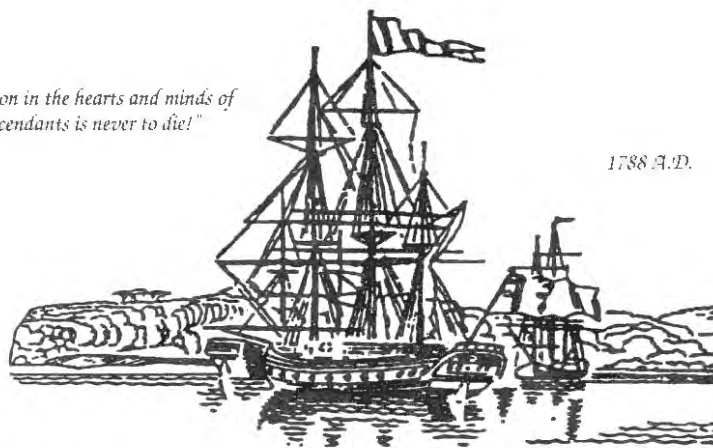


Fellowship of First Fleeters

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

1788 A.D.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Fellowship of First Fleeters is a body incorporated in 1988, not only in NSW but in all States and Territories of the Commonwealth.

Our membership is scattered not only in Australia but in Europe, Britain, New Zealand, Asia and the United States of America. There is a very keen group centred in Melbourne called 'First Fleet Fellowship Vic. Inc.', but unfortunately are in no way connected with us. I am saying all of this because it was brought to your Executive's attention that some of our Victorian members have been approached to join FFF Vic. Inc. We wish them well in their endeavours but we hope our members will also remain with the national body.

On Saturday 27 July last, member Joy Cordeiro, Doug Oakes and myself manned a stall in the Toongabbie Shopping Centre for their annual celebration of settlement in the area. Our presence and display caused quite an amount of interest. We also handed out a recently printed FFF pamphlet on the history of both the First Fleet and the Fellowship.

Would you please keep in mind our Australia Day Eve Luncheon on 25 January 1997. Again the venue is Sydney University and I hope to make an announcement in the next Newsletter regarding the guest of honour.

To all accounts the Daytime Fellowship's Soup and Damper Day

was a resounding success. Nearly 50 members were victualled – congratulations to Doug and his committee.

The next 'Meet the President' reception will be held at First Fleet House on **Sunday 22 September** next at 2.00pm. New members will have had a note of this in their letters of welcome. Old and older members are most welcome but please RSVP by 13 September.

At its last meeting the Executive was pleased to announce that Joy Pankhurst (FF Matthew Everingham) had consented to act as Deputy Convenor of the Membership Committee.

It is that time again to renew subscriptions – again unchanged for about the fourth year in a row. Any loose change? Please think of the 'Buy-a-brick Fund.' Any donation is acceptable but those donors who give \$10 and over are recorded in our 'Book of Donors.'

Thank you, those who wished me and my broken leg good wishes for a speedy recovery. It seemed to have worked. Though I am still limping, my wife Joy and I have a 10-day camping and walking trip, early August, in Kakadu. Here's hoping I come back in one piece!!

In Fellowship
PETER

DAYTIME FELLOWSHIP OUTING

**Wednesday
4 September**

to

**RAN's
HISTORIC MANSIONS
of
WOOLLOOMOOLOO
and
POTTS POINT**

Numbers are limited to 20.

A minibus will leave First Fleet House, Woolloomooloo, at 9.45am.

Bring your own lunch – tea and coffee provided. Back at First Fleet House about 3.30pm.

**COST IS A MISERLY \$10.00
PER HEAD**



How good a genealogist are you? Test your skills on page 3.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the
FELLOWSHIP of FIRST FLEETERS Inc.
to take place on
SUNDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 1996
at
2.00pm
to be held in
FIRST FLEET HOUSE
105 Cathedral Street, WOOLLOOMOOLOO

NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE, 1996-1997

OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS

Nominations are hereby called for the positions of:

PRESIDENT
VICE-PRESIDENTS (2)
TREASURER
and
10 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: _____

DAYTIME FELLOWSHIP

Over 40 members and friends were present at the Soup and Damper Day on Wednesday, 3 July, at First Fleet House. We were particularly pleased to see a number of new members present. They said they were looking forward to meeting the President on 'Meet the President Day' at First Fleet House on Sunday, 21 July.

Phyllis Selby started proceedings by giving an account of the previous functions and invited suggestions from those present for future functions. There was good support for the suggestion that next year's trip be to Dubbo.

Hot soup and damper, with all the trimmings, was the meal of the day and our thanks go to all the workers and contributors to the luncheon.

After the luncheon, Beverley Earnshaw, author and historian, gave us a talk about the way the early convicts were treated when sick. Her talk was entitled 'The Lame, the Blind, the Mad and the Malingerers.'

Beverley Earnshaw is a professional historian and has written over four historical books. She is the State President of the Fellowship of Australian Writers. Beverley is also a member of the Historic Family Trust.

DOUGLAS OAKES
Convenor

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday
25 January 1997**

AUSTRALIA DAY LUNCHEON

**THE HOLME BUILDING
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY**

'The Day We Celebrate' is the most important day on our calendar. Help us to celebrate by gathering your family members for drinks and hors d'oeuvre, a two-course meal and great company. There will be an interesting guest speaker.

Cost will be advertised closer to the day, however, bookings may be made by ringing the office on 9360 3788.

**THE JANE LANGLEY DESCENDANTS
ASSOCIATION REUNION WEEKEND
5-6-7 OCTOBER**

ADAMINABY NSW

All descendants are invited and are assured of a great
get-together.

For further information phone
PAM QUICK, (02) 9489 5772 or
ELAINE BENNETT (02) 9639 5929



**NASH FAMILY REUNION
Saturday, 12 October from 11.00am
NURRAGINGY RESERVE DOONSIDE**

Lomandra Area

Contacts:

Mrs Lydia Hope, 9831 2279 or Alan Simpson, 047 311609

EXCURSION

THE REDMYRE ESTATE

Sunday, 20 October 1996

This will be a leisurely Sunday afternoon walk to see
some of the heritage aspects of Strathfield's Redmyre
Estate of 1867. It was originally a country estate as
evidenced by the large houses and its proximity to
Burwood Railway Station for easy access to the city.

Strathfield, or Liberty Plains as it was originally known,
was the first area outside Sydney Town to be opened
up for free settlers.

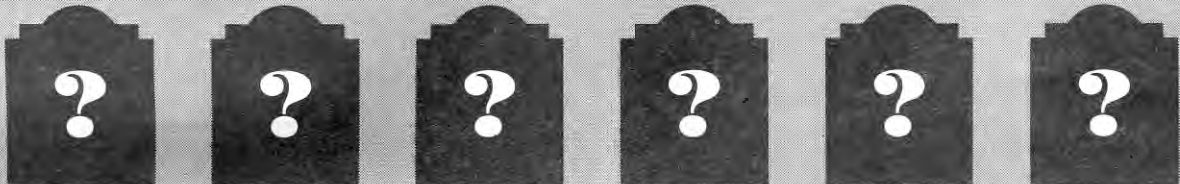
Wear comfortable walking shoes and a hat. There are no
shops on this route so you might like to carry something
to drink. Approximate distance 3.8 kilometres.

Meet at Strathfield Station – south side – at 1.30pm and
return to station approximately 3.30pm.

It's a Grave Matter

In the town of Hoos-Under-Heer there is a tiny graveyard containing six graves. The gravestones are badly weather-worn and difficult to read. The local Genealogists have collected enough facts to enable the correct forenames, surnames, dates of birth and dates of death to be associated with each grave.

Can you sort out the information?



1. All the surnames are names of trades, but no one's surname matches his or her trade.
2. Mr Butcher the Fletcher is in an end grave.
3. Mrs Fletcher is buried next to her husband, who is the miller.
4. Tom, the cooper, is buried between Joan and Simon.
5. Alice was born the same year as Mr Cooper, who occupies an end plot.
6. Bill, who wasn't married to Alice, died two years before his wife, aged 78.
7. Mrs Miller whose grave is between Owen and Bill, died in 1917, four years before Mr Baker.
8. Joan, who was born in 1860, is next to the barrel-maker, who was born twenty years later.
9. Owen, who was born in 1890, died aged 40, seven years before Joan.
10. The person in the grave on the extreme right was born in 1848.
11. Mr Baker, who died three years after the butcher, is not next to Mrs Miller.
12. Owen made arrows.

Give this puzzle some thought and see if you can solve the clues. No peeking, but the answers are shown at the bottom of page 7.

SMALL FAMILY REUNION

The Small Family Association is making plans for the annual reunion on Sunday, 13 October 1996, to take place at historic St Anne's Church, Ryde.

The reunion will commence at 11.00am with an exhibition of family memorabilia. A special exhibition has been made in memory of William Small, who was born 14 December 1796. William Small was the fourth child of First Fleeters John and Mary Small. William Small married Charlotte Melville on

8 May 1820 and they had 10 children who gave William and Charlotte a total of 98 grandchildren. Both William and Charlotte are buried in St Anne's churchyard.

The Association's annual meeting will be held at 11.30am with lunch to follow at 12.30pm. Luncheon is being catered for and members and friends will be invited to make a contribution of \$5.00 per head to offset the costs.

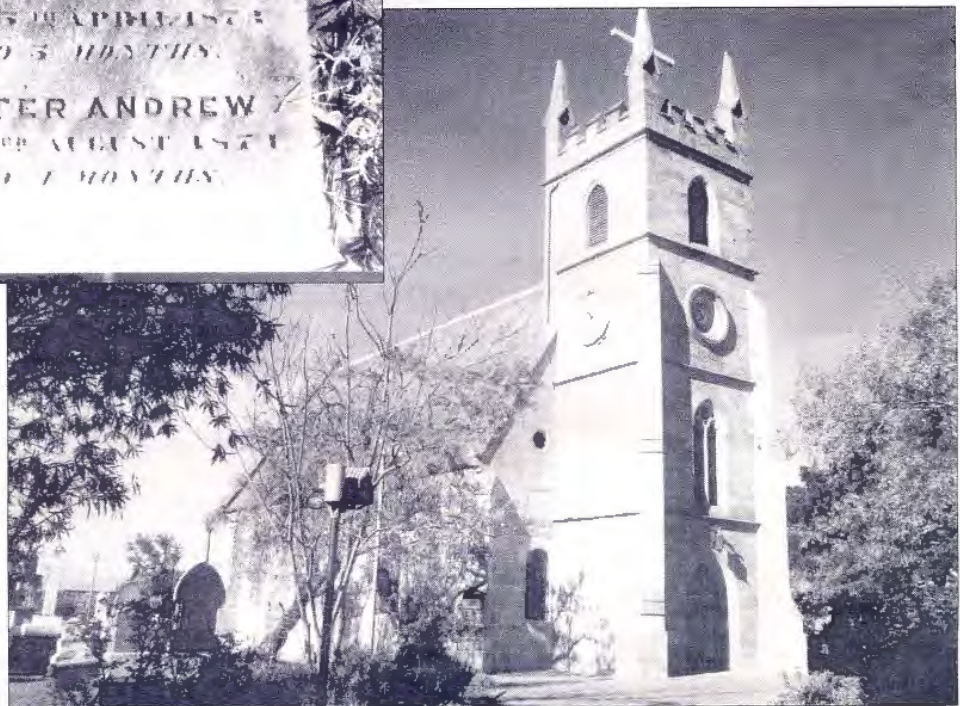
The annual Thanksgiving Service will commence at 2.30pm at St Anne's Church. Donald Shanks from the Sydney Opera Company has accepted an invitation to sing a solo during the service. Descendants of William and Charlotte Small will be reading the lessons during the Thanksgiving Service.

The Rector of St Anne's has written to the Small Family Association stating that a broken memorial has been found lying near the Small Family memorial for Miriam Small and five of her children: all the children dying in infancy.

Miriam Bragg married Thomas Small in 1852 and they had 14 children. Sadly, Miriam died hours after giving birth to her last child in 1874. Thomas Small was the fourth child of William and Charlotte Small.

The Rector has asked the Small Family Association to seek donations from its members and friends to have the Miriam Small family memorial restored for dedication during the 170th anniversary services in 1997. The Association is opening a fund for this project and seeks contributions to it from descendants and interested parties.

Anyone who wishes to make a contribution to the fund and is unable to make the Family Reunion may send his/her donation to the secretary of the Small Family Association, Douglas Oakes, 1/13-15 Stokes Street, Lane Cove 2066.



Above: Broken memorial and right: St Anne's Church, Ryde



Cemeteries – like them? What family historian doesn't? At some time or other each one of us has searched the endless row after row of graves looking for those inconsiderate ancestors who didn't leave us a single clue regarding their whereabouts.

One should think about our history occasionally and instead of selfishly just looking for ourselves, do as we did recently, take a guided tour through a cemetery and watch history unfold.

Our tour was through the historical cemetery at Waverley where in 1845, 30 inhabitants of South Head petitioned the then Governor to provide a resting place for the dead but it was not until 1877 with the burial of a female Ruth Allen in the General Ordinary Section that the needs of the Eastern Suburbs Community were fulfilled. Nearby South Head opened in 1869. Both these cemeteries under the Trustees of Waverley Council are still meeting the needs of this area.

Covering 41 acres Waverley cemetery has three religious sections, Church of England, Roman Catholic and General. These in turn are divided into 20 smaller sections. (There is no number 13.) Different burials are Vaults, Select, Ordinary and Special all underground, while Mausoleums are above ground.

Our guide for the day was Marian Corry, a librarian at the Waverley Council and what a great tour she gave us, with very interesting commentary on each resting place we visited.

Starting off at the gates, we viewed the old horse troughs no longer in use, but still in excellent condition.

Just through the gate stands a memorial, to the officers and men who lost their lives by the explosion of a submarine mine (no not a submarine as we know it today but an underwater mine) at the Easter Encampment Middle Head on 3 April 1891. A service is held at this point every Anzac Day in remembrance of all those who lost their lives in service to our country.

What a chilling introduction to the tour as the first headstone we viewed was that of the first executioner appointed just prior to Federation.

After an accident, when a horse kicked him in the face and he lost his nose, Robert Rice Howard had a tragic life and as he was no longer employable in his profession, had no income. After experiencing the hardship of unemployment for some time, he applied for the unwanted position of executioner and was accepted. His very first execution was to be on 1 January 1901 but authorities thought this wasn't the best way to mark the beginning of Federation and they postponed it till a later date. After the loss of his nose he was cruelly called 'Nosey Bob.' In later life he resided at Bondi and being a familiar face among the local community one can only imagine him being the target for taunts by the local lads.

John William Phillip, Bank Manager, died 1893 at Carcoar, (near Bathurst) in a bungled bank holdup, he and his wife, family and friend were attacked by a man (Edward Glasson) wielding a hatchet and after causing much bloodshed, left the bloody scene, empty handed.

Edward Glasson the black sheep of a well-to-do family was hanged by none other than 'Nosey Bob'. Rumours were that Edward was besotted by a female and had misled her about his wealth which was possibly the reason he attempted the bank robbery.

Marian told us while visiting Carcoar some years ago she mentioned the holdup and enquired if the bank was still standing, the person she was speaking to was not aware that Edward Glasson had been executed, it was believed that he had 'gone overseas' which was the story the locals had been told regarding his disappearance from the area. (Possibly by his family who wanted to protect their name.)

Poor unfortunate 'Nosey Bob' also hanged Louisa Collins the 'Lucrezia Borgia' of Botany Bay, (Busy lad this 'Nosey Bob'.)

From here we moved on to one of Australia's most loved poets. Isobel Marion Dorothea Mackellar OBE, only daughter of the four children of Doctor Charles Mackellar and his wife Marion, was born at the family home at Point Piper, Sydney, on 1 July 1885 and died 1968. Growing up in a rich well-to-do Victorian era, and spending much time in the country on their property "Torreyburn" near Patterson on the Allyn River, Dorothea is best known for her poem "Core of My Heart" later named "My Country".

First Fleeters, Marine George Johnston and his life-long partner, Esther Abrahams, were originally buried on their Annandale property in a vault designed by Francis Greenway, but when the Annandale Estate was subdivided their coffins were reinterred in a family vault at Waverley.

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Sir James Martin, the man after whom Martin Place was named, also rests in this lovely setting. He was three times Prime Minister (which in his day meant Premier of NSW).

Henry Lawson, poet and story writer, was born on 17 June 1867 in a tent at the gold diggings near Grenfell NSW, he died on 2 September 1922 in lodgings at Abbotsford near Sydney aged 55 years after an unfortunate life. He lies in the plot next to where Henry Kendall was originally laid to rest.

The two Henrys, Lawson and Kendall, would have eventually rested side by side, but for Henry Lawson's mother, she thought Kendall should have his own monument and lobbied for a plot in a more prominent position and as a result he was reinterred, his monument records:

Some of those who loved and admired him have in grateful and lasting remembrance of his genius, built this monument above his ashes'.

Born 18 April 1841 and died 1 August 1882 he was just 42 years of age.

Many other well known and/or famous persons are resting in the serene setting above the sea. Some of them are:-

- Edwardo Majeroni, Eminent actor and Gallant soldier of Wars of Independence. b. Italy 1840 and d. Sydney 1891.
- Ethel Charlotte Pedley would you recognise the name? She was the author of Dot and the Kangaroo.
- Poor Harry Rickards, actor and comedian of Vaudeville fame, and founder of the Tivoli Theatre, was buried not once but three times. (So much for resting in peace.) Having died in London he was buried in England, then brought home and buried in Waverley cemetery and later reinterred and a huge monument with a prime view was erected in his honour. (What a shame he doesn't get to see it – but he is finally resting in peace.)
- Lawrence Hargraves whose portrait adorned our last \$20 note died age 65 years on 6 July 1915.
- Our original golden girl Fanny Durack's grave was discovered in 1990 and is now being cared for with the support of swimming organisations, the Department of Sport and Recreation and the Durack family, after restoration befitting the former swimming champion.
- Charles Owen Peat, 24-year-old champion high diver, died while attempting to dive 45 feet into three feet of water, on 8 May 1896. His epitaph reads:

'Champion High diver accidentally killed in Fitzgerald Bros Circus when diving from a great height into a tank of water'.

He had often told his companion who dug the tank holes that if he ever failed in his diving attempts not to dig him up just cover him with dirt.

- Others include actress and nightclub entertainer Queenie Paul, international cricketer Victor Trumper and cricketer and journalist Jack Fingleton.

Pictured, clockwise, from top left: Submarine Mine memorial, Irish monument, Henry Kendall's memorial, Henry Lawson's grave, Robert Howard's headstone, George Johnson's memorial

Centre: Dorothea Mackellar's memorial

6. Simon Cooper 1848-1918 Butcher.
5. Tom Baker 1880-1921 Cooper

3. Bill Fletcher 1857-1935 Miller
4. Joan Fletcher 1860-1937

1. Owen Butcher 1890-1930 Fletcher
2. Alice Miller 1848-1917

As tribute to the Irish, a very prominently placed monument was built at a cost of 2,000 pounds in 1888. It was unveiled by Charles W. McCarthy MD the gentleman who did the sculptures on the monument which is a memorial to the men who participated in the 1798 Irish Rebellion and the Easter Uprising in Dublin in 1916. The names of 96 people appear on the wall, the best known possibly being Michael Dwyer, of the Vinegar Hill uprising, who later became the Chief Constable of Liverpool. However, the name of one of the prominent leaders, Robert Emmet, is not inscribed, as he told his executioners in 1803 "When my country takes her place among the nations of the earth, then, and not till then, let my epitaph be written."

These are just a handful of the many familiar names that are buried at Waverley. Marian does seven different tours around the cemetery and if the opportunity arises be sure and take one, however in winter wear warm clothes and in summer take an umbrella and something to drink. At any time be sure to wear comfortable shoes. These tours are not recommended for those who cannot walk up and down the hills.

Waverley Library has two books on Waverley Cemetery:

'Law and disorder' cost \$10 and

'Waverley Cemetery's Who's Who' \$20

Both have a postage of \$2.

Good haunting!!



Speaking of cricket as we were earlier, has anyone had the opportunity to visit Bowral to view the Don Bradman museum? Large renovations are being carried out to the existing museum which, when finished, will offer the day tourist a pleasant couple of hours wandering through the museum with its collection of cricket memorabilia on display from past greats both Australian and English, from W.C. Grace, Harold Larwood and of course the great 'Don' himself to present day Dennis Lillee. The cricket buff and collector can surely benefit from the small souvenir shop.

Bowral, a small picturesque town, offers quaintness with its many antique shops and places of historic interest, there are several cosy cafes where one can lunch or enjoy a Devonshire tea. A very pleasant way to spend a winter's day.

BUT, rug up!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT PERIOD 23 MAY TO 24 JULY 1996

We extend a warm welcome to new members joined during this period – 17 adults, four juniors, three spouse associates.

JAMES BRADLEY + JAMES McMANUS – JANE POOLE: Mrs Maria Susan Murray; Miss Sarah Ann Murray (jun.); Mr James Alexander Murray (jun.); Miss Eliza Louise Murray (jun.).

WILLIAM BROUGHTON: Miss Katelyn Jennifer Mumford (jun.).

THOMAS CHIPP – JANE LANGLEY: Mrs Yvonne Shirley Taranto.

THOMAS CROWDER: Mrs Jacqueline Alvia Morgan.

WILLIAM EGGLETON – MARY DICKENSON: Mr John William Reynolds.

HENRY KABLE – SUSANNAH HOLMES: Mrs Lorraine Isobel Anderson.

JOHN NICHOLLS: Mr Charles Lawrence Holmes.

RICHARD PARTRIDGE – MARY GREENWOOD + JOHN RANDALL + JOHN MARTIN: Mrs Dawn Mary Chown.

ANTHONY ROPE – ELIZABETH PULLEY: Mrs Mary Margaret Monk; Mrs Theresa Irene De Groot.

JAMES RUSE: Mrs Marie Theresa Hesse; Mr Paul Henry Hesse.

JAMES SHEERS – MARY SMITH: Mr William Wallace Wilson.

JOSEPH TUZO: Mr Garnet Victor Dredge; Mr Howard James Dredge; Mrs Janette Ann Berryman; Mrs Norma Sylvia Hunt (sp. Mr Lyle Ernest Hunt).

WILLIAM WALL: Mrs Sue Grove-Fieldsend

SPOUSE ASSOCIATES OF NEW MEMBERS: Mr Joseph Francis Murray husband of Mrs Maria Susan Murray (#6526); Mr Kevin Colin Berryman husband of Mrs Janette Berryman (#6533).

ADDITIONAL FIRST FLEET ANCESTORS

James Ruse to John Small and Mary Parker for Nichole Margaret Hesse (#5000); James Ruse to John Small and Mary Parker for Simone Maree Hesse (#5001); James Ruse to John Small and Mary Parker for Melanie Anne Hesse (#5002).



DEATH NOTICES

Deepest sympathy is offered to the families of the following:

JOYCE MARION ADSETT (#2056), of Clayfield, Queensland. Descendant of First Fleeters Daniel Stanfield and Alice Harmsworth.

RONALD HENRY ALT (#1058), passed away 20 April 1996. Descendant of Andrew Fishburn.

RHODA M. BARRASS (#1381), of Railton, Tasmania, passed away on 2 May 1996, quietly and at last in no pain. Descendant of First Fleeters Nathaniel Lucas and Olivia Gascoigne.

ERIC EDWARD DUNHAM (Associate), passed away 5 January 1996, in Sydney. Devoted husband of Rita (#4160) of Maryborough, Queensland.

IRVAN (Tony) TAYLOR, 9 July 1996, peacefully at Coffs Harbour Hospital. Beloved husband of Sylvia Taylor (#5594).

ALICE HILDA WALLER (#960), died in her sleep in Dural, 17 March 1996. Widow of Arthur Keith Waller, loved mother and mother-in-law of Margaret and Graham, Robert and Lynne. Loved grandmother of Alison and Lindsay and great-grandmother of Cameron. Descendant of First Fleeters Nathaniel Lucas, Olivia Gascoigne and James Squire.



BIRTHS

A warm welcome for the following New First Fleeters:

CAMERON CRAIG ANDERSON (F.F. Nathaniel Lucas – Olivia Gascoigne – James Squire), 12 March 1996. Son of Alison and Craig and great-great-nephew of Wynne Anderson

GABRIELLA BULLOCH (F.F. Joseph Tuzo), 28 March 1996. Daughter of Colin and Patrizia, first grandchild of Lee and Warren (#3856) Bulloch.

CHANEL REBECCA COOMBES (F.F. Joseph Tuzo), 8 May 1996. Daughter of Diana (#3577) and Tony and sister for Priscilla Jane. Second grandchild of Janet (#3574) and Harry Healey. Seventh generation.

BENJAMIN JOHN KINGHAM (F.F. James Sheers – Mary Smith), 22 April 1996, at Adelaide, South Australia. A son for Brett and Denise Kingham and a fourth grandchild for Norm (#2481) and Tonia Kingham. Eighth generation.

CHRISTOPHER PETER KIRKBY (F.F. William Broughton), 10 May 1996. Son of Glennydd and Geoffrey Kirkby (#4039).

BROOKE ASHLEIGH McCALLUM (F.F. Anthony Rope – Elizabeth Pulley), 9 June 1996. Daughter of Rebecca and Anthony, first grandchild for David and Pamela (#5897) Potter. Ninth generation.

GABRIELLA LOUISE TAIT (F.F. Peter Hibbs), 28 March 1996, at Port Macquarie. Second daughter for Melissa and Lee Tait, second granddaughter for Dolly and Mervyn Hansen of Forster. Great-niece for Betty Warn (#6110) and Dorothy Lowe (#6192). Ninth generation.

LYNDON SEAN THURTELL (F.F. Peter Hibbs), 29 April 1996, at Caringbah. Second child for Laura and Peter Thurtell of Cronulla, second grandchild for Dorothy (#6192) and Bill Lowe of Engadine. Great-nephew for Betty Warn (#6110). Ninth generation.

THOMAS LEONARD GREGORY WILLIAMS (F.F. Thomas Williams), 5 July 1996. A son for Gregory Leonard (#6457) and Maree Williams. Eighth generation.

HAVE WE SOMETHING IN COMMON?

If anyone had the following as ancestors, would they write to Jennifer J. Thomas (#6384), 41 Wadham Parade, Mt Waverley 3149:

John PIKE, convict, b.c.1780 in Berkshire, arrived Sydney in 1802, married Jane FERRIDAY, convict, b.c.1785, Shropshire, arrived Sydney in 1807.