Councillor Syd Rapson - the introduction was well received.

We express our thanks to the Lord Mayor and Corporation for their great hospitality. Portsmouth is proud of its links with our beginning, and this is shown in the Links Memorial at Sally Port, whence the First Fleet sailed. That memorial, too, has its counterpart in the Links Memorial at Circular Quay, Sydney.

This led us on a search for memorials to our First Fleet forebears in the land of their birth, and generally also the place where they found their final rest.

In May 1937 Belbroughton History Society created the exceptional with a plaque on their village green to Sarah Bellamy, maid of Belbroughton, who was convicted at Worcester Assizes in 1785, age 15 years, and transported on the Lady Penrhyn in the First Fleet; she became one of our Founding Mothers and died in Sydney, 1843.

In Bath Abbey a memorial tablet pays tribute to

*Admiral Arthur Phillip R.N.
Founder and First Governor of
Australia
Born London, 11.10.1738
Died at Bennett St. Bath 31.8.1814
To his indomitable courage, prophetic
vision, forbearance, faith, inspiration
and wisdom was due the success of the
first settlement in Australia, at
Sydney, 26th January, 1788.*

Yet this great man was buried quietly in the small Church of St. Nicholas at Bathampton. The Fellowship's plaque is placed near his memorial and tomb in the Australia Chapel. A small memorial plaque also marks his house in Bennett Street, Bath.

The courtyard of the Lyndhurst Park Hotel, Lyndhurst, Hampshire, seems an unlikely place to find a memorial to so great a man, but, a stone from the Tank Stream bears this inscription:-

*In honour of Captain Arthur Phillip
R.N.*

*A former resident of Lyndhurst and
sometime farmer of Glasshayes,
Commemorating the bicentenary of his
appointment as*

*First Governor of New South Wales
on 12th October, 1786.*

*And in memory of Henry Dodd
A respected servant of Arthur Phillip
who had worked on the Lyndhurst
Farms and accompanied Captain
Phillip with the First Fleet to
Botany Bay.*

*He became the first agriculturalist in
the Colony of New South Wales
and died at Parramatta N.S.W.
on 29.1.1791*

Lyndhurst Park Hotel stands on the corner of Arthur Phillip's model farm.

Not far from Lyndhurst, at the edge of the New Forest, is the village of Boldre with the ancient and historic Church of St. John the Baptist, it was here that the Reverend Richard Johnson began his ministry. His work as Curate of Boldre and First Chaplain to the Colony of New South Wales is commemorated in a plaque dedicated by the Right Reverend Donald Cameron, Bishop of North Sydney, August 1988.

On our return to London we were determined to locate the Church of St. Antholin, within the City of London, where the Rev. Richard Johnson spent the last 17 years of his ministry. He died on the 13th March 1827 and was buried in the Chancel vault. Sadly, St. Antholin's was demolished in 1875 in the name of progress, and all seemed lost. But thanks to the kindly help of Mrs Squirrel at St.

Mary-le-Bow who informed us that the good folk of St. Antholin's had rescued the Rev. Richard Johnson's memorial tablet from the ruins and it was safely enshrined in the nearby Church of St. Mary Aldermary. A short walk along Bow Lane brought us to another beautiful Wren church, and there on the wall we found

*To the memory of
The Rev. Richard Johnson B.A.
Who died March 13, 1827,
Aged 74 years.
He was the first and for many years
The only Chaplain appointed to
The extensive Colony of
New South Wales
And afterwards for 17 years Rector of
these two Parishes
Where he faithfully preached Christ
and Him crucified.*

*And also the remains of Mary
many years wife of
the above Richard Johnson
And the affectionate companion of his
voyage and residence abroad,*

Commonwealth Government Grant For Plaques, Etc.

The Fellowship has been given a grant by the Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories for the provision of plaques to mark the graves of First Fleeters, the restoration of gravestones and publication of a supplement to the book "Where First Fleeters Lie."

The Committee of Management is implementing the following program for the spending of the grant:

1. Seeking permission from the Trusts of most of the cemeteries to which we have been to have the following renovations done:
 - a) Replace some of the earlier plaques which have weathered because they were not made with raised lettering.
 - b) Relettering tombstones identifying the names of the First Fleeters and the dates of death where they have faded.
 - c) Restore tombstones of First Fleeters where necessary.
2. Seek permission to have a large plaque installed on the Annandale House Gates for George Johnston and Esther Abrahams.
3. Mollie Gillen in her book "The Founders of Australia" identifies the

*Who died with like sentiments
as her husband
On the 24th day of January, 1831.
Aged 78 years.*

On our return to St. Mary-le-Bow (better known as Bow Bells Church) we were shown the original bust of Governor Phillip that had been erected in St. Mildred's, Bread Street, London, in 1931, close to where he was born. Sadly, too, this church was destroyed during the bombing of London. The bronze bust and panels (depicting the first settlement) were rescued from the rubble. In 1968 replicas were erected on the wall of Gateway House (which stands on the site), and can be seen as you walk along Canon Street.

However, the original bronze bust and plaques are to be re-erected and unveiled on the 26th January 1992. Further details re ceremony will be available for the next Newsletter.

Fellowship plaques have also been

burial sites of 20 First Fleeters buried outside of Australia and Norfolk Island.

The Fellowship will be corresponding with the local councils and historical societies for further information and, if there is a memorial, endeavour to have one of our plaques attached identifying the interred as a First Fleeter.

4. We are inviting descendants to supply information on the burial sites of their First Fleeter ancestors, which do not have any memorial, for the consideration of the installation of a memorial plaque on a small concrete stand at the site. If you have any information on the burial site of other First Fleeters, please tell the Fellowship.
5. We will be engaging professional researchers to seek further knowledge on First Fleeters for the supplement to "Where First Fleeters Lie."

The Committee of Management is very gratified about the grant and will use it to preserve the burial sites of the Founders of Australia.

DOUGLAS OAKES,
Plaques Convenor.

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placed on the tomb of John White, Surgeon, in St. Mary's Church, Worthing, and recently on the tomb of John Hunter, Second Governor of New South Wales, in St. John-at-Hackney churchyard, London.

William Balmain, FF Surgeon, died at Bloomsbury, London, and was buried at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn (died 17.11.1803). The fields and the cemetery have long since disappeared as the City's West End has grown. However, we were proud to read BALMAIN among the names of famous actors, playwrights, statesmen and historians who have been buried there and listed on the noticeboard outside the church. With 700 years of history, they are proud of their records.

My sincere thanks to Mr Roy Jackaman of Lyndhurst, and the Reverend W. Hurdman and Mrs Hurdman for their valued assistance.

Alice Clarke.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT 27th June to 24th July 1991

We extend a warm welcome to new members joining during this period.

WILLIAM BAKER - SUSANNAH HUFFNELL: Miss Laura Jane Casparina Vonwiller; Mr Damien John Vonwiller; Miss Abigail Lucy Barry; Miss Anastasia Maria Barry; Miss Mary Brigid Barry; Mrs Emma Frances Mugridge (sp Mr Garry Maxwell Mugridge); Miss Jessica Rose Mugridge (jun); Mr William James Knight III; Mr Mark Joseph Knight (sp Mrs Patricia Mary Knight); Miss Olympia Clair Knight (jun); Mr William James Knight IV; Miss Julie Anne Knight; Miss Grace Eloise Leila Knight (jun).

MATTHEW EVERINGHAM: Mr Ethan Gray Pankhurst (jun).

MATTHEW EVERINGHAM + WILLIAM ROBERTS: Miss Rachael Nicole Duck (jun).

EDWARD MILES: Mrs Maree Annette Brown (sp Mr Carl Brown); Mrs Evol Lorna Vernon Laing (sp Mr Vincent Mark Laing).

JOHN ROWE: Mr Stephen Paul Beattie.

JAMES RUSE: Mrs Joyce Moore.

ELIZABETH THOMAS: Mr Peter Beaumont.

SPOUSE ASSOCIATES OF EARLIER MEMBERS: Mr Alan John Gordon husband of Mrs Judith V. Gordon, 5972.