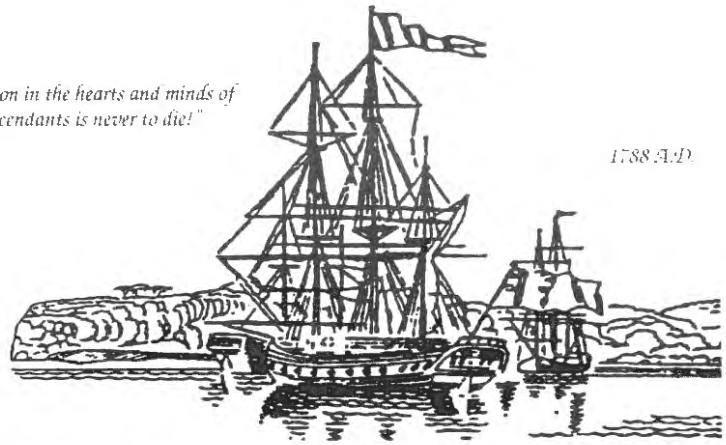


# Fellowship of First Fleeters

*"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

**H**eritage Week was fairly busy for the Fellowship. Tables were manned in Toongabbie by Doug Oakes, Joy Pankhurst and Rose Millwood on Sunday, 20 April. Doug Oakes looked after a table at Burwood Westfield Centre on Wednesday, 23 April. The Fellowship when presenting itself at all functions such as these attracts great interest. Whilst it does bring in some financial reward, the public relations benefit seems to be of inestimable value. We estimate that there are one million descendants of First Fleeters in Australia!!! Just think that the descendants of Nathaniel Lucas and Maria Gascoigne numbered one hundred thousand from 1788 to 1988.

the Colonial Re-enactment Group with us on the day.

due to good PR work with media in that area. Congratulations Mary and Lionel. Hope to see you all on 27 July next for a flying visit.

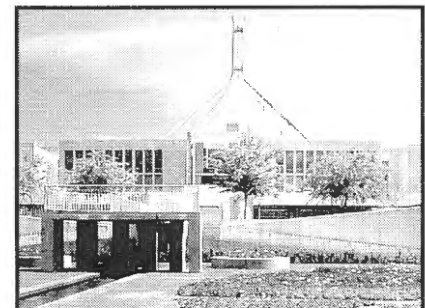
Members will find with this issue of the Newsletter a subscription renewal form. Subs payments fall due on 1 July next and I would urge all to renew your membership as soon as possible. Any loose change please remember our 'Buy-a-Brick' Fund towards First Fleet House mortgage repayments. Also you will have an opportunity to participate in a raffle this year. The lucky winner will receive a pleasant surprise.

Our Editor, Ron Maguire, and his wife, Zona (our Executive Secretary), will be overseas for the next few months. We all wish them bon voyage and a safe return.

Joy and myself will also be away until 16 June on a trip to Canada and the States. I can assure Jim Payne that I shall be back in time to attend the Robert Williams Family day.

In Fellowship,  
**PETER**

I always look forward to letters from Canon Jim Payne MBE (FF Robert Williams) containing interesting snippets of genealogical news of a First Fleeter. Last epistle contained news of a First Fleeter with supposed family ties to a Mayflower descendant in the United States. Some time ago there was news of a First Fleet family with the same ties, my memory has faded on the exact family. If any member can enlighten me I would be most grateful! Jim has also sent notice of a Robert Williams family gathering for Sunday, 22 June next. Details in this Newsletter.



**2 DAY CANBERRA  
TOUR  
OCTOBER 19-20  
Full details on page 3**

I received a most welcome letter in April from Kathleen Lenthall, member 686. During the 1940s Kath taught zoology at my school whilst her husband Fred was a science master. Kath, a descendant of Ellen Redchester (Fraser) is still a keen genealogist in spite of attaining her century. She wrote that 'time is marching on for me as I was 100 last year.' She is still seeking members of her family to update the family tree.

The Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship will be held on 2 November next in Newcastle. We are still waiting permission to place a plaque on the memorial to John Shortland, First Fleeter, commemorating 200 years of Newcastle's history. We hope to have

Good news from the Northern Rivers Chapter. Both Lionel Phelps and Mary Kell have written re last month's successful meeting and it seems that a new Chapter will be formed in the Grafton area, early June. Much interest was shown by First Fleet descendants

## BIRTHS

A warm welcome for the following New First Fleeters:

HOLLY DEAN (F.F. William Roberts), 19 January 1997. Third daughter to Mark and Lisa, third granddaughter to Brian (#3207) and Cecily Chesworth.

PHOENIX JAMES JENNER (F.F. John Small - Mary Parker), born 17 March 1995 at Queen Victoria Hospital, Launceston, Tasmania. This is a correction to year of birth date which appeared in the July/August 1995 Newsletter.

LILY GRACE SELBY-THOMPSON (F.F. Anne Forbes + William Hubbard), born 12 February 1997, to Janet Selby and Peter Thompson. Grandma made a mistake in the birth notice, sorry Lily.

JOEL SOLOMON WILLIAMS (F.F. John Small, Mary Parker and Edward Powell), 15 February 1997 at Murwillumbah Hospital, to Alexandra Cornwell (#5707) and Colin Williams. Seventh generation.

ADEN YII (F.F. John and Hannah Beresford), born 23 April 1997, Sarawak, Malaysia. A son to Sonja and Chee Seng Yii, first great-grandchild for Jean Monk (#4067). Aden was born on great-great-grandmother Stella Atkinson's birthday.



## DEATHS

Deepest sympathy is offered to the families of the following:

MARGARET PALMER (#5180), passed away peacefully, 14 April 1997, at Murwillumbah hospital.

JENNIFER ELIZABETH TURNBULL (#4837), of Gloucester, passed away 11 December 1996, aged 36. Dearly loved daughter of Marie (#4836) and Kevin Gunning, granddaughter of John (#2202) and Leila Greenhalgh, sister of Natalie, aunt of Amanda and Richard. Descendant of F.F. Anthony Rope, Elizabeth Pulley and William Tunks.



## DATES TO REMEMBER FOR '97

### JUNE

Sun 15 Coach Day to historic Windsor, Wilberforce, etc. Barbecue lunch then on to Sydney Inter-national Regatta Centre, Penrith Lakes. All inclusive \$29.

### JULY

Wed 2 Soup and Damper Day - First Fleet House.

### AUGUST

Sun 10 Tour of Elizabeth Bay House.

### SEPTEMBER

Wed 3 Fort Denison.

### OCTOBER

Sun 19 Coach trip to Canberra. Stay overnight. Stephen Mutch will show us over Parliament House on Monday, 20 October.

### NOVEMBER

Wed 5 The Edge, Katoomba.

### DECEMBER

Christmas social - date to be advised.

## NSW Association of Family History Societies ANNUAL CONFERENCE

hosted by

Newcastle Family History Society Inc.

≡ **'A Journey of Discovery'** ≡

24 - 25 - 26 OCTOBER 1997

MAYFIELD EX-SERVICES CLUB, Hanbury Street, MAYFIELD

### SPEAKERS ON OUR JOURNEY

Cynthia Hunter, Hunter Valley Historian - *'John Crowe Memorial Address'*

Ed Tonks - *War Memorials in France and Belgium*

Bruce Tyrrell - *Vigneron Families*

Dr Jonathon Silberberg - *Genetics in Family History*

Keith Johnson - *Irish Research*

Fiona Burn - *Discovering Records in the Australian Archives*

Graham Aubrey - *Celtic Studies*

Hunter Photo Bank - *Over 50,000 photos on the Database*

Researching Other Races - *Panel Presentation on Chinese, Indian, Pacific Islanders and Koori Research*

*Bookstalls, Displays and Demonstrations*

### ACCOMMODATION

Due to an International Sporting Event being held in Newcastle on this weekend, accommodation will be at a premium. So please book early to avoid disappointment. Newcastle Tourism Ltd are holding allotments on behalf of the Conference. Bookings can be made by contacting Cathy on either Free Call 1800 654 558 or Fax 049 296 732.

Further details may be obtained from the Conference Secretary, Newcastle Family History Society Inc., PO Box 189, ADAMSTOWN NSW 2289.

◆ **WINDSOR**  
 ◆ **WILBERFORCE**  
 ◆ **PENRITH LAKES**

**SUNDAY 15 JUNE**

Spend a delightful morning exploring this historic area which is so important to the FFF.

Following a leisurely BBQ lunch it is on to view the Olympic Rowing Venue at The Sydney International Rowing Centre at Penrith Lakes.

Cost including Barbecue Lunch and Morning Tea  
**\$29**

Early bookings are essential. Please indicate where you wish to join the coach.

Coach departs Cremorne 8.15am  
 Central Railway 8.30am  
 Lane Cove 8.45am

Enquiries to FFF office on  
 (02) 9360 3788 or 9360 3988

**2 DAY CANBERRA TOUR**

**OCTOBER 19 & 20**

The feature of this visit to our capital is a meeting with Stephen Mutch M.P., Member for Cook and also FFF member, and a Red Carpet Tour of Parliament House.

Other highlights include:

- A delicious BBQ lunch on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin.
- A visit to Commonwealth Park. Although the Floriade Festival will officially be over, the gardens will still be a picture.
- A choice of visits to the Film and Sound Archives, the National Gallery and High Court, the Old Parliament House Political Museum or the War Memorial. The choice will be individual with a shuttle bus operating between venues.
- Accommodation and a full cooked breakfast at the centrally located Forrest Motor Lodge.
- Dinner at the Yamba Sports Club and, for those with the energy, a visit to Black Mountain Tower for a spectacular view of Canberra by night.

Cost per person is \$167 twin share, with a single supplement of \$35. Bookings to FFF office or phone 9360 3788 or 9360 3988

**INVITATION**

to  
**The Thomas Arndell Family**



**Triennial Gathering**

on  
**SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 1997**

Commencing with a thanksgiving service at St John's Cathedral, Parramatta at 11.00am, followed by a dedication ceremony at St John's Cemetery at 12.30pm.

At 1.00pm gather for a Picnic Lunch in Parramatta Park. Please bring your own picnic lunch and enjoy meeting other family members.

For further information phone  
 Bob Davis - Secretary (02) 9477 1138  
 or  
 Seton Arndell - President (045) 72 8605

**SOUP & DAMPER DAY**

**Wednesday, 2 July**

Timed to Commence at 11.30am

Lunch provided - \$3.00

Speaker: Sister Cathleen O'Corrigan

Topic: 'Women in the Female Factory'

Please ring office (02) 9360 3788 if attending.

All Members and Friends Welcome

*Elizabeth Bay House*

*Sunday, 10 August*

*Enjoy a guided tour of this splendid home built for Alexander Macleay and his family, elegantly furnished in the 19th century period.*

*Meet at the Bonds of Friendship Memorial (outside Customs House) Circular Quay, at 1.15pm.*

*No. 311 bus passes the door.*

*Entrance fee \$6 adults, \$4 concession*

*Bookings for tour please ring office (02) 9360 3788 or (02) 9360 3988*

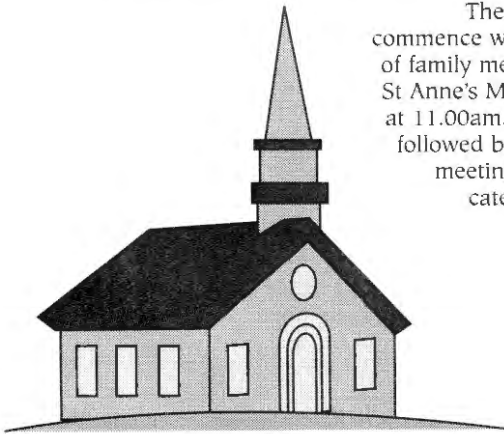
# Small Family Association



The John and Mary Small Descendants Association will be having its twenty-seventh anniversary thanksgiving service on Sunday, 12 October 1997, at historic St Anne's Anglican Church, Ryde.

The association is delighted that this day is the actual 209th anniversary of its First Fleeters' wedding at Port Jackson conducted by Chaplain Richard Johnson on 12 October 1788. The marriage was probably under a tree and it was later registered at St Phillip's, Sydney. The records show that the marriage had the approval of Governor Arthur Phillip.

John and Mary Small settled in the Ryde area and played a prominent part in the establishment of St Anne's Church. They had seven children and most of them and their spouses are buried in St Anne's Cemetery including John Small himself.



The reunion will commence with a display of family memorabilia in St Anne's Memorial Hall at 11.00am. This will be followed by the annual meeting and then a catered lunch at 12.30pm.

The memorabilia is a collection of family trees and photos of ancestors professionally put together from originals supplied by descendants. Copies will be available for sale together with the family books, 'The Small Family in Australia 1788-1988' and 'The Updated Information 1995.'

The thanksgiving service will be held in historic St Anne's Church commencing at 2.30pm. This service will be followed by a dedication service at the restored memorial to Miriam Small and five of her fourteen children who died in infancy. Miriam (Bragg) Small married John and Mary Small's grandson Thomas in 1852 at St Anne's Church and died on 29 April 1874 just hours after giving birth to their fourteenth child, Walter Andrew. The Small Family Association accepted an invitation to contribute to the restoration of Miriam Small's memorial tombstone. The names of her children who died in infancy are also inscribed on the tombstone. At the family reunion held in 1996 those gathered donated altogether about \$250 for the project. This year the tombstone will be dedicated by the Rector of St Anne's.

The Small Family Association is still seeking family update information from descendants on birth dates of new additions and date of death of departed relatives.

Please contact the secretary on (02) 9428 2806 if you can supply any of the information necessary for further Update Information Booklets.

**DOUGLAS OAKES**  
Secretary  
SMALL FAMILY ASSOCIATION

## Where First Fleeters lie



In 1976 a project to find burial sites of First Fleeters who arrived with Captain Arthur Phillip in 1788 was commenced. Since then, eighty-seven memorial plaques have been attached to tombstones of First Fleeters, identifying the interred as First Fleeters.

Although investigations have shown records stating that First Fleeters are buried in specific cemeteries, because no tombstone and no specific record of the actual location of the burial site has been found, we are not able to install a memorial plaque for these people.

A number of family associations have had memorials installed at the cemetery in memory of their First Fleet ancestor and we have been able to install a memorial plaque on the monument.

Often, further investigation has revealed inscribed tombstones for children of First Fleeters buried in the cemetery where the First Fleeter was subsequently buried without an inscribed tombstone. There is the possibility that the First Fleeter may have been buried in the same site as the children without another inscription.

We are seeking your support by letting us know if your First Fleeter may be buried under the circumstances that have been mentioned. If so, it may be that the situation can be investigated for the possible installation of a memorial plaque for your famous ancestor.



Please give me a call on (02) 9428 2806 if you wish to discuss the matter.

**DOUGLAS OAKES**  
Plaques Convenor  
SMALL FAMILY ASSOCIATION



**ALL DESCENDANTS OF  
ROBERT WILLIAMS  
First Fleeter  
ROBERT WILLIAMS, JUNIOR,  
and CHARLOTTE EATHER**

(and interested friends)

are invited to a special service at  
ST PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
RICHMOND, NSW

**12 Noon  
on Sunday, 22 June, 1997**

Led by 'The Cathedral Singers'  
under the direction of Shirley Mills

Preacher: The Reverend Jim Payne MBE

The service will be followed by a brief  
observance at the fully refurbished family  
vault in St Peter's Cemetery and a picnic at  
nearby Pugh's Lagoon (bring your own  
food and drinks).

In the event of unfavourable weather, the  
picnic will take place in the spacious  
Christian Education Centre,  
adjacent to St Peter's Church.

Inquiries to:

Jim and Shirley Mills, Sydney (02) 9876 2482

The Reverend Jim Payne, Canberra  
(06) 254 6722

**ALL DESCENDANTS OF  
THOMAS CHIPP (Marine Private)  
and JANE LANGLEY (Convict)**

are invited to a reunion at  
BALLARAT, VICTORIA.

**Friday, 10 April 1998 to Monday, 13 April 1998  
(Easter Weekend)**

The reunion will be of particular interest to the  
descendants of Thomas Thompson (grandson of  
Jane and Thomas Chipp) who was the only  
known descendant to travel to Victoria c1853  
and settle in the Beaufort district.

Thomas married Mary Ann Tuckett 1849 at  
Cooma NSW and their children were Harriett,  
Alice m. Day, Mary Ann, Eliza m. McCracken,  
Thomas m. Hancock, George m. Stevens,  
William, James, Emma, and Richard Henry.

Contact is sought with any descendants of the  
above children.

A history has been collated and produced in  
book form and will be available at the reunion.  
An interesting program is being arranged for  
the reunion.

For information please contact:

Joan Schoch, 8 Lake Street, Avondale Hts 3034.  
(03) 9337 6005

Margaret Teasdale (03) 9801 2515

Elaine Lazarus (03) 5333 5214

**MEMBERSHIP  
REPORT**

**For period 27 February to  
22 April 1997**

We extend a warm welcome to new  
members joined during this period - five  
adults, one junior, two spouse  
associates.

JAMES BRADLEY + JAMES McMANUS  
- JANE POOLE: Mrs Jean Gladys Hope  
(sp. Mr Henry Philip Hope).

WILLIAM DRING - ANN FORBES:  
OWEN CAVANOUGH - MARGARET  
DARNELL: Mr Maxwell Charles Prince.

ELEANOR FRASER: Mrs Mary Isabel  
Kell (sp. Mr James E. L. Kell).

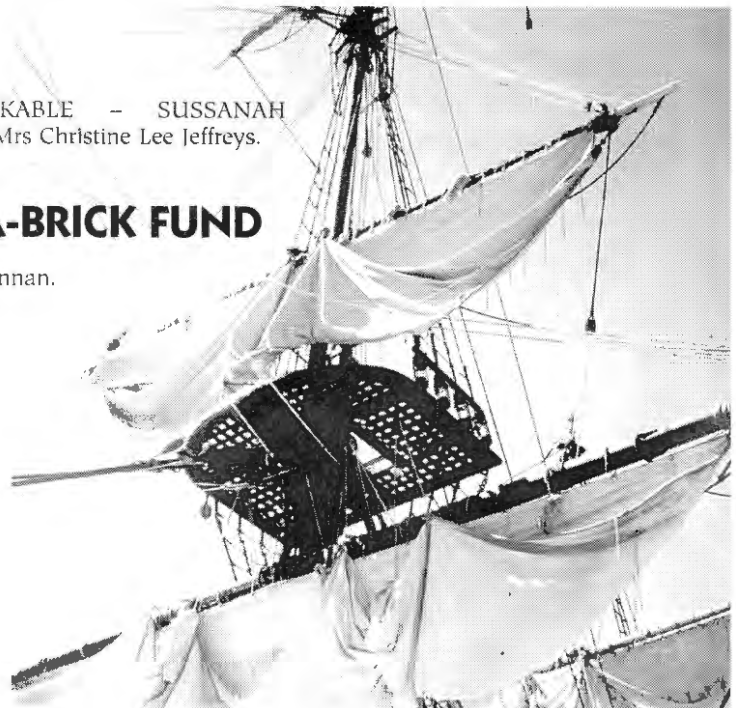
ANDREW GOODWIN - LYDIA  
MUNRO: Mr Graeme Roger Clark.

THOMAS JAMISON: Miss Kathleen  
Maree Eggleston (jun.).

HENRY KABLE - SUSSANAH  
HOLMES: Mrs Christine Lee Jeffreys.

**BUY-A-BRICK FUND**

D. E. McLennan.



# Dubbo Diary



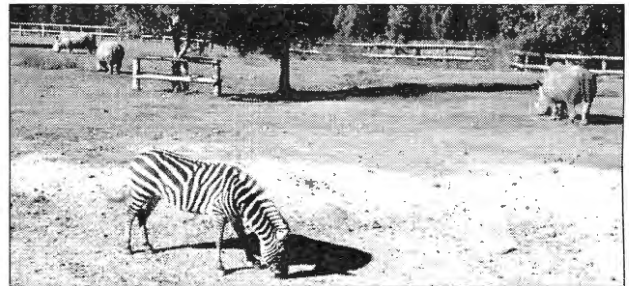
**T**hirty two people joined us this year for the Daytime Auxiliary annual excursion. Dubbo was our destination and base for sightseeing and daily trips to outlying attractions over the next four days.

The tour began on Monday 5th May from Sydney. Although some made alternative transport arrangements, most people joined us on the bus from Eddy Avenue. On our way, we were invited by F.F. Mrs Helen Ryan (Rope & Pulley) and Mr Ryan to visit their property at Wellington, where they make and dress porcelain dolls and other porcelain pieces. After viewing all the intricate steps of doll making, we were provided with a delicious Devonshire tea before continuing on our way to Dubbo.

Thank you Helen and Eric.

Tuesday morning began with a trip to Jinchilla Gallery and Gardens, where they exhibit and sell paintings, pottery and handicrafts. We then travelled to the local observatory, and here the original owner and builder delivered a very interesting and informative talk on the workings of the telescope, as well as the numerous planets that could be viewed. Unfortunately, the sky was overcast and we were not able to use the telescope. Following this, we continued through Warrumbungles National Park to The Sidings Observatory, the largest observatory in Australia. Once again, cloudy skies and fog prevented us seeing the Warrumbungle mountains and the view from the observatory.

First up Wednesday morning was a visit to the Angora Farm, where large rabbits are bred for their fur. Here we were able to see a demonstration of a rabbit being shorn. This farm, which is also a zoo, includes many local and international animals. From here we travelled on a local launch down the Macquarie River, at the same time enjoying a prepared lunch. The afternoon included a bus tour along the Newell Highway to see the cotton fields.



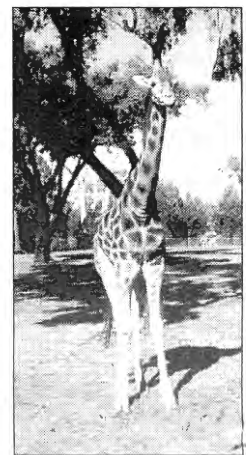
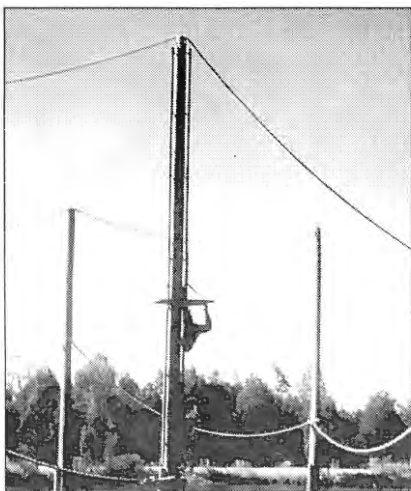
On Thursday we visited the Old Dubbo Gaol, which has been faithfully restored, as well as other historical sites in and around the city and surrounding areas.

The whole of Friday morning was set aside for our visit to Western Plains Zoo, for which Dubbo is famous. Here the animals roam around large areas which create a completely natural environment surrounded by moats to prevent them straying and enable visitors to view the animals unobstructed by cages or bars. The zoo is known internationally for its breeding programme, as well as the saving of endangered species from extinction. In the afternoon we visited Dundullimal Homestead, an authentically restored 1840s squatters homestead, where Phyllis Selby ably displayed her skills as a whip cracker.

Come Saturday morning we said our farewell to Dubbo and made the journey back to Sydney. Our thanks go to Phyllis Selby for what turned out to be a very enjoyable trip.

**DOUGLAS OAKES**

Convenor  
Daytime Auxiliary Committee









# Letters to the Editor

## EDWARD WHITTON (1751-1802)

Jim Mayson, a descendant of Edward Whitton, has been researching his family tree, and has come up with a good suggestion. He would like to see the introduction of a letters section within this newsletter through which various family members could seek and exchange information from other family members who share a mutual interest in developing their family tree. He has supplied us with information he has on the life and history of Edward Whitton and any member wishing to contact him may do so by writing to him at 8 Karema Crescent, Runaway Bay Qld 4216.

This idea is not restricted to the Edward Whitton family descendants as other members of the Fellowship may choose to seek family tree details by this method. Sometimes it is difficult to obtain family tree information from close or distant relatives and it is in these cases where the Fellowship may be able to help.

The Fellowship is creating family history charts from information supplied by members as well as that taken from books and manuscripts on Australian history both bought and donated to the Fellowship. This information is available for all members to view in the Library at Fellowship House during the week.

In his letter suggesting this approach, Jim has provided some useful information on the Edward Whitton family and writes as follows:

"Similar to many other members of the Fellowship and those interested in their Australian family heritage, I have traced many of the family trees down from our First Fleeter and his spouse and where I once thought I had a very limited number of relatives/cousins, I now know that I am related to thousands, one way or another. A most enjoyable and rewarding experience.

"I am descended from Edward Whitton (*Scarborough* – First Fleet 1788) and Ann Slater (*Queen* – Third Fleet 1791). Their daughter Mary Whitton married Richard Barnes (*Glutton* – 1803) at St Matthew's, Windsor in 1811 and had seven children. I am through their youngest and seventh child Richard, who was born at Lower Minto in 1825. Richard Barnes senior died in 1826. Mary Barnes then married John Eccleston (*Lord Sidmouth* – 1819) at St Peters, Campbelltown in 1827 and they in turn also had seven children. What a woman! All the descendants of Edward and Ann are through Mary Whitton and her Barnes and Eccleston family. All very early history.

"It is known that Edward had died shortly before July 1802 when Ann sought approval and became the executrix of the estate of Edward, which consisted primarily of "Whitton Farm", being a 1794 grant of land of 30 acres on the river at Mulgrave Place and directly opposite what is now the bridge at Windsor. Ann had the custody of their two children – Mary 1796-7 and William 1799 – and, with the assistance of two other females they continued to operate the farm for a short period. The problem of survival must have been immense and she married John Norman in August 1803. Records show that John Norman married again in 1807 and operated the Watkins Farm. This was probably a recorded error as it was most likely the Whitton Farm. Ann probably died c1805-6 but I have not been able to find any records whatsoever.

"The Sydney Gazette however reported in September 1810 that a child in the Orphan Asylum whose name was Mary Whitton had a broken leg from an accidental fall and now lies dangerously ill. I have not located any records of the inmates or location of that Orphan Asylum but we know that Mary Whitton married Richard Barnes in 1811.

"Unfortunately I have not been able to trace any record of the dates and place of the deaths of Edward and Ann nor where they were buried. Very little is known of their work places from their dates of arrival until 1794.

"It is hoped that this letter will be the catalyst to establish a "Mail Box" as part of the Newsletter and that also members and family descendants of Edward and Ann arrange to form a small working party in the Sydney area and by every means possible, try to determine the dates and places of the last resting place of our Edward and Ann. Also to arrange for the

funding and erection of a long-lasting memorial, possibly in the Windsor area, in remembrance of our first Australians as has been done for many other First Fleeters.

"I have endeavoured to set down some guidelines for this task in the letter which accompanied this proposal, and I have also suggested that the letter be included in the FFF Newsletter.

"It is essential that for this "Mail Box" to succeed, the working party must have active support and input from the descendants of Edward and Ann, and in doing so that we will locate these missing records. Best of luck.

**Jim Mayson #6070'**

Any member may use the "Mail Box" to seek information on their own family tree.

