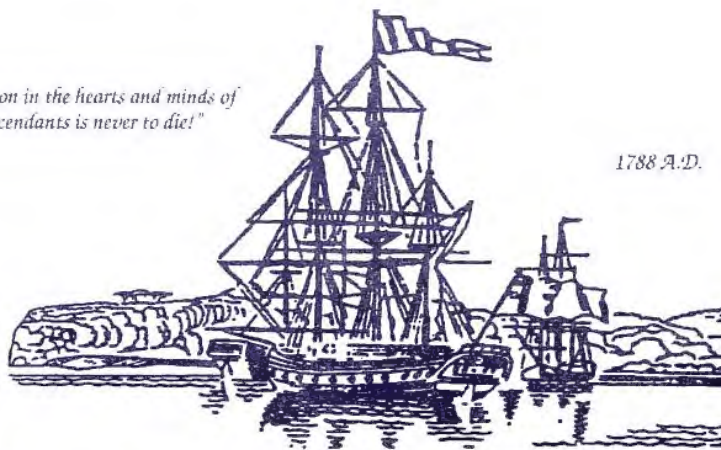


Fellowship of First Fleeters

"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 has a newly formed chapter centred at Coffs Harbour, known as the North Coast Chapter. At its inaugural meeting in June some 40-plus First Fleet descendants in the area met and elected Mary Kell President and Robyn Condliffe Secretary. I look forward to visiting our new chapter in the new year. I am due to visit our Northern Rivers Chapter on 27 July and will report on this in the next newsletter.

On 22 June last, Doug Oakes, Joyce Cowell and myself attended two ceremonies in the Hawkesbury area. FF member Canon Jim Payne and some 60 fellow descendants of First Fleeter Robert Williams gathered together at St Peters, Richmond and later made pilgrimage to the refurbished Williams family vault in St Peters cemetery. It was an inspiring service and Jim and his wider family are to be congratulated. Later we attended a truly ecumenical service hallowing the old Windsor burial ground adjacent to South Creek at Windsor. Doug Oakes has given a report on these ceremonies in this newsletter.

I always find it a joy not only to meet descendants of our first pioneers, but also to speak to groups about the

Fellowship, the First Fleet and the people of the First Fleet. Mid-July I spoke to some 80 members of the Eastwood Probus Club and was indeed pleased with the response.

In August I will be recording a series of talks for Sydney Radio Station 2CBA-FM. I do not know the broadcast dates but 2CBA-FM slot their talks each day – 7.45am, 8.45am, 4.15pm, 7.45pm, 9.45pm and 10.45pm.

The Canberra chapter of the Fellowship held its annual dinner on 26 July last. As I was in Lismore I was unfortunately unable to attend, but I am sure a report of this event will be in the next newsletter. For members in the ACT area the following will be of interest.

25 September
Family History Night 7.30pm
50 Bendigo Street, Fisher
For information – Marion Bachelor
(06) 288 2558

6 December
FFF Christmas Party 7.30pm
14 Lawrence Cr, Kambah
For information – Helen and Brian Mattick (06) 231 8880

Speaking of Canberra, I am looking forward to joining the two day tour which

our Daytime Fellowship is organising to our Federal Capital in October.

It is a pleasure to welcome into the ranks of our membership John Daniell AC (FF William Tunks) and his wife Valerie. I studied pharmacy with Val nearly 40 years ago and have known John nearly as long. A close relative, we did not realise our family connection at the time. John's father, the late Fred Daniell, was the third President of the Fellowship.

I would like to acknowledge three generous donations to the Buy-a-Brick Fund which helps to reduce the mortgage of First Fleet House. Susan Tyson (#6198) donated \$100.00 to the memory of her father, William Walter Spence (#5856). Vi Knight from Tasmania kindly sent a donation of \$75.00 and our Vice-Patron Paul Kable donated \$100.00. We are indeed grateful to these members for their generosity. Quite a number of members in renewing subscriptions also sent amounts to the Buy-a-Brick Fund. Thank you.

On Sunday 14 September next we will be holding a 'Meet the President' reception at First Fleet House at
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STOP PRESS

The Hunter Port Authority, through the Newcastle City Council, has given us permission to install a plaque on the John Shortland Fountain in Christie Place, Newcastle in memory of First Fleeter Lieutenant John Shortland. The

memorial plaque will be dedicated at 2.30pm on Sunday, 2 November 1997 after our Annual Meeting at TPI House, corner Auckland and King Streets, Newcastle.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 11.00am and the dedication service will go on after the completion of this meeting.

2.30pm. New members are especially welcome, in addition to 'old' members. Please RSVP by 5 September for catering purposes. It is a good opportunity to look over First Fleet House and meet some of our voluntary helpers.

Please, if you haven't renewed your subs, do so now!

In Fellowship
Peter



BIRTHS

A warm welcome for the following new First Fleeters.

LIAM JOHN VINCENT AZZOPARDI (FF Edward Goodin) 8 March 1997. First grandchild of Vincent (#2814) and Nicole (nee Pack). Third grandchild of Judith (#2620) and John Azzopardi.

LUCAS JAMES BICKERTON (FF Robert Williams) 6 June 1997 to Bruce and Louise Bickerton. Third grandson to Desmond (#6419) and Eunice Williams.

RYAN NICHOLAS KOVALEUS (FF Edward Goodin) 17 March 1997. A son to Nicole and Michael Kovaleus. Great grandson for Hazel Chivers (#2619).

CALEB CHRISTIAN LASH born to Melinda and Steven Lash. First grandchild to Helen and Cam Penman, eleventh great-grandchild to Esma Robards. Tenth generation FF Anthony Rope and Elizabeth Pulley.



DEATHS

Deepest sympathy is offered to the families of the following:

NORMA O'CONNOR (#775) on 4 November 1996.

EILEEN EDITH JACKSON on 26 April 1997.

ERNEST OSWALD BROOMHEAD of West Ryde on 12 June 1997, dearly loved husband of June, much loved father and father-in-law of Nancy, John, Kerrie and Paul, aged 73 years.

JEAN PECK wife of Roy Peck (FF Joshua Peck) on 13 June 1997. Roy and Jean, of Launceston, were a great help to the Fellowship in 1987 and 1988, helping to locate the tombstones and cemeteries of First Fleeters buried in Tasmania for our 1988 Bicentennial Commemorative Plaque project.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For period 23 April to 25 June 1997

We extend a warm welcome to our new members during this period – 11 adults, one junior and one spouse.

JACOB BELLETT – Gwendolyn Cramp and Janice Bellette.

PHOEBE FLAHERTY – Mrs Norma June Ahern.

FREDERICK MEREDITH – Graham Desmond Smith.

EDWARD MILES – Peter Waring, Kathleen Waring and Janet Robinson.

JOHN NICHOLS, MARY SPENCER, THOMAS SMITH and ANN COLPITTS – Robyn Condliffe.

JOHN SMALL AND MARY PARKER – Gloria Wright.

ELIZABETH THOMAS – Marilyn McCosker.

WILLIAM TUNKS – John Daniell AM (spouse), Val Daniell.

ELLEN WAINWRIGHT – Hamish Francis (junior).

DAYTIME AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

The ever popular Soup and Damper annual luncheon was held on Tuesday 2 July at First Fleeter House, Woolloomooloo. Over 60 people were in attendance – the largest crowd within the building since opening day in 1988. To accommodate everybody in the building some people were obliged to have lunch upstairs. I reported on the events of the last 12 months and reminded people of forthcoming events for this year.

During the meeting a report was given by Jim McLennan on a visitation to his First Fleeters burial site at St Albans, NSW where a memorial plaque had been placed on the tombstone in 1985.

Following a hectic lunch, Sister Cathleen O'Corrigan from Sisters of Charity, St Vincents Hospital, Darlinghurst gave a talk, the topic of which was 'Women in the Female Factory from 1838 onwards'. She

described how the women inmates were used to break up stones for road making, as well as chopping wooden planking. The factory had high walls with small windows at the top and they had no beds on which to sleep. Dietary and health conditions, as well as clothing, were appalling. Some of the luckier ones were engaged in needlework and laundry duty, where they were able to make up bedding from waste materials.

The Sisters of Charity began their campaign to improve conditions in 1838. They taught the inmates needlework and sewing, how to sing without music and how to amuse themselves.

It was common practice at that time for a convict who had finished his sentence to visit the Female Factory in order to select a bride from among the inmates. The women mostly accepted this as it meant they would be able to leave with

him. Being able to sew and knit were qualities sought by the men. The wedding service was conducted by the priest at the Factory, with all the inmates allowed to join in the celebrations. The bride was generally lent a bonnet by the nuns to wear for the occasion.

Governor Sir George Gibbs was persuaded to have funds made available to improve conditions dramatically. The Factory closed down in 1890 and most of the buildings have since been demolished.

Our thanks to the many workers who helped on the day preparing the food and making donations. We were pleased to see so many regular attenders to this luncheon.

Douglas Oakes
Convener

DAYTIME FELLOWSHIP TOUR OF FORT DENISON

**Wednesday
3rd September**

Meet at Cadman's Cottage
The Rocks
to catch 10am Ferry

After Fort Denison Tour
we are catching
324/5 Bus to Watons Bay for
'Fish & Chips'
at DOYLES
then Ferry or bus back to Sydney

Cost of Fort Denison Tour
\$9.00 or \$6.50 concession
towards FFF funds

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

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES BLOODWORTH SARAH BELLAMY JAMES LEE

**Family Gathering
Sunday 21 September
at 2.00pm**

Unit 2, 182 Longueville Road, Lane Cove
Contact: Ula & Alice Clarke
9428 4530

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
or outside Elizabeth Bay House at 2.00pm*

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*

NASH FAMILY REUNION

**Saturday October 18
at 11.00am**

NURRAGINGY RESERVE (Wren Area)
DOONSIDE

Enquiries: Lydia Hope
19 Breakfast Road, Marayong 2148

DESCENDANTS OF DEFENDERS OF THE '98 REBELLION

are asked to contact Dr Anne-Maree Whitaker
re IRELAND-AUSTRALIA Bicentennial Celebrations

Tour, Research Services, Database etc
PO Box 1137 Darlinghurst NSW 2010
Tel/Fax: (02) 9699 3395

WINDSOR EXCURSION

Twenty-two members and friends joined us on a bleak and cool day for the trip to Windsor on Sunday 15 June. John Dunn was the coach driver and tour guide for the day and as always made the trip both interesting and enjoyable. People joined us at Cremorne, Central Railway and Lane Cove for the trip.

Approaching Windsor, tour organiser Joy Pankhurst informed us that she had received a telephone call from John Miller advising that on our arrival at Windsor to contact him and he would join us and conduct a tour through the district, pointing out places associated with First Fleeter settlements in the area. John Miller is a member of The Windsor Historical Society.

John joined us at the approaches to Fitzroy Bridge over South Creek, Windsor. There he showed us what they believe to be the area's first burial site. Mollie Gillen in her book *The Founders of Australia* identifies 36 First Fleeters settling in the Windsor area. It is possible that most of them that died in the area are buried in this site. He then took us down the back blocks of Windsor, pointing out original land grants given to First Fleeters by Governor Bligh. Most of the area is now used by the current owners as turf farms. We then stopped at the Windsor Mall for a short tour and shopping experience.

Inclement weather forced us to have lunch at McQuade Park, allowing for a tour through historical St Matthews Anglican church and its cemetery. There are 12 First Fleeters buried in this cemetery which have the Fellowship's memorial plaque attached.

After lunch John Dunn took us to St Johns Cemetery, Wilberforce to see the burial sites of First Fleeters Philip Devine, Matthew Everingham and

Catherine (Johnson) Moore. This was followed by a drive through the historical area back to Windsor.

Travelling down Windsor Road to Castlereagh Road we stopped at the new Sydney International Rowing Centre in the Penrith Lakes Complex. The complex is part of a scheme designed to convert a swampy area into a large lake development, with various lakes catering for all types of water craft including rowing boats, speed craft and sailing yachts. The rowing complex is being fast tracked for the 2000 Olympics.

Finally, we travelled on the western motorway back to Sydney. Although the weather was bleak the trip was enjoyed by all and our thanks go to organiser Joy Pankhurst and coach driver John Dunn for an enjoyable day.

Douglas Oakes

Convenor, Daytime Auxiliary Committee

(Below) Joyce Walter, Joy Pankhurst and Naida Jackson inspecting Memorial Plaque at St Matthews, Windsor



Robert Williams Memorial Service

Sunday 22nd June 1997

St Peters Anglican Church, Richmond was packed for the special memorial service for the descendants of First Fleeter Robert Williams and his family on Sunday June 22. Robert Williams is buried in the St Peters Cemetery Richmond in an unknown grave.

The congregation was welcomed by Rev Noel Pilcher, Rector of St Peters, and the sermon was given by Rev James Payne MBE. Rev James Payne is a descendant of Robert Williams.

The Cathedral Singers from St Andrews Cathedral Sydney led by Eric Peterson rendered numerous hymns during the service. President Peter Christian accepted

an invitation to read the second lesson in the service.

After the church service the congregation journeyed to the St Peters Cemetery where Rev James Payne conducted a short service at the William's family vault (pictured below). The Cathedral Singers rendered a hymn. First Fleeter Robert Williams's son Robert and over 20 descendants are buried in this vault. The family association raised over \$2000 to have the vault restored and relettered. A memorial plaque for First Fleeter Robert Williams from the Fellowship of First Fleeters is also attached to the family vault. The descendants and their friends then went to Smith Park for a picnic lunch.





The Hawkesbury Historical Society invited us to attend the consecration of the 'Old Burial Ground' that the Society had been successfully researching

for a few years. The area is located on land fronting South Creek, to the south-west of the 'Jolly Frog' Hotel in Bridge Street, Windsor. The burial ground predates the arrival of Governor Lachlan Macquarie in 1810.

The consecration ceremony was carried out by members of the Hawkesbury Minster Association, representing all denominations in the Hawkesbury.

President Peter Christian represented the Fellowship at the service and was invited to lift the Queen Anne flag draped over a plinth on which a memorial plaque had been attached. A number of our Fellowship members were also present at the service.

The plaque reads 'Memorial to the Hawkesbury Settlers buried on this site c1806-1810. Convicts were buried here until c1834'. Piper Ian Henry started proceedings by playing the Australian National Anthem. The introductions were made by Councillor Dr Rex Stubbs, Mayor of Hawkesbury City Council and President of The Windsor Historical Society. Society member John Miller gave a brief history of the area and the Society's research into its history. After the consecration service by the members of the Hawkesbury Minster Association piper Ian Henry concluded with the ever popular hymn 'Abide with me'.

A tree planting followed in the memorial grove by the three members of parliament for the area, namely, The Hon Kevin Rozzoli MP, The Hon Paul Gibson MP and The Hon Kerry Bartlett MP together with Dr Rex Stubbs. The area is currently a public reserve bounded by private property on three sides and South Creek. There are no visible signs of the long and fascinating history of the area.

Blessing Of The Old Burial Ground South Creek, Bridge Street Windsor

Sunday 22 June 1997



Records are few and far between, but the earlier documents refer to the interment of William Green and John Chapman Morris in April 1806, after they were drowned in a flood. The cemetery was established before Governor Lachlan Macquarie designated the five Macquarie towns at Windsor, Pitt Town, Richmond, Wilberforce and Castlereagh in 1810. The first consecrated burial site was established on the site of St Matthews Anglican Church, Windsor.

Phillip Cunningham, an Irish political prisoner, was one of the leaders of the Battle of Vinegar Hill, which was an uprising of convicts culminating in a bloody battle at Rouse Hill. He is thought to have been interred in the condemned quarter of the burial site

after a public hanging. Cunningham was hung from the stairs of the Government store at Green Hills (Windsor) at the Hawkesbury without a trial. A painting by an unknown artist of the 1816 flood gave the Society its first clue to the burial ground site which had been identified by the astronomer, John Tebbutt, in 1812.

There are plans to have the area identified as an historical place and a pathway put in along South Creek under Fitzroy Bridge leading to the historical guardhouse, which is currently also being restored.

A number of our members were present at the service.

Pictured (from top left): John Miller describing old burial site; Memorial Plinth, Windsor; Tree planting by Rex Stubbs, Kerry Bartlett, Kevin Rozzoli and Paul Gibson; Official Party at burial site

Eulogy to Michael and Hannah Murphy

26 April 1997

By Neil Feutrill

Michael Murphy was born at Wexford, Ireland, about 1758. He was described at age 50 as a thin faced man, 5'8" tall with dark complexion, dark brown hair and grey eyes.

Michael joined the British Marine Corps (the 41st Plymouth Marines) in 1779. He served in the English Channel, was made a prisoner of war by the French, but was later repatriated. He served for four years in the West Indies during the Franco-British War, then four years at Portsmouth aboard HMS *Ardent* until 1787. He then joined HMS *Sirius* and departed for Australia in May of that year. *Sirius* was the flagship of the First Fleet, arriving at Port Jackson in January 1788.

Michael was still a crew member when the *Sirius* was sent for supplies for the colony in 1788-89. On this trip, the ship was the first to circle the globe Sydney to Capetown via Cape Horn and back to Sydney. Michael then transferred to the Port Jackson Detachment in 1789.

Michael left the Marines and joined the 102nd Regiment in 1792 and served in Sydney and Norfolk Island. On completion of five years with the 102nd, he left the army and was granted land at Bankstown in 1798 and in 1799.

In 1800, Michael rejoined the 102nd Regiment and served in Sydney and Tasmania. He then transferred to the NSW Veterans' Corps and later to the 73rd Regiment and then the 46th Regiment. He served in those Regiments in Tasmania, Sydney, Norfolk Island, Parramatta and Emu Plains.

Michael Murphy was a soldier for over 40 years, most of it on active service – a magnificent achievement!!

Hannah Williams was born in Wales in 1773. We understand that her father was David Williams. She was sentenced to seven years transportation at Carmarthen, Wales, in July 1800 and arrived in Sydney aboard the *Nile* just in time for Christmas in 1801.

Shortly after her arrival in Sydney, Hannah and Michael Murphy established a relationship. Their first child, Mary, was born in 1802, followed by Eleanor and Elizabeth.

Michael and Hannah and family were part of the first settlement at Port Dalrymple, Tasmania. Michael as a member of the 102nd Regiment arrived on the *Buffalo* in October 1804. Hannah (with the children) came later on the *Buffalo* in April 1805 as the maid to the Deputy Governor's wife, Mrs Patterson.

Another daughter, Jane, was born in 1809. Michael and Hannah were married in 1811. The four girls were baptised the same day. Their son, Michael, was born in 1812 and a daughter Maria, was born in 1814.

In 1813 or 1814, Michael returned to NSW. He died at Emu Plains, NSW in 1823 and was buried at St Mathews Windsor. His grave has not been identified.

After Michael's return to NSW, Hannah had a relationship with Timothy Daly. The couple had a daughter, Ann, born in 1817 and a son, Dennis, in 1819.

Hannah lived on a small farm at Launceston with her family. She experienced some trouble with the Law around 1830. Hannah moved with members of her family to South Australia about 1844, and later to Woodford near Warrnambool.

Hannah Murphy (nee Williams) died on June 1, 1857 at age 84.

Hannah and Michael lived at a time much different to ours. Life was hard but simple. Justice was swift with the penalties clear and final. People were adventurous. Innovation, change, progress and achievement were not only welcomed, but actively sought. It was a time of wonderful opportunity and wonderful reality!!

You can't delve into Family History without becoming involved with the people, their customs, their hardships, their loves and their sorrows, but above all you come to admire the toughness, the resilience and the adaptability of these our ancestors. I am proud to belong to this family.

And so we stand here today and remember – and give thanks for the lives of Hannah and Michael Murphy for, truly, without them, we would not be here.

My ancestor's Michael Murphy, I guess they called him Spud
 I'm proud to say that in my veins runs the Murphy blood
 Hannah was a girl of spirit, she checked the learned judge
 For making him look foolish, he bore for her a grudge
 He sentenced her to seven years in Van Diemen's Land
 You'd better watch your language, mates, if in the dock you stand.

Now the Murphys are assembled at a place called Warrnambool
 That's where Hannah's resting from a life so hard and cruel
 Her kith and kin have gathered to do honour to her name
 With a convict in the family, we feel no sense of shame
 Hannah loved her children and watched them thrive and grow
 So began the Murphy clan two hundred years ago.

The Murphys now are scattered through many distant lands
 But here today at Warrnambool they'll shake each others hands
 I wish that I could join them but my spirit's by their side
 There will be a mighty crowd, they come from far and wide
 Lay a tribute, please, on Hannah's grave and one on Michael's too
 And way up there in heaven they will hold a space for you.

Michael's son was also Michael. He crossed the Tasman Sea
 To visit with his daughters, Jess was grandmother to me
 He sleeps alone far from his home in a little country town
 Where sheep graze round the gravestones and summer grass turns brown
 I can visit there and tell him that his memory will remain
 And the good Lord will watch over him till we all shall meet again.

Caroline Ruby Kennedy

Good luck to all you Murphys, may you travel safely home
 Be it in the air or on the land or on the raging foam.

First Fleeter and wife saluted down the line

by **ANTHONY BUNN**

NEARLY 200 family members from around Australia and New Zealand held a reunion in Warrnambool at the weekend to mark the fruits of a marriage between a First Fleet marine and convict woman.

It followed 18 months of organisation by branches of the family, who traced descendants from the relationship of Michael Murphy and Hannah Williams, who met in 1802.

Reunion organiser Beryl Stephens, of Hamilton, said 180 family members from all Australian states and New Zealand met in Warrnambool because it was the burial site of Hannah Williams, who moved to Woodford in the 1840s.

Displays at the reunion on Saturday traced the family trees of four children, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Jane and Michael, produced by Murphy and Williams.

A eulogy was conducted at the Williams grave site, which had been unmarked until family members placed a plaque on it four years ago. Hannah Williams, born in Wales in 1773, was sentenced to seven years' transportation in 1800 and arrived in Sydney on board the Nile around Christmas, 1801.

In Sydney, she met Murphy, horn in Ireland around 1758. He had been a marine on the HMS *Sirius*, part of the First Fleet which arrived at Port Jackson in 1788.

Murphy was a member of the army for more than 40 years and was a member of the 102nd Regiment when he and his wife settled at Port Dalrymple, Tasmania in 1804.

He returned to NSW in 1813 or 1814 and was buried at Windsor, west of Sydney. Hannah continued to live at Launceston, moved to South Australia and then Woodford. She died, aged 84, on June 1, 1857.

Mrs Stephens said she was very happy with the reaction to the reunion. Any plans for a repeat soon? "Not for me, though I would recommend people do it. There's a lot of pleasure in it."

**The Standard,
 Monday, April 28, 1997**

HANNAH PENELOPE ANNETT

Hannah Penelope (Penny) Annett of Bahgallah near Casterton, Victoria, recently celebrated the 108th anniversary of her birthday at Coleraine, Victoria. She was born on 14 February, 1889. Penny, as she is known, is the great-great-granddaughter of First Fleeter Eleanor (Wainwright) Gay.

Penny married John Annett in June 1911 and had eight children. She has lived to see the birth of 23 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Although moving frequently, Penny never left Victoria. She remembers Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1898 and receiving a holiday at school for the relief of Mafeking, South Africa in 1900. One of the original students at Wallacedale State School, Penny left at age 14 to take a position as governess with a family named Cannon.

Since her husband died in 1963 Penny has been living with her son Alex. She attributes her long life to the fact she does not drink, smoke or go out with bad men.

We congratulate Hannah Annett on her achievements and hope she continues for many more years.

MAIL

BOX

Robyn Condliffe, Secretary of the newly formed North Coast Chapter, would like to make contact with SQUIRES/SPENCER, SMITH/COLPITTS FFF members.

Address: 13 McGregor Close, BAYLDON NSW 2452

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Could any KABLE descendant give me information on ELIZABETH CHARLTON KABLE, wife of WILLIAM NATHANIEL, eighth child of HENRY KABLE?

Peter Christian, First Fleet House

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Alan Carroll (#6082), a descendant of Samuel Piggott and a member of our new Northern Rivers Chapter, contributes the following article for the new Mail Box. It is a speech he gave on his First Fleeter at a recent meeting of the Chapter.

'Samuel Piggott (spelt Piggott, Pigote, Piget or Pickett) was sentenced to death at the Devon Assizes in Exeter on 20 March 1786 before Sir James Eyre and Sir Beaumont Hotham, after being committed on 19 December by Constable James Carrington for felony. The charge was: for feloniously cutting and stealing two pieces of woollen serge, called druggett, containing 50 yards, value 40s, the goods of George Hayman, in the racks in the night.

He was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged. Royal mercy was extended on condition of transport for seven years. Samuel Piggott spent time at Plymouth on the hulk Dunkirk, from which he was transferred on 11 March 1787 to the Charlotte, one of the ships of the First Fleet.

After eight months in the colony he was transferred to Norfolk Island on the Golden Grove, arriving there on 13 October 1788. Three months later he was put in irons and dispossessed of his garden for acting as ringleader in a convict plot to take over the island. He was forgiven the following month for his useful activity during a hurricane which swept Norfolk Island.

In 1790 Mary Thompson arrived in this country with the Second Fleet on the Neptune.

In 1792 Samuel Piggott returned to

Sydney on the Atlantic for trial for robbing the government granary. In 1794 he had settled in the Hawkesbury area with Mary Thompson. On 13 September 1796 their first child, Ann, was born. By 1806 Samuel had 25 acres and a family of seven children.

Samuel Piggott died in 1817 and is buried at St Johns Cemetery, Parramatta.'

We thank Alan and his wife Lois for this contribution.

Matthew Everingham Descendants

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Where are our Caring Families of our early forebears?

A Trust has been opened to help save our Heritage. We are trying to have Thomas Chaseling's vault restored at St Johns, Wilberforce, NSW.

Although the Chaseling Family were not First Fleeters - they arrived 1792 on 'Royal Admiral' - three of their children, John, Ann and Jane Chaseling, married into the Everingham family (Matthew, James and Elizabeth Everingham).

First and Second Fleeters - Related families number many.

This little piece of history left unattended will be gone forever.

Please contact the following if you would like to donate:

R Heaton (02) 9486 2156; A Chaseling (046) 55 6558 or V Frost (02) 9524 2797 or write to - V Frost, 104 Arcadia Ave, Gympie Bay NSW 2227

The following article was taken from the John Nichols Family Society Newsletter and refers to FF member Leonie Knapman (#4159)

A BUSH GHOST TOWN AWAKES FROM DAYS OF YORE TO MODERN ROAR

Article from Sydney Morning Herald, 29 March 1997

Congratulations to Family Member Leonie Knapman (John Pugh Nichols descendant) on her personal triumph, who has been fighting for more than 20 years to save what remains of Ioadja.

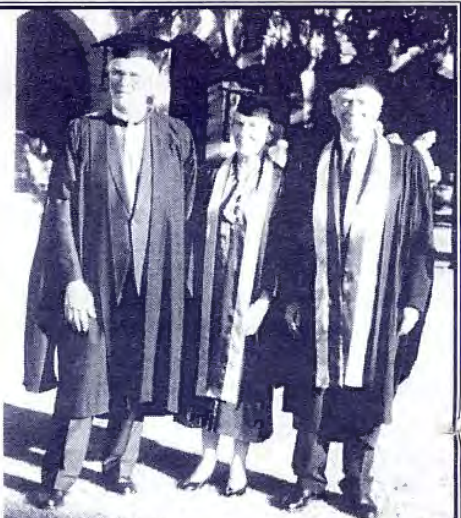
Ioadja is the lost town of Ioadja Creek hidden deep in the Southern Highlands, once the location of a thriving shale oil industry that supported a community of over 1,200 people.

Leonie's interest in the shale oil industry was prompted by her father, William Goodwin, who worked as a miner in Newcastle, Tangarra, Mittagong and Glen Davis where Leonie was born.

Leonie wrote an interesting book in 1988 *Ioadja Creek* which tells the history of the fascinating ghost town with its fallen chimneys, derelict buildings and crumbling gravestones. Leonie has not been able to solve the riddle of the name *Ioadja* - was it a corruption of a local landowner's name? Was it an Aboriginal word meaning Valley of Plenty, or was it an abbreviation of names? Maybe a family member can supply the answer. Leonie would be delighted to hear from you.

Leonie Knapman, 59 Regent Street, Mittagong 2575

Ioadja will be open to tourists through the Mittagong Tourist Office or Ioadja Conservation Office, Bowral.



Pictured in the Quadrangle at Sydney University 1 March 1997 following Ceremony of Recognition Mat. Med. Pharmacy

(L to R) Warwick Wilkinson Hon M.Pharm, Betty Wilkinson Ph.C (Sister Margaret Mary L.C.M.) (FF Henry Kable Susannah Holmes), Peter Christian Ph.C (FF William Tunks).

All three are also Life Members of the Fellowship of First Fleeters.