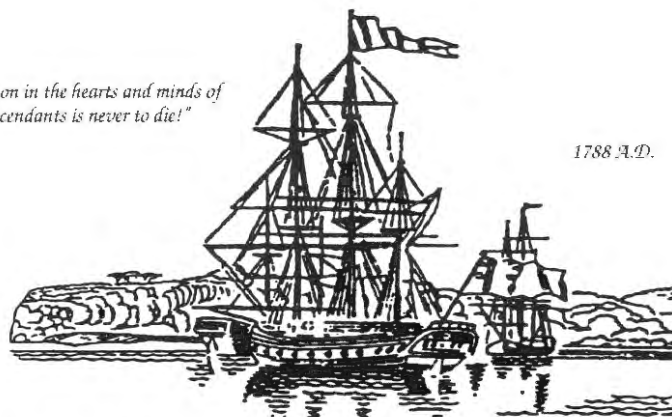


# Fellowship of First Fleeters

*"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 meeting of the Fellowship was held at First Fleet House on 13 November last and the office-bearers for the ensuing year are listed in this issue.

We are indebted to the William Roberts - Kezia Brown Family Association for the most generous donation of over \$4,700 to our Buy-a-Brick Fund. This will go a long way in considerably reducing the debt on First Fleet House.

Together with Secretary Zona Maguire and Newsletter Editor Ron Maguire, we were privileged to have morning tea with our Patron on 24 October last. His Excellency has an abiding interest in the Fellowship and on your behalf I thanked him for his hospitality.

The annual Pioneer Church Service will be held on Sunday, 29 January 1995, at the Garrison Church, The Rocks, at 10.30am. Please refer to the par in this issue. Also may I remind you of the Australia Day Eve Luncheon on 25 January next.

A paragraph on page 8 of the annual report has been of great concern to me personally over the past few weeks, so much so, that I was prepared to stand down as your President. Whilst I have

every confidence in Doug Oakes as Plaques Convenor and, indeed, will continue that confidence in the future. I take great exception, as have a number of other Fellowship members to whom I have spoken, re the reference to Frances Hannah Clement. It went to print before I saw the draft, otherwise, I assure you, it would not have appeared.

The offending words on page 8 after 'Frances Hannah Clement 1788-1800' are - 'whose history is clouded regrettably with insufficient proof.' Either the author had a mental aberration or the gremlins somehow contrived to get into the typesetting!

Last year publicity was given to Frances Hannah Clement in the pages of our Newsletter under the heading 'A Question of Identity.' A long-standing member Mrs Marj Raven, FF Thomas Arndell and Elizabeth Dalton, had put extensive time and research into the position of Frances Hannah as a First Fleeter. At a meeting earlier this year the Executive voted on the basis of Mrs Raven's research that the Fellowship recognise Frances Hannah Clement as a First Fleeter.

We obviously did not think back to 1989, when the Fellowship had given

tacit recognition of this First Fleeter on page 53 of 'Where First Fleeters Lie' and again in the 1989 edition of 'The Founders of Australia' by Mollie Gillen page 93, 'this child was therefore a First Fleeter.'

I really cannot reconcile the fact that if this person's history is 'clouded regrettably with insufficient documentary proof' why on earth did we class her as a First Fleeter?

It is to be hoped that in 1995 a plaque will be placed on the grave of Frances Hannah Clement denoting that she is indeed a First Fleeter!

Friends of Barbara Townsend will be saddened to read that she suffered a massive stroke recently. Barbara for many years organised the mechanics of the posting of the Newsletter and her expertise will certainly be missed.

To her husband Ken and her family we all offer the sincere hope of an early recovery.

May I take this opportunity in wishing all a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

In Fellowship,  
**PETER**

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

### CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR CLOSURE

First Fleet House will be closed from  
3.00pm Friday, 23 December 1994 to  
10.00am Tuesday, 3 January 1995

# YOUR EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE FOR 1994-1995

**PRESIDENT:** Peter Christian

**VICE-PRESIDENTS:** Alice Clarke  
Doug Oakes

**SECRETARY:** Zona Maguire

**TREASURER:** Roy Morris

**COMMITTEE:** Rod Best, Brenda Burke, Ula Clarke, Dorothy Jupp, Laurel McMiles, Ron Maguire (Newsletter Editor), John Matthews, Beverley Naughton, Bonney Savill, Phyllis Selby, Cec Thompson

## BUY-A-BRICK FUND

We wish to record appreciation for donations to the Fellowship's 'Buy-a-Brick' Fund. These names have been recorded in the Donor Book in the Library at First Fleet House.

William Roberts & Kezia Brown Family Group, Warwick Adams, Ian Anderson, W. G. Anderson, Maxwell L. Arch, Gladys E. Ashworth, Mary Bailey, Paula Bosman, Charles O. Boyd, L. R. Boyd, Brian L. Brennan, William E. Carter, Alice Clarke, Herbert Collingwood, Margaret A. Corby, Norma Dawson, Norma J. Dillon, E. A. Dobbin, Betty E. Duns, Brian Garth, Valerie Gordon, Phyllis J. Gore, Dorothy Jean Heldon, W. M. Hughes, Allan A. Jenkins, Paul Kable, M. E. Kelly, J. R. Kingston, Marilyn Knight, A. R. Mahony, Hugh Gwyn Morgan, Eleanor Elsie O'Brien, Ian Andrew Palmer, Margaret Palmer, B. Potts, Iris Riethmuller, D. R. Seville, Kenneth Sibraa, Myrl Rae Skinner, Lola D. Thomas, C. G. Thompson, Constance O. Torbett, Marjorie I. Wheeler.

## OUTINGS

It was a glorious day for our tour to Warragamba Dam and Mount Annan on Sunday, 30 October. While relaxing under the shady trees at Warragamba our morning tea was served. Feeling refreshed we met our guide, a very knowledgeable lady, who took us inside the wall of Australia's largest concrete dam. While learning about the construction and viewing and interesting video our eager questions were answered in a way that made us more aware of that simple glass of water.

Next off to Mount Annan Botanic Garden. On the drive through, there was opportunity to admire the spectacular

views and wonder at the extent of this beautiful garden which we were able to explore while our delicious barbecue lunch (scotch fillet steak, sausages and salad, and dessert) was being prepared. Finishing the afternoon with a wander through the Terrace Garden and Visitors' Centre we returned to the bottlebrush display for a final photograph.

The unanimous decision by the enthusiastic members, including one who had driven from the South Coast to join the tour, was that it was a perfect day and excellent value. We also appreciated the effort made by our driver to ensure that the trip was especially enjoyable and comfortable.

So join us when he takes us on the forthcoming trip through Dural and Wiseman's Ferry. [See notice in this Newsletter.]

A group of members and friends enjoyed a cruise around Broken Bay on 2 November. We caught the bus to Pittwater, then the ferry which cruised round Broken Bay, stopping at Patonga to take on board our fish and chips lunch, then on to Berowra Waters and back to Pittwater.

Forty-two enthusiastic listeners were entertained by story-teller Edgar Penzig when they attended the Christmas Luncheon at the Waratah Inn on Wednesday, 7 December.

A delightful two-course lunch served as a prelude to a short speech by our President and an introduction to our speaker by Phyllis Selby.

Edgar Penzig, author, lecturer, radio and television guest speaker, drew a graphic verbal picture of the life and time of the ladies of the Colony, of the many Wild

Colonial Boys and their exploits, and how we have let our heritage slide.

Edgar has found in travelling intra- and inter-state lecturing at schools that there is an unfortunate lack of knowledge of things Australian, although the students are eager to learn. From what he said, the lesson is, it behoves us to engender in our children and grandchildren a fervent desire to support our heritage and our history.

The next meeting of the Daytime Fellowship will be on Thursday, 2 March 1995, when office-bearers will be elected. More of this in the next Newsletter.

## BIRTHS

A warm welcome to the following New First Fleeters:

KATELYN JENNIFER MUMFORD (F.F. William Broughton), 14 March 1994. Granddaughter of Aus and Jenny (#1204) Pratt. Eighth generation.

JAMES RUSSELL WATSON (F.F. James Sheers - Mary Smith), 7 June 1994. A son for Gai and Brett Watson, third grandchild for Tonia and Norm (#2481) Kingham.

## OBITUARY CECIL VAUGHN HERBERT

A man of great character and spirit, Cecil Vaughn Herbert (#1782) died in Tamworth Base Hospital on 24 August, aged 78.

After serving as a Flight-Lieutenant in World War II, he returned home to become a soldier-settler at Mullaley, NSW.

## COMMUNITY HERITAGE GRANTS



The National Preservation Office is offering grants of up to \$5,000 to assist community organisations such as libraries and historical societies, multicultural and indigenous peoples' groups to preserve their documentary heritage collections.

Applications close Friday, 14 April 1995. Guidelines and application forms are available from:

Katy Bellingham  
National Preservation Office,  
National Library of Australia  
Canberra ACT 2600.  
Ph: 06-2621357 Fax: 06-2734493  
e-mail: kbelling@nla.gov.au



He was a successful farmer and served on Liverpool Plains Shire Council. He became involved in community affairs in the Mullaley area and on retirement continued his interest in community activities in Gunnedah.

He was a life member of the RSL, acting as marshal for Anzac Day marches and as master of ceremonies at RSL services.

Clay target shooting was his favourite sporting pastime, winning State and Australian veterans' championships. In 1979 he won a silver and four bronze medals representing Australia at the World Skeet Championships in the United States.

His interest in history and genealogy led him to his First Fleeter John Herbert, and on the formation of the Herbert Family Association became its first President.

Cecil is survived by his wife Esma, daughter Marlene Goldsmith, MLC, and sons Warwick and Mark.

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**Keep this date free!**

**SUNDAY, 2 APRIL 1995**

Join us on our Coach Trip through picturesque Dural to Wiseman's Ferry and relive the Old Days as we cross the Hawkesbury River by vehicular punt, continue through Central Mangrove and the scenic Yarramalong Valley.

All inclusive Coach, Morning Tea and Picnic Lunch \$29.00

Further details in next issue. Mark your diary!

Bookings taken at FFF Office on 360 3788 or 360 3988.

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**JOHN NICHOLS,  
FIRST FLEETER  
Nichols Family Picnic Day**

**Sunday 5 March 1995  
9.00am - 5.00pm**

To be held in the large shelter shed, Wharf Road, Newcastle, on the foreshores of Newcastle Harbour, behind the Old Customs House.

A short walk from the railway station.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
PLEASE CONTACT:

Winsome Miller  
14 Tomago Parade, Mt. Hutton 2290  
Phone (049) 487724



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, 169 Castlereagh Street, Sydney. The guest speaker will be Col. Ralph Sutton. Cost is \$33 per head.

Would members please 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!

### 26 January 1995

Does this day mean more to you than just a Public Holiday?

If so, then join us in 1995 on this day (in the City) to celebrate **OUR NATIONAL DAY.**

Colonial Dress would help emphasise our cause but is not essential.

### AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Activities for Australia Day will commence a.m. along Macquarie Street.

Then participate in a parade from Cockle Bay to Tumbalong Park to watch official program of Australia Day. Dress once again in Colonial Costume and meet under the First Fleet Banner about 4.30pm.

For further information please contact:

Peter Christian (02) 868 3063  
(after 7 o'clock)  
Laurel McMiles (02) 604 4457  
Brenda Burke (02) 755 1027

## 1995 PIONEER SERVICE

Members and families are invited to the annual Australia Day Pioneers Service at the Garrison Church (Holy Trinity), corner Argyle and Lower Fort Streets, The Rocks, at 10.30am on Sunday, 29 January 1995. A procession of Family Banners will precede the Service and after which, at 11.35, the congregation will follow flags and banners to the First Fleet Memorial at Circular Quay. Members may place a small tribute on 'The Bonds of Friendship' in memory of his or her First Fleeter.

## DID YOU KNOW

The Herbert Family Association Inc. is a family history group whose members are the descendants of First Fleeters John Herbert, arrived Charlotte, and Deborah Ellam, arrived Prince of Wales, on 26 January 1788.

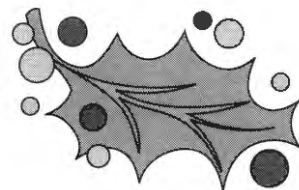
The association was formed in 1987 and on 2 April 1988, to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the marriage of John Herbert and Deborah Ellam on 2 April 1788, a reunion was staged with over 300 people attending. From this gathering the idea to produce a modest book was conceived.

The book 'A Far Prospect' has now been published by the Herbert Family Association Inc. The 'modest book' became a major publication and through the efforts of the members and their families this record contains over 3,500 people's names who are the descendants of First Fleeters John Herbert and Deborah Ellam, biographies, and local histories.

The book was launched on 2 April 1994 at the family reunion to mark the 206th anniversary the marriage of John and Deborah.

A copy of 'A Far Prospect' has been donated to the Library at First Fleet House and a review will be printed at a later date.

Copies of the book may be purchased at \$45.00 per copy plus postage of \$6.00 by contacting the secretary of the family association, Gwen Herbert, at PO Box 990, Bowral NSW 2576.





# WINDSOR BICENTENNIAL

**W**indsor awoke to a beautiful sunny morning on Saturday, 1 October. At 11 o'clock, about 60 groups and floats assembled at the top

of Thompson's Square for the parade down George Street to McQuade Park.

A large number of members, young and not so young, gathered under the First Fleet banner to participate in the parade. Many dressed in colonial costume, which added atmosphere to the occasion, while several individual family banners were proudly carried behind the First Fleet banner. The pride in our Australian heritage was evident on all faces as the crowd applauded and made comment such as 'Good on you, First Fleet, we could not have done it without you' and 'How many generations' etc. It was quite overwhelming - we could have marched all day.

The Governor and Mrs Sinclair viewed the parade from a white-laced wrought-iron veranda of an old colonial house (now the National Bank). The Governor took the salute and the parade continued down George Street to McQuade Park, which, with its array of stalls, was a colourful backdrop for the completion of the procession.

The day's activities included a fly-past by the RAAF Richmond. The thrilling sight of several planes echoing above us was a lead up to the presentation of the Freedom of the City to RAAF Richmond. The unveiling in front of a large crowd of a statue of Governor Lachlan Macquarie by His Excellency the Governor, Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair, at 2.30pm ended the day's official ceremonies.

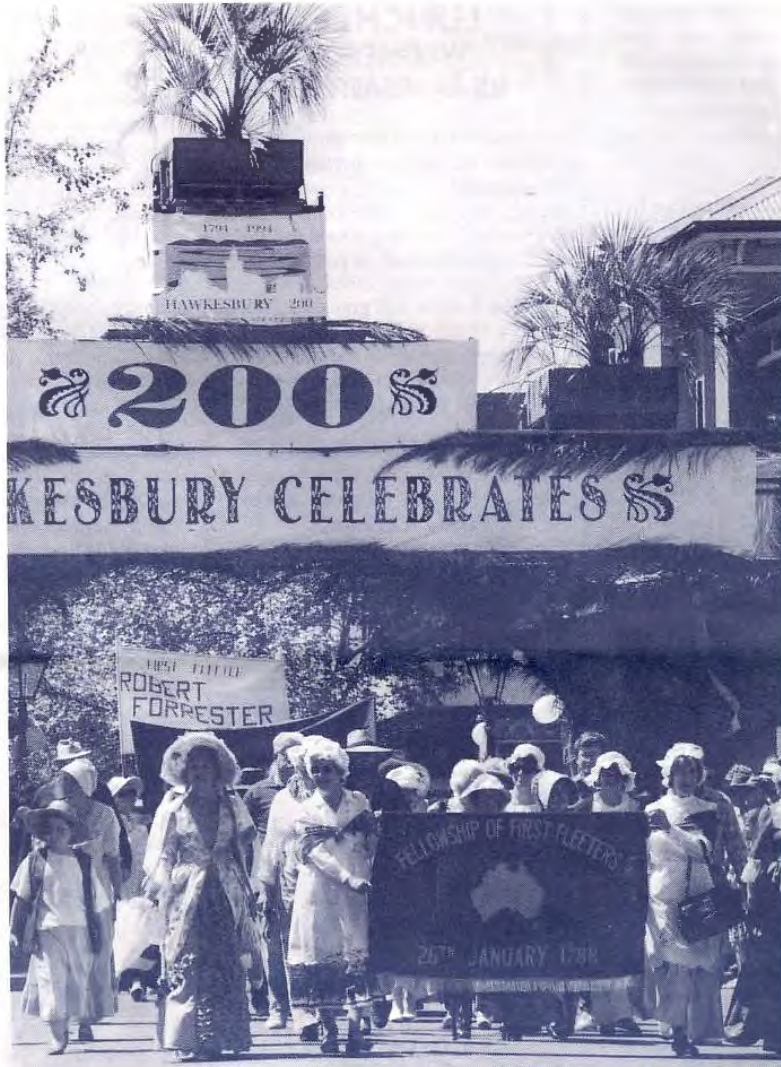
Sunday morning began with a service at St Matthew's to commemorate the 22 Pioneering Families. Bishop Brian King was in attendance and many people again dressed in their Colonial Best. Morning tea was served at 10.30am and all

were invited to a hot cuppa and home-made sakes provided by the local parishioners.

At 11 o'clock the parade of river boats on the Nepean River began at Governor Phillip Park. Many family reunions were held, the rows of family tents an indication of the large interest in our heritage. The day concluded with a colourful display of fireworks and we left with a feeling of pride and happiness. The friendly atmosphere throughout the weekend left one with the knowledge that the pioneering spirit of our ancestors still lives on.

To those who participated in the street parade on Saturday 'Thank you' it was wonderful exposure for the Fellowship. Until January 26. Kindest regards.

**LAUREL McMILES  
and  
BRENDA BURKE**





*Fun for young and not so young*



# Extraordinary Coincidence!

**A few years ago the Newsletter printed a letter and article sent us by Capt. S. R. Watts, Royal Engineers, Rtd., of Cophorne, West Sussex.**

**It is of such interesting reading that it is well-worth the reprinting.**

**Who were the two ladies? Do they recall the incident, how could they not!**

When Captain Watts wrote his story to us he was ninety years old and this is what he said:

It was my intention to send this letter and the enclosed article during the bicentenary year but, owing to ill health, I was unable to prepare this until now.

I refer to an incident relating to a bronze memorial which was erected in London to honour Admiral Sir Arthur Phillip, R.N., first Governor of New South Wales, who as Captain Arthur Phillip planted the flag at Manly Bay, Sydney, two hundred years ago.

In 1978 I was residing in Cynhorby, five miles from Llandovery in South Wales. Calling one morning, just after opening time, at my favourite small public house in Llandovery, The Black Ox (only one bar), I was followed by two ladies.

We were the only three people present except, of course, the landlady and I suggested that the ladies were attended to first. It seemed that a difficulty arose because the ladies disclosed that they were Australians and had no knowledge of the merits or demerits of English ales.

I intervened and suggested that a bottle of White Shield Worthington was a good ale, and would the ladies honour me by joining me in one which, to my pleasure, they accepted.

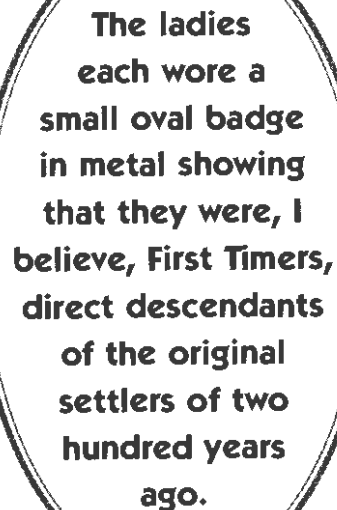
During the course of the ensuing conversation, the ladies informed me that it was their intention to visit Bathampton in Somerset the next day to meet the architect of a memorial to Admiral Sir Arthur Phillip, erected in Sydney, Australia.

I was absolutely amazed at what was the most remarkable coincidence,

because in 1931 I prepared a design sketch for a bronze memorial honouring the same gentleman, and that to meet, just the three of us, in a little Welsh pub, twelve thousand miles from Australia, was unbelievable.

Having got over the shock I described the memorial I designed and, borrowing a piece of foolscap white paper from the landlady, I sketched for them (on a pub counter) what I remembered of the memorial after a lapse of 47 years. I suggested that they might like to show it to the architect at Bathampton the following day.

The ladies each wore a small oval badge in metal showing that they were, I believe, First Timers, direct descendants of the original settlers of two hundred years ago.



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The ladies were very interested, and I related that unfortunately the memorial was destroyed by enemy bombing during the War of 1939-1945. The memorial was erected externally on a wall of St. Mildred's Church, Bread Street, off Cheapside in the City of London. The church was destroyed but the cast was found a considerable distance away, in what condition I am unable to say, but recall that I was informed it was placed in a museum 'somewhere.'

At the time of the bombing I was serving in the Army overseas as a major in the

Royal Engineers, and I received injuries which ended my active Army service in 1945. I was retired with the honorary rank of captain and will be ninety years old next March, if I live until then.

Regarding the actual memorial, I was employed as chief draughtsman to Messrs G. Johnston Bros. Ltd of London and Mr G. Johnston introduced me to Douglas Hope-Johnston, M.A., who proposed the memorial and spared no effort to bring his cherished idea from inception to fruition.

Mr Hope-Johnston explained to me what he wanted to portray with the memorial. Subsequently, after many meetings, the final design was accepted and the memorial came into being as the very generous gift of Lord Wakefield of Hythe, then the Lord Mayor of London.

Now I was able to produce the necessary full-size working drawings of the memorial, and Mr Douglas Hope-Johnston arranged, I think with Lord Wakefield, the program for the unveiling and the persons to be involved, which included H.R.H. Prince George.

I append a rough sketch of what I can remember of the memorial after fifty-seven years, but you must excuse the roughness of the sketch as my hands are affected by my war injuries and my age has left its mark.

It may be that, in Australia somewhere, there is a copy of the very nice brochure issued at the time of the unveiling. My own copy has long since disappeared.

Attached is a brief description on the memorial as far as I can recall, and in my opinion a new memorial should be erected, on a very frequented site, to maintain the wonderful event in our joint history and give honour to the memory of Admiral Sir Arthur Phillip for his great achievement of two hundred years ago, and that the original cast bust of Sir Arthur be restored and included in the design.

It would afford me the greatest pleasure to hear from the two ladies I met in the pub at Llandovery, South Wales, and recall the most wonderful coincidence, a million-to-one chance meeting between three people living twelve thousand miles away from each other. Extraordinary!!

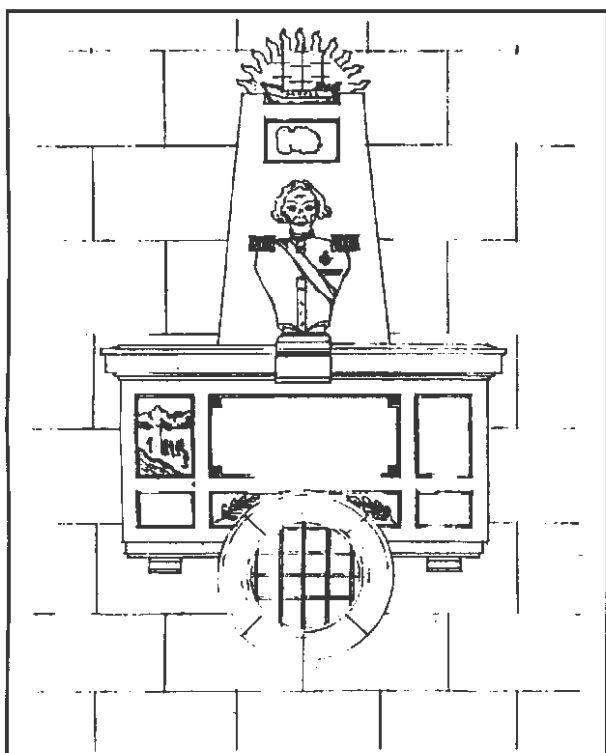
Yours faithfully,  
**S. R. Watts.**

# MEMORIAL TO GOVERNOR SIR ARTHUR PHILLIP, R.N., FIRST GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES

The memorial was proposed by Douglas Hope-Johnston, M.A., a member of the British Empire Society, and was the gift of Lord Wakefield of Hythe, then the Lord Mayor of London, who gave it to the nation.

It was two and a half tons in weight cast

Placed centrally above was a large bronze tablet lettered in Roman Classical letters in relief describing the planting of the Flag by Captain Arthur Phillip, in Manly Bay by the Tank Stream, two hundred years ago. Other cast panels either side and below had been sculptured scenes of the founding ceremony.



in statutory bronze and, because of its weight, was cast in sections. After assembly in the works for testing, it was dismantled and re-erected on the external wall of Sir Christopher Wren's Church St. Mildred's in Bread Street off Cheapside in London E.C.1.

The memorial was unveiled in 1932 by H.R.H. Prince George in the presence of Lord Wakefield and the ceremony conducted by the Bishop of London.

The lower portion of the memorial comprised a cast structure forming the main background, shaped at the base to fit over a large circular stone surround in a window in the church wall, possibly providing light for the crypt situated underground.

This was capped by a heavy cornice with a central pedestal on which was mounted a very fine sculptured bust of Admiral Sir Arthur Phillip, R.N., by Sir William Hartnet, R.A. Sculptor.

The upper part of the memorial was cast as a tapered monolith with a sculptured panel showing Australia in contour and relief, with a fine model of the Flagship HMS Supply mounted above, forming a filial to the memorial, backed by a Rising Sun finished with water gilt.

Mr Douglas Hope-Johnston, the proposer of the project, was associated with the memorial as distant relative, a nephew Lieut. Hope-Johnston, R.A., [George Johnston?] accompanied Captain Arthur Phillip as his aide de camp, but I do not recall whether he went to Sydney and was present at Manly Bay by the Tank Stream when the Flag was planted. He may have stayed at Botany Bay in charge of the deportees who travelled in the five other ships that formed the fleet under Captain Arthur Phillip.

Possibly if Lieut. Hope-Johnston stayed on in Australia some of his descendants can be traced.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For period 22 September to 23 November

We extend a warm welcome to new members joined during this period - 19 adults, eight juniors and five spouse associates.

WILLIAM EGGLETON - MARY DICKENSON: Mrs Alannah Gannaway; Mr Liam Pender Gannaway (jun.); Mr James Hally Gannaway (jun.); Mrs Wilma O'Connor (sp. Mr Daniel John O'Connor); Mr Mark Phillip O'Connor; Mr Paul Howard O'Connor; Mr Sean Patrick O'Connor; Mrs Vicki Elizabeth Powell; Miss Zoe Elizabeth Powell (jun.); Mr Andrew John Powell (jun.).

OWEN CAVANOUGH - MARGARET DARNELL: Mr Harold John Woods; Mr David George Woods (sp. Mrs Lorraine Alma Woods).

PETER HIBBS: Mr Roy Alfred Cox.

CAROLINE LAYCOCK: Mr Noel Ronald Davies; Mr Iamin Noel Davies; Mr Aaron John Davies; Miss Trina Lynn Davies; Mr Duan Leslie Davies (jun.); Mr Justin William Davies (jun.); Miss Kate Linda Mary Davies (jun.).

EDWARD MILES: Mrs Elaine Margaret Waring.

WILLIAM NASH - MARIA HAYNES: Mr Robert Cecil Thompson (sp. Mrs Pamela Elizabeth Thompson).

JOHN SMALL - MARY PARKER: Mr Andrew John Kindness.

WILLIAM TUNKS + THOMAS SPENCER + MARY PHILLIPS: Mrs Dorothy Frances Singe.

ROBERT WILLIAMS: Mrs Shirley Dawn Mills (sp. Mr James Edward Mills).

THOMAS WILLIAMS: Miss Jessica Rose Williams-Footer (jun.).

JOSEPH WRIGHT: Mr Philip George Butler (sp. Mrs Glenda Butler).

Additional First Fleet Ancestors:

ANN MARTIN to ROBERT FORRESTER for Coral Cleary, #2541.





# MEMORIAL PLAQUE COMMITTEE

In the report of this Committee to the Annual Meeting it was stated that the history of Frances Hannah Clements 'is clouded, regrettably, with insufficient documentary proof.' It has been pointed out that this could be misinterpreted.

As I intended to make clear in the report, it was accepted by the Committee (during 1994) that Frances Hannah Clement was a First Fleeter. This acceptance was based on the considerable researches and correspondence of Marj Raven. The arguments advanced by Mrs Raven have previously been set out in an item in the Newsletter.

What the Report had intended to convey was that, unlike every other First Fleeter whose grave has had a plaque placed on it, this person had been accepted following consideration of Mrs Raven's arguments notwithstanding that there is no known document, written during the voyage, which clearly sets out her name as being one of those who travelled on the Fleet. If there had been such a document the extensive correspondence which was entered into could have been avoided from the outset.

This was the sole basis of the comments in my report and any misunderstanding of what was being said is regretted.

When funds are available, the Fellowship will be seeking to install a plaque on this grave.

## SMALL FAMILY ASSOCIATION

The John and Mary Small Descendants Association held its twenty-fourth family reunion on Sunday 9 October 1994 at St. Anne's, Ryde.

The day started with a dedication service at Rookwood Cemetery for the restoration of the grave of John and Mary Small's first born, Rebecca Oakes. The eulogy for Rebecca Oakes was read by Kathleen Oakes, a fifth generation descendant through Rebecca's son Roland Oakes.

Mrs Merle Peters of the Bankstown Historical Society raised the New South Wales State flag off the tombstone, and the Reverend Jack Richards gave the dedication prayer.

The annual meeting of the family association held later in the morning in the Memorial Hall at St. Anne's, Ryde, returned the 1994 committee to office for 1995.

After the meeting, a luncheon was held and among the guests were the Mayor of Ryde, Mr Mick Lardelli, the President of the Ryde Historical Society, Mr Kevin Shaw and Mrs Shaw, and the President of the Fellowship of First Fleeters, Mr Peter Christian.

A thanksgiving service was held in the afternoon in the historic St. Anne's Church with Mick Lardelli reading the First Lesson and Peter Christian reading the Second Lesson. Two solos were sung by Paul Eastment.

## ROPE PULLEY FAMILY ASSOCIATION

The Rope Pulley Association is looking forward to its celebrations scheduled for the weekend of 20 and 21 May 1995. They will be having a family reunion at Emu Plains, this being the anniversary of the wedding of First Fleeters Anthony Rope and Elizabeth Pulley in Sydney on 19 May 1788.

Elizabeth died on 9 August 1837 and Anthony on 20 April 1843. There was a memorial for Elizabeth at the Castlereagh Cemetery but none for Anthony. The family association through donations from descendants have had a memorial built for Anthony next to Elizabeth's tombstone and the Fellowship has had one of its memorial plaques placed on Anthony's memorial.

On Sunday, 21 May 1995, a dedication service will be held at Castlereagh Cemetery for the Anthony Rope Memorial.

The memorial for Elizabeth was restored by the Fellowship and a plaque attached back in 1985 when a large

number of descendants attended the dedication service on 20 October 1985. The family association is confident of a similar response to the gatherings in May 1995.

Any descendant or interested party who would like further information please ring Bunny Sloan on (02) 9537881 or Laurie and Helen Harkness on (02) 7186021.

The Fellowship congratulates the Rope Pulley Family Association on its efforts and is confident the celebrations will be very well attended.

## FIRST FLEETER ELIZABETH THOMAS

We have received permission from the Parish Council of St. Matthew's Anglican Church in Rokeby, Tasmania, to have a memorial plaque installed on the Waterson family memorial for First Fleeter Elizabeth (Thomas) Waterson.

Elizabeth is buried with her husband, John, in the St. Matthew's Church Cemetery as are other members of their family.

Mrs Freda Gray will organise the installation of the Fellowship's plaque on the Waterson family memorial.

Mrs Freda Gray is a descendant of First Fleeter Edward Kimberly and was with us in 1988 for the bicentennial dedication service at St. Matthew's. Edward Kimberly and First Fleeter James Morrisby are also buried at St. Matthew's, Rokeby.

**DOUG OAKES,**  
Plaques Convenor



*Small Family Association service*