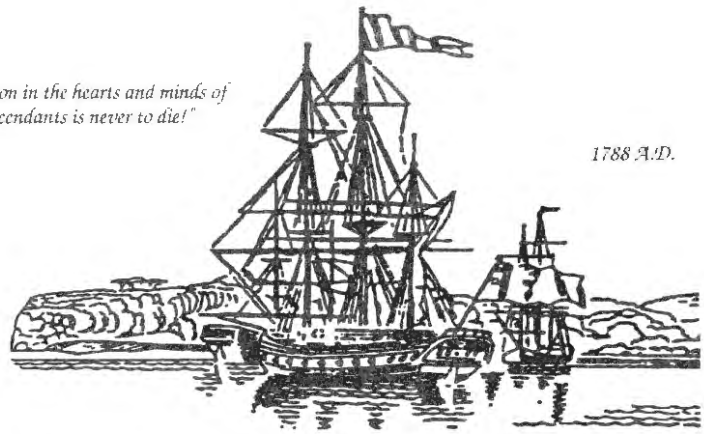


# Fellowship of First Fleeters

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

1788 A.D.



## NEWSLETTER

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**T**he annual general meeting of the Fellowship of First Fleeters Inc. will be held at First Fleet House on Sunday 13 November next at 2.00pm. Nominations are open for the various positions on the Executive in addition to vacancies on the Executive itself. The Board of Directors meets usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm, preceded by dinner and refreshments. Any member or spouse associate is entitled to nominate. Please consider!!

Joyce Cowell and Naida Jackson are standing down from the Executive. Both have given many years of service to the Fellowship and we will miss their input at future Executive meetings. We are also losing Bernice Smart from the Executive. For a number of years Bernice was secretary to the day group Fellowship committee and a keen Thursday volunteer.

On the morning of our annual general meeting there will be a Church Service at St. Andrew's Cathedral celebrating the eight-hundredth anniversary of the granting of the Royal Charter to the City of Portsmouth. Members and friends are welcome. Please see the par in this issue for further details.

The Executive has purchased a complete set of microfiche New South Wales B.D.M.s from 1788-1918. These are in alphabetical order and will be an important addition to our reference library. The use of the microfiche will be available to members by appointment only. To reserve a time please ring me at First Fleet House on any Monday, 10.00am-2.00pm.

On Wednesday 25 January next the Fellowship will be holding an Australia Day Eve Luncheon at the Masonic Club, Castlereagh Street, Sydney. Further details in the next Newsletter.

Official celebration of Australia Day, as usual, is still in limbo. We are endeavouring to ascertain details of festivities programmed for that day in Macquarie Street, Sydney. Again, we hope to have more details in the next Newsletter. Members and friends interested please contact Laurel McMiles, 6044457, Brenda Burke, 7551027, and we will contact you at a later date.



Our Activities Coordinator Beverley Naughton is in dire need of members to join this committee. We usually organise six activities during the year and I appeal to any member who may feel that he or she may be able to be of assistance please ring Bev on 994096.

I am pleased to report Mrs Beryl Lewis, Past President, is making good progress after her operation. Her many friends in the Fellowship wish her well and hope for a speedy recovery.

October will be a busy month for your President. The Windsor Bicentennial Celebrations will occur on 1st and 2nd of the month, and many First Fleeters will join with me in celebrating this important event. On 9 October I will be a guest of the John Small-Mary Parker celebrations at Ryde which will include a Church Service at St. Anne's, Ryde. This church has many connections, not only with my own First Fleet family, but quite a number of other original pioneers. On 14 October I have been invited to speak to the New South Wales Military Historical Society on the subject of 'First Fleet Marines.' On 15 October I will visit Newcastle for the annual meeting of the Fellowship Chapter of that region. I have requested Vice-President Alice Clarke to represent the Fellowship at a reception at the British Consulate for the Sydney-Portsmouth Sister City Committee. Together with two other members of your Executive I have been invited to meet our Patron at Government House on 24 October.

**In Fellowship,  
Peter**

**See back page for  
Christmas Sale items**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For period to 21 September 1994

We extend a warm welcome to new members joined during this period, 10 adults, six juniors and two spouse associates.

JAMES BLOODWORTH -- SARAH BELLAMY: Mrs Robyn Heather Fleming.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS -- MARY GROVES: Miss Ruth Enid Jurd.

ANDREW FISHBURN: Mr Norman Hamilton Gibbs.

ANN FORBES: Mrs Sharon Elizabeth Braat; Miss Kerry-Jayne Braat.

JOSEPH HATTON: Miss Ianey Elizabeth Ross (jun.).

HUGH HUGHES: Miss Belinda Louise Martin (jun.); Mr Simon Andrew Martin (jun.); Mr Stuart William Gregory Martin (jun.).

NATHANIEL LUCAS -- OLIVIA GASCOIGNE: Mr Ronald Vincent Iredale.

ANTHONY ROPE -- ELIZABETH PULLEY: Mr Phillip Francis Allen (sp. Mrs Julie Gai Allen).

JAMES RUSE: Miss Mary Louise Munro Spratt.

ELLEN WAINWRIGHT: Miss Rosanne Maree Mitchell (jun.); Mr Scott Andrew Mitchell (jun.).

JOSEPH WRIGHT: Mr Norman Wilfred Butler (sp. Mrs Marie Patricia Butler); Mr Alan Bruce Maher.

## BIRTHS

A warm welcome to the following New First Fleeters:

TAHALIA MAY TAIT (F.F. Peter Hibbs), 14 April at Forster. First child for Melissa and Lee -- an eighth generation.

## OBITUARIES

Deepest sympathy is offered to the families of the following:

GORDON ERNEST GREENTREE (#2995), passed away 8 April 1994 at Neringah Hospital, Wahrenoogah, aged 82 years. Loved husband of May.

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

of the  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
of the  
**FELLOWSHIP of FIRST FLEETERS Inc.**  
to take place on  
**SUNDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 1994**  
at  
**2.00pm**  
to be held in  
**FIRST FLEET HOUSE**  
**105 Cathedral Street, WOOLLOOMOOLOO**

## NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE, 1994-1995

OF THE  
**FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS**  
Nominations are hereby called for the positions of:

**PRESIDENT**  
**VICE-PRESIDENTS (2)**  
**TREASURER**  
and  
**15 COMMITTEE MEMBERS**  
on the Committee.

Forms of Nomination, which shall be in writing and signed by the member nominated and his/her 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.

### FORM OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICE ON THE COMMITTEE OF FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS

We, \_\_\_\_\_ (No. \_\_\_\_\_) and \_\_\_\_\_

(No. \_\_\_\_\_), being financial members of the Fellowship, hereby nominate

\_\_\_\_\_ (No. \_\_\_\_\_) for the position of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (No. \_\_\_\_\_), agree to accept nomination for the office of \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

# What's on...

All JUNIOR MEMBERS are invited to make a drawing of an Australian Christmas. The best entry will be shown on the front of your December Junior Newsletter. Stories, poems and items are also wanted. Send entries to Junior Newsletter, First Fleet House, 105 Cathedral Street, Woolloomooloo, by 15 November.

## AUSTRALIA DAY LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 1995

Our luncheon to celebrate Australia Day will be held the previous day - Wednesday 25 January - to enable members and families to participate in the many events and celebrations on the actual day itself.

It will be held in the gracious dining-room at the Masonic Club in Pitt Street, Sydney.

Full details in the next Newsletter, but meantime members may advise the FFF office of their intention to attend so we can obtain a good idea of numbers to expect.

The Australia Day Luncheon is a function not to be missed - **put the date in your diary now!**

## NASH FAMILY REUNION 1994

PARRAMATTA PARK

(Rear of Old Government  
House)

SATURDAY  
15 OCTOBER  
11.00am

Contact: Lydia Hope

(02) 831 2279

or

Alan Simpson

(047) 311 609

## DAYTIME FELLOWSHIP BROKEN BAY CRUISE

Wednesday, 2 November

A Day Trip cruising the beautiful waters of Broken Bay.

Cost \$20.00 per person

Bring your own lunch or for an additional \$4.00 you can enjoy fresh fish and chips which will be delivered to the boat prior to departure. This must be ordered at the time of booking.

We would appreciate it if those intending to come phoned the office beforehand to book.

We leave on the 9.30 bus to Palm Beach at Carrington Street, Wynyard, Bay D, meeting at 9.15am.

## WARRAGAMBA DAM MOUNT ANNAN BOTANIC GARDENS

Sunday 30 October 1994

Join us on a coach trip to Warragamba Dam where we will have morning tea before commencing a guided tour of the Dam.

Then we head to Mount Annan Botanic Garden (the Australian Natives Section of the Royal Botanic Society) for a two-course barbecue lunch and time to explore these delightful gardens.

Cost: \$28 includes morning tea, lunch and admission.

Bus departs Cremorne 8.30am

Central Railway 9.00am

Strathfield 9.30am

Please phone Office on 360 3788 or 360 3988 for bookings.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

### DAYTIME FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, 7 December

Station View Room  
WARATAH INN  
22-24 Albion Street, Sydney  
(close to Elizabeth Street)

Time: 12.00 for 12.30

Guest Speaker will be  
the well-known

**Edgar Penzig**

who speaks regularly on Radio  
and TV on

**Bushranging & Old  
Colonial Days**

Cost (approx.) \$32.00

Please ring Office for bookings  
and price.

## DAYTIME FELLOWSHIP

Thirty-four members and friends enjoyed a great time in the Snowy Mountains centred at the High Country Motel in Cooma (highly recommended).

Every day saw us in the coach at 9.00am (always on time, too) to visit places of interest. One highlight was the ride in the skitube to Blue Cow Resort, where some of us trudged through the snow to a mountain lookout, waiting in vain for the snow to fall. It fell as soon as we left.

We also visited H.M. Prison in Cooma, where Les Strzelecki, overseer of crafts and related to the discoverer of Mount Kosciusko, gave us a talk on the rehabilitation of prisoners, and then handed us over to three charming inmates, Keith, Terry and Michael. The latter played a didgeridoo for us, and displayed others that he had made and decorated. Keith and Terry showed us work the prisoners had made, all for sale, and told us of life in prison and how the trades they were learning would make a big difference to them once they were released.

Les Strzelecki, when he learned most of us were the descen-

dants of convicts, presented us with an 1800s padlock from Darlinghurst Jail.

Bega cheese factory, Tathra, Cabramurra, a llama farm and lots of other interesting places were visited. The weather was perfect.

Four Cooma First Fleeters and two husbands visited us at the motel. Mrs Betty Stone (Bloodworth and Bellamy), Mrs Joan Brown (Chipp and Langley) and husband Len, Mrs Molly Longhurst, and Mrs Hazel Montgomery (Thomas Acres) and husband Jack, the latter were in the concert party that entertained us on Wednesday night.

Mrs Betty McAlister had arranged to meet a descendant of her First Fleeters (William Nash and Maria Haynes), as

also of Joyce Rixon and Valerie Gordon. He is Jack Williams who is honoured, along with his pioneering family, by the naming of Lake Williams near Nimmitabel.

Unfortunately, Betty fell and broke her arm on Friday morning, originally the day arranged for her meeting. Fortunately, the day's outings were exchanged, so Betty met Jack Williams on Thursday morning, a meeting she had been eager to have. We wish Betty a speedy recovery.

Our tour for 1995 is in the process of being chosen. Most of our Cooma tourists have already booked for this, sight unseen, so I think all enjoyed themselves!



## WILLIAM STANDLEY (c1752-20.2.1830)

**A**t the end of his tour of duty instead of returning to England, William Standley, marine, HMS Sirius, took up a land grant and settled on Norfolk Island in November 1791. There he married Mary Anstey, from the Lady Juliana, and their two children, Mary and Joseph, were born soon afterwards. When the decision was taken in London to evacuate all settlers from the Island, William and his family were resettled at the Derwent, Van Diemen's Land, in February 1808, where the records indicate he and his descendants farmed in the Tea Tree Brush area in the 1820-30s.

Although Mary Standley was buried at St David's, Hobart, in 1812, William's resting place had eluded researchers until recently when the mystery was solved with the cooperation of three Fellowship of First Fleeters members.

Our family has a network of correspondents stretching from

Queensland to Tasmania, many wonderful people who unselfishly share information. In this instance Lola Thomas of Brisbane discovered the following in the recently published Index to Births, Deaths and Marriages, Early Hobart Town Newspapers, 1816-1840:

CT Friday 26 Feb 1830 D Stanley, Mr William a very aged man, known to most of the Colony-drowned-Compton Ferry-Sat. night.

She wrote to Betty Brown in New South Wales who duly passed the 'news' to me in Melbourne. Reference to the Colonial Times newspaper of Friday 26 February 1830, held in the La Trobe Collection of Victoria's State Library, revealed the following:

'On Saturday night, Mr William Stanley a very aged man and an old inhabitant known to most in the Colony, was drowned at Compton Ferry. The night

was very dark, and it appears the unfortunate man in stepping off the platform of the punt, after answering "here I am" to a call from shore, fell into the river, and was not seen afterwards. A person named Jay, who was near, jumped into a boat and used every endeavour to pick up Stanley, but the darkness prevented it being effectual, and he found only his hat- A reward of five pounds is offered for the body.'

What a wealth of information can be gleaned from the early newspapers! There can be no question this was William Standley, our First Fleeter. Compton Ferry was near Old Beach on the Derwent River, not far from Tea Tree Brush where he was still living. In 1830 he would have been 77 and the only other William Stanley at the Derwent, approximately 35.

LYNNE NG  
(#5894)

## Portsmouth/Sydney Sister Cities Revisited

**A**ustin C. E. Spraggs AO, who was Chairman of the Portsmouth/Sydney Sister City Committee, writes to the President to say that on 10 June this year he stepped down from the position to enable that organisation to become associated with the Britain/Australia Society (Portsmouth Branch) and reminisces:

I have always read with interest the Newsletter you regularly sent me and this has constantly reminded me of the luncheon you gave in honour of my wife and myself at the time we were official guests of Sydney in January 1988 at the time of your Bicentennial.

intended memorial to mark the First Fleet landing place in Sydney Cove and jointly to create a much more meaningful memorial by agreeing to have a twin of our own.

Anyway, the artwork was created by John Robinson - an Australian - so it was fair dinkum.

The significance does not stop there for a number of reasons.

First, our links sit on a block of Australian granite sent to us as a gift by the citizens of Sydney, whereas yours is on an identical size and shaped slab of granite hewn from a quarry on

made their last prayers and supplications to the Almighty in the local Church of St. Thomas - our Cathedral - they surely left our shores firmly anchoring their thoughts, hearts and minds at the point of departure and as they sailed ever further away, paying out their chain across the oceans until they finally hauled it ashore in Sydney Cove and firmly anchored it in their new land.

The next message we tried to convey is perhaps the most enlightening and symbolic for all to see, for when comparing the two statues, ours is made of bronze and with time - as we expected - has become dull and somewhat



**Inscription reads:  
This memorial  
and its twin in  
Sydney Cove Australia  
was the concept of  
Austin C. Spraggs Esq.  
'A man of Portsmouth'  
Sculptor: John Robinson**

I have in front of me now your Bronze Medallion No. 10 you gave me on that day - it has a place of honour in our glass display cabinet in our sitting-room.

Of late I have not been so active and missed your Lady Members that feature on page 7. It was wonderful to see them standing by the Bonds of Friendship Memorial at Sally Port, Old Portsmouth. I wonder if they noticed my name on it because this really was the beginning of the awakening that Portsmouth had a very special place in Australian history.

It is now common knowledge that the First Fleet of 11 small ships sailed from Portsmouth on 13 May 1787 under the command of Captain Arthur Phillip R.N.

On Friday 11 July 1980 Her Majesty the Queen unveiled our memorial to record this historic voyage.

Having created our memorial we tried by friendly discussion to persuade Sydney City Council to abandon their

Dartmoor, England, a gift from the citizens of Portsmouth. The design of the plinth was created here and the plans and specifications of the materials were sent to you - therefore they are similar.

Sir Davis Hughes, your Agent General for New South Wales unveiled our Phase 1, the plinth, on 13 May 1976.

Yours was created in one operation and unveiled by your Governor-General at the time, Sir Zelman Cowan, on 17 September 1980.

The next significance is the intended message of the monument and what it is trying to say.

A chain is composed of individual links which when conjoined form a chain.

We believe it would be reasonable to assume all the First Fleeters were apprehensive to be leaving their motherland and whether or not they

sombre whereas yours is made of metal that is highly polished and gives a bright and shiny effect.

The import is, they left an old country and set foot in a new land with limitless natural wealth and opportunities it heralded a bright and shining future for them and all their descendants to enjoy.

Ever may it be that; and ever may we who are left behind nurture and embellish the Bonds of Friendship which are epitomised in this simple but supremely strong implication, so well depicted by the twin memorials in Portsmouth and Sydney.

I have always valued and appreciated your kindness to me over the years; please accept this letter with my Best Wishes to you all and for your own expanding influence on Australian history.

**AUSTIN C. E. SPRAGGS AO**

# "HECKEN HANGS, COLPITS REPRIEVED"

Sydney, Saturday, November 5, 1803.- In the Criminal Court today, Gunner Colpits and Henry Hecken were found guilty of embezzlement of the King's Stores and sentenced to death. The following is an account of the investigation and Court proceedings.

Mr R. Colpits, Gunner of the Investigator, who was placed in charge of her, and Henry Hecken were brought before the Bench, having been the night before apprehended on suspicion of embezzling the King's stores, of which the latter stood positively charged.

Robert Colpits and Henry Hecken stood charged with feloniously stealing from the Investigator hulk, on the night of 4th instant, certain Naval Stores, which were in care of the said F. Colpits, late gunner of that vessel, under the Commissary's charge.

the evening of the 4th, he presented it to His Excellency, who thought proper to desire the deponent to act discretionally in the detection of the felony.

At 8 in the evening Mr H. gave orders to Wm. Daily, a constable, to go along side the hulk, and when hailed to answer "Underwood's servant," cautioning him also to be particularly observant of the conduct of both the prisoners, and to be mindful what part they took in the transaction individually.

Mr H. accompanied by Mr Chapman, and attended by Patrick Cleary, a constable, in a small boat went along side a Hawkesbury vessel near the Hulks, waiting there until Daily's boat was perceived to be rowing towards the shore; Mr H. hailed, and was answered 'that it was Harry Aken going ashore';

two hours, though actually not more than a quarter of an hour; and being then asked if he had any idea of the subject of his Mr H's errand on board the vessel, he returned for answer, he supposed it was on Hecken's business, but when told he had a warrant to apprehend him, remarked that he was not accountable for Hecken's conduct, as he was Master of the Supply.

W. N. Chapinan, esq was next called upon, and nearly recapitulated the words of Mr H. whose evidence he confirmed throughout.

Wm. Daily being sworn, said he had received certain instructions from Mr Harris, which he repeated, and to which he had strictly adhered; that on being hailed from the Hulks he answered 'Underwood's servant,' the person who hailed him asked what had kept him so

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John Harris esq. made Oath and said, that he for some considerable time past had suspected a malversation of His Majesty's Stores deposited or remaining in the Hulks: he had secretly been informed, too, that the prisoner Hecken had tendered for sale a part of those stores, remarking at the time that 'Mr Colpits was much in want of money'; and, that he advised the informant to purchase some of those articles, which would then appear as incontrovertible proof of the guilt of the implicated parties; that the informant some days after showed him 12 cartridges of powder, marked as those contained in Captain Flinders's Returns, for which he said he had paid 2.6d. per lb to Hecken. About a week after he showed him a bag of blocks, also said to be purchased from him; on some of which upon examination he found the King's Mark. Knowing through the same channel that a robbery was designed to take place on

he ordered the boat to stop, and when along side leaped into her, and was immediately followed by Mr Chapman. Demanding What was in the boat? Hecken replied, nothing but a few pieces of useless iron, when Mr H. upbraiding him with his guilt he fell upon his knees, repeatedly implored forgiveness, and declared Colpits to be equally culpable with himself; adding, that Mr H. might be conscious nothing could possibly taken out of the vessels without his knowledge.

Giving direction for Hecken's confinement. Mr H. went with Mr Chapman on board the Supply, on the way the constable Daily told him that Colpits was coming on shore to bring the other off and that he Colpits had lowered into the boat some blocks which he hauled up again. These blocks the deponent saw on the deck of the Supply; and asking Colpits how long had Hecken left the ship, he said nearly

long, to which he returned an evasive answer. When he came along side, Hecken, who was in the ship's boat, flopped into his, and went up the side, telling him that the things should be lowered down to him.

Some iron and several other articles being produced, the witness declared it to be part of the property lowered down by Hecken. He had not then seen Colpits, but had heard him as he supposed, in conversation with the other, who at length went away; then Colpits came forward, lowered down an article which he could not point out from the rest, and afterwards lowered some blocks, desiring him to take them in and go ashore, but upon the deponent's refusing to quit the ship's side unless one of the prisoners at the Bar would get into the boat and assist him, he drew up the blocks, and said that if he could not go ashore by himself every thing should come up again.

# LETTERS

[The opinions expressed in letters are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the Fellowship.]

Hecken at the instant reappeared, and offered himself to go in the boat, if Colpits would promise to take him off again in the ship's boat ... and so it was determined.

Patrick Cleary's evidence strengthened all that went before; and

James Underwood deposed, that on the 22nd ultimo he had purchased 12lbs. of gunpowder from Henry Hecken, then at the Bar, and on the 29th ult a number of blocks, all which he produced in Court and on examination proved to be part of the Stores committed to the care of Mr Colpits, who Hecken said was much in want of money.

Here the examinations closed, and the Judge Advocate informed the Prisoners that the Court was now ready to hear with patience whatever they might have to offer in their defence.

Henry Hecken voluntarily declared that he had been drawn into the error, and endeavoured only to criminate his unfortunate fellow prisoner; who, when called upon, said he had nothing to offer in his defence save only a Certificate of his having served his King and Country with unblemished reputation during a period of 14 years! Such a declaration could not fail of exciting compassion in the breast of all who heard it.

The Court cleared, and after a long deliberation reopened; when the Judge Advocate in the name of the Court returned a verdict Both Guilty ... and pronounced Sentence of Death against the Prisoners.

He then pathetically addressed himself to Hecken, whom he reminded of the perilous circumstances in which his former conduct had unfortunately involved him; and of the clemency that had been extended to him, at a time when he was hopeless: Again reduced to the same unhappy predicament, all that now remained was, to exhort him by penitence and a becoming sense of his condition to prepare himself for that awful event which in all probability was not very distant.

To Robert Colpits he observed, that the Court had in its mercy thought proper to grant him the benefit of an Act of Parliament which in certain cases vested in the Judge while in Court the power of changing the Sentence of Death into Sentence of Transportation for a Term of Seven Years, which offer the prisoner received with marks of respect and gratitude, and at near 4 o'clock the court dissolved.

Mr President -

I well remember reading Mrs Purnell's open letter with interest. For the first time I did not discard my Newsletter after my customary perusal of it. Instead I found it thought provoking and challenging. Mrs Purnell's letter crystallised some of my own subconscious thoughts. She raised some issues which give the Fellowship an opportunity to examine its attitudes, its relevance and its future direction. This is important in the relative lull following the obvious climax of the Bicentenary.

We are living in exciting times in modern multicultural Australia. We are part of historic decision making, whether it be Mabo or the republican debate. This is indeed an opportunity for us to 'move with the times.' At the time I admired the President for publishing the letter and providing us all with the opportunity for reflection.

Consequently I was amazed and indeed embarrassed by the barrage of criticism that Mrs Purnell received in the last newsletter. I would like to assure Mrs Purnell that she is not alone in her thoughts. I for one agree with her and found the points she raised well worth discussing. Whilst our common denominator is our past, our future is within a multicultural society. I can only apologise if other members cannot see the value of constructive criticism and debate.

Well done Mrs Purnell.

- Mrs Helen Davis (#383)

The Editor -

I agree whole-heartedly with the three writers of open letters in

the July/August issue except Elizabeth Heyer's paragraph on underpopulation. This is the greatest problem the world has to face, let's not fall for the trap of a dollar at all cost because if we do the cost will be to our grandchildren and all gains will be lost in human misery.



Back to the grist of my letter, let me quote a quote which is a down to earth principle which all family historians should follow or leave family history to the genuine.

'I show no concern for those who are ashamed of their ancestors. It is a foolish shame. In the unscientific selection of human breeding, genes good and bad are quickly dispersed. Ones great-grandfather had little enough opportunity to exert his influence. But what if a great-grandfather was permitted to look at those descendants who wish to disown him so afraid of life as to deny his genes.'

The only thing I wish to add to this is there are times when a President has to have an open mind but be strong and resolute when the occasion arises, we are fortunate in having a President who can do both.

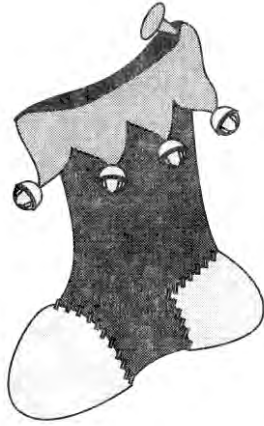
- Ray Meredith (#3496)



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