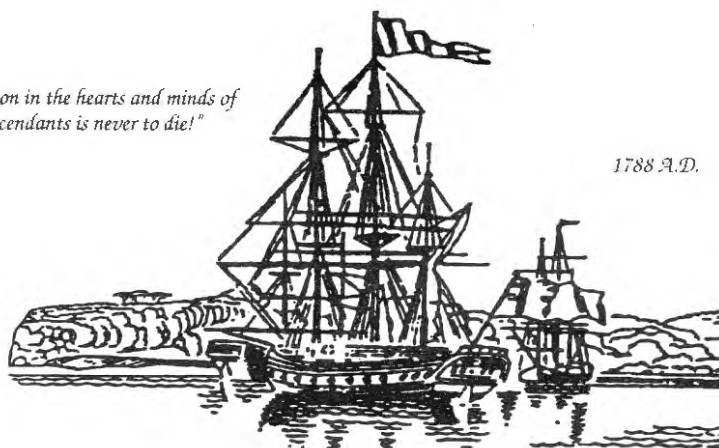


# Fellowship of First Fleeters

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

1788 A.D.



## N E W S L E T T E R

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I visited the Northern Rivers Chapter late July and it certainly was a joy and a privilege to meet so many keen First Fleet descendants. My personal thanks to Lionel and Lenore Phelps for their wonderful hospitality on their property at Raymond Hill, Lismore. The president of the newly formed North Coast Chapter, Mary Kell, and secretary Robyn Condliffe were in attendance and I shall endeavour to visit this chapter centred on Coffs Harbour in the new year

On 2 August last I recorded a series of talks, ten in all, at radio station 2CBA-FM. These have been broadcast over the past few months at various time-slots and already we have received some positive feedback from them. They are generally of five minutes duration and were divided into several sections – the First Fleet itself, the voyage and arrival, some people of the First Fleet and finally the Fellowship of First Fleeters. I only wish that I could have gone into detail about the 200 First Fleet arrivals that make up the descendant membership of the Fellowship but unfortunately time did not permit that luxury. I must also confess that I made the almost unforgivable gaff in saying that the Fleet left the mother bank in Plymouth!! I think that the series will be published in future Newsletters with appropriate amendment.

In August I spoke to the Cape Banks Family Historical Society at Maroubra and recently I was guest speaker at the Proboscis Club of Balmain. It is amazing that so much interest is shown, and how little most of our fellow Australians know of First Fleet history. Naturally I

hammer home the subject of historical correctness as opposed to political correctness!

The 'Meet the President' reception at First Fleet House was attended by about ten new members and appreciation is due to the voluntary workers and executive members who helped to make the occasion a success.

It is good to have secretary Zona and husband editor Ron Maguire back after their overseas trip. It needed extra effort to produce the last two Newsletters and I appreciate the help provided by Alice Clarke, Doug Oakes and our graphic designer, member David Pike.

Plans are well in hand for our Annual General Meeting to be held at Newcastle followed by the dedication of an F.F. plaque to honour John Shortland. Details in this Newsletter.

Jean Westmore, member #2172, F.F. Mary Phillips, Thomas Spencer and William Tunks, has donated to the library an intriguing, colourful, historical and geographical family tree volume of her First Fleeters. It evidently all started when local studies librarian at the Blue Mountains City Library at Springwood requested that she provide the library with information on her late father, surveyor Arthur Bruce. In 1931 the local shire council named a new walk Lawson to Blackheath, 'Bruce's Walk', named as a tribute to the surveyor who selected the route for a transmission line carrying the bulk supply of electricity to that shire. Jean's effort traces the trail, a distance of 20ks.

She pens a mini history of the Blue Mountains and traces her father's descent in direct line to First and Second Fleeters. Land grants, cartoons, 'Old Bailey' type trials, coloured photos pertinent to the story abound in this volume of 50 pages. A unique gift to our library and indeed one which makes a positive statement about our history. Congratulations, Jean. It was extremely coincidental that when Jean sent the book to First Fleet House I was reading a recently purchased book for my library entitled 'Back from the Brink – Blue Gum forest and the Grose Wilderness', which gives in some detail the endeavours of Arthur Bruce in surveying the route over the ridges bordering on the magnificent Grose Valley.

Please keep your letters and snippets of news coming to me – brickbats and bouquets – all welcome.

As a final note, and you must be tired of my repeating this, please check your annual subscription – have you forgotten? While we attract an average of 100 members annually we seem to lose 'old' members. Please, if you are proud of your heritage and wish to ensure that the Fellowship has the resources in the future to carry out its work, renew your membership now!

In Fellowship  
Peter

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Australia Day  
Functions**

## BIRTHS

A warm welcome for the following New First Fleeters:

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

JAMIE PETER ARNDELL SCHMACK (F.F. Thomas Arndell), 29 May 1997, to Suzanne (#2422) and Peter. A brother for three-year-old Emily Louise Arndell Schmack.

## DEATHS

Deepest sympathy is offered to the families of the following:

HERBERT FRANK COLLINGWOOD (#2143), passed away 7 July 1997 at Katoomba Hospital.

SIDNEY HUNTER CROSS (#4898), passed away 4 July 1997. Descendant of First Fleeter John Cross and Mary Davison (Lady Juliana 1790).

ALEC LOCKART (#6143), passed away 30 July 1997. Loved husband of Carmen. Descendant of First Fleeters Owen Cavanaugh and Margaret Darnell.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For period 24 July to 24 September 1997

We extend a warm welcome to new members joined during this period - 15 adults, three juniors, eight spouse associates.

JACOB BELLETT: Hon. George Maxwell Evans MBE, FCA, MLC.

MATTHEW EVERINGHAM: Mr Allan Neil Almond (sp. Mrs Ann Grace Almond); Miss Natalie Nea Moss (jun.); Mr Benjamin John Moss (jun.).

ANN FORBES: Mrs Betty June Morton (sp. Mr Geoffrey Stuart Morton).

JOHN HARRIS: Mr Robert Martin Boland.

HENRY KABLE - SUSANNAH HOLMES: Mr David Hassall Litchfield (sp. Mrs Valmai Litchfield).

JOHN NICHOLLS: Mr Lloyd Edward Weekes.

RICHARD PARTRIDGE - MARY GREENWOOD + JOHN RANDALL +

JOHN MARTIN: Mrs Joan Dulcie McNaughton (sp. Mr Kevin Daniel McNaughton).

BARTHOLOMEW REARDON: Mrs Betty Laird.

WILLIAM ROBERTS: Mrs Narelle Elizabeth Spargo (sp. Mr Alan Graeme Spargo); Mrs Lynne Erica Welsh (sp. Mr Dennis John Welsh).

JOHN RYAN: Miss Marilyn Joyce Smith; Mrs Debra Anne Ryan; Mr Jeffrey Charles Smith.

JOSEPH TUZO: Mr Patrick David Cunneen (jun.).

JAMES SHEERS: Mrs Beth F. Donald (sp. Mr Ross Donald).

THOMAS WILLIAMS: Mrs Valerie May Dunstan (sp. Mr Roy Dunstan).

## TRAIN IT TO THE AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship of First Fleeters will be held in the TPI Hall, corner Auckland and King Streets, Newcastle, on 2 November 1997.

It is suggested that the most amenable means of travel to Newcastle could be by train. The meeting will be commencing at 11.00am. A train arriving Civic Station (Newcastle) at 10.55 will get you to the meeting on time.

Train travelling offers passengers beautiful views of the Central Coast and is a relaxing trip to and from the meeting, no highway hassles. Please notify the office on (02) 9360 3788 or (02) 9360 3988 if you are travelling by train and your station departure time so we may be able to keep a watch-out for you.

Via the North Shore train the timetable is:

Central	8.00	Town Hall	8.03	Wynyard	8.05
Milsons Pt	8.08	Nth Sydney	8.10	Chatswood	8.22
Hornsby	8.46 (Change to 8.50 train to Newcastle.)				

Via Main Northern Line the timetable is:

Central	8.17	Strathfield	8.29	Epping	8.39
Hornsby	8.50	Woy Woy	9.23	Gosford	9.34
Civic	10.55				

A train leaves Parramatta at 8.09 and arrives at Strathfield at 8.22 which gives ample time to catch the 8.29 to Newcastle.

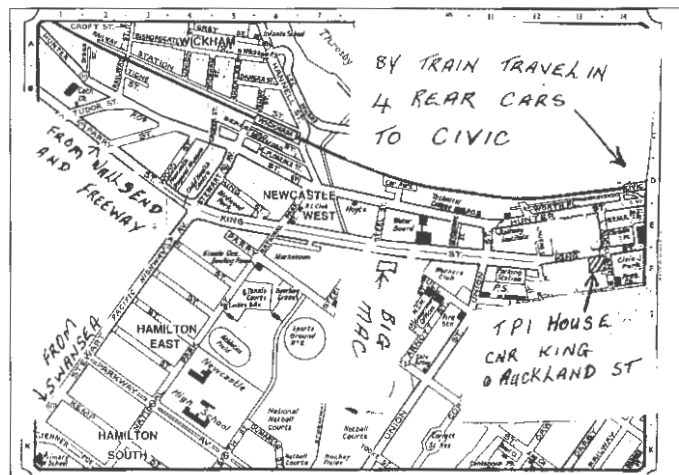
The Dedication Service for the Lieutenant John Shortland memorial which commences at 2.30pm will only take 30 minutes (3.00pm finish). This will give train travellers enough time to catch the 3.30 train from Civic Station.

The timetable for the train leaving Newcastle at 3.28 is:

Civic	3.30	Wyong	4.38	Gosford	4.55
Woy Woy	5.03	Hornsby	5.37	Eastwood	5.47
Strathfield	5.57	Central	6.10		

Change at Hornsby for the North Shore line, train leaves 5.43:

Chatswood	6.04	North Sydney	6.16	Central	6.26
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## DAYTIME AUXILIARY TRIP TO KATOOMBA

TO SEE 'THE EDGE'

on

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER

(Catch 9.02 train from Central)

The Edge starts 11.45am, ends  
12.30pm

Cost is \$23 which includes a  
delicious lunch.

After lunch return to Central or  
take a bus to Echo Point.

Trains leave Katoomba at 2.36pm,  
3.25pm, 4.26pm and 5.25pm

(\$2 concession on train)

## DATES TO REMEMBER FOR '97

### 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.

## CALLING ALL JUNIORS



### REMINDER



We are waiting for YOUR  
Christmas Card design for your  
December newsletter.

*Get busy now!*

- Editor Junior Newsletter

## ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND JANUARY 1998

The Fellowship of First Fleeters is again making plans for celebrating the Australia Day weekend, Saturday, 24 January 1998, Sunday, 25 and Monday, 26.

Our Australia Day luncheon will again be held in the Holme Building, University of Sydney, on Saturday, 24 January 1998, with pre-luncheon drinks at noon and luncheon served at 12.45pm. These are the same venue and times as the 1997 Australia Day luncheon.

Holy Trinity Church at the Rocks, Sydney, will be having its Pioneer Service on Sunday, 25 January, commencing at 10.30am

Any members who wish to make bookings for the luncheon early please ring First Fleet House on (02) 9360 3788 or (02) 9360 3988. Tell us your requirements and First Fleeter so you and your friends can be seated with fellow family members or with friends you may know through the Fellowship. Please do not be deterred by being solo there will be plenty of ready friends to greet you.

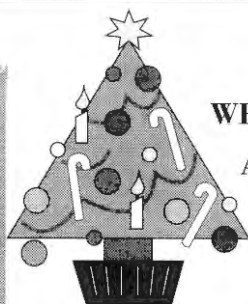
We are particularly inviting Family Associations to form parties for the Luncheon on Saturday, 24 January, and to join with us at the Garrison Church on Sunday, 25 January.

The Fellowship has been represented at the Pioneer Service at the Garrison Church for a number of years. We have always gathered with Family Association members with banners during the procession down the aisle of the church and then on to the Links Memorial in Circular Quay. Please help us to keep this tradition.

The Fellowship has for some years now held its Australia Day luncheon on the holiday weekend Saturday. This was done that members who belong to Family Associations can celebrate reunions on 26 January as well as attend the Fellowship luncheon on the 24th.

Any Family Association or historical association wishing to notify of its family reunions can send the details to the Editor of the Newsletter. Full details, venue, persons and phone numbers, etc, and space permitting they will be printed in the next Newsletter.

**Douglas Oakes**  
Convenor Daytime Auxiliary



## WHAT YOUR DOLLAR CAN BUY FOR YOU AT FIRST FLEET HOUSE

*Get Your Christmas Present Orders in Now!*

	Price	Postage
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Car Stickers with our Logo	\$1.00 + postage	
Teaspoons, Tea Caddy, Fluted spoon with Logo	\$3.00	\$1.00
Range of Refrige Magnets: Assorted (Aussie Animals, Aussie Birds, True Blue Koalas, Fellowship of First Fleeters)	\$1.00 + postage	
Where First Fleeters Lie by Rod Best & Joyce Cowell	\$22.00	\$5.00
Chart THE FOUNDERS OF THE NATION	\$10.00	\$5.00
Poster of the FIRST FLEET SHIPS	\$5.00	\$5.00
NR: POSTERS have all 11 ships of the First Fleet, measuring 56cm x 90cm, NOT individual ships.		
MEMBERS' FIRST FLEET TIES (for Members only)	\$20.00	\$5.00
NAME BARS may be ordered through F.F.F. Office		

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# A VISIT TO FORT DENISON

**T**wenty-five lucky people gathered for the trip to Fort Denison on 3 September. Having rained steadily for the two previous days we were concerned the weather might be against us. However, nature turned on one of its prettiest spring days for us.

Meeting at Cadman's cottage next to First Fleeter Park, 'Suzanne' the tour organiser gave us our tickets and explained the history of Cadman's cottage. John Cadman after whom the cottage is named was a boatswain for the government ships and lived in the cottage.

Before leaving for the Fort I was able to tell the story of the finding of the tombstone of First Fleeter George Graves being used as a doorstep for the cottage when the building was being restored. This tombstone would be the oldest memorial in this country with George Graves having died 10 July 1788. The tombstone is now in the State Archives office at the Rocks, Sydney, enclosed a sealed lass case for permanent preservation.

We travelled to Fort Denison on the government ferry Sirius which we thought was most appropriate for the occasion.

The Fort was originally a small pinnacle-type island and nicknamed 'Pinchgut.' A name usually given to that type of area which creates a nuisance for navigational purposes in the harbour. It was first used as a prison, the prisoners being placed in leg-irons and left on the island without shelter and only a small amount of rations.

The first prisoner is reported to have been First Fleeter Thomas Hill, who on 12 February 1788 was sentenced to eight days in irons on bread and water on the island for theft of

biscuits from another convict. On 23 November 1796 Francis Morgan was hanged for murder and his body strung on to a gibbet erected on the island. He hung there for over three years as an example to all other wrongdoers.

The island was eventually levelled and the stone used to build walls for wharves and shore embankments.

In 1855, at the outbreak of the Crimean war, Governor Sir William Denison decided to build a fort on the island. The island was given the name of Fort Denison after its founder Sir William Denison in 1857.

The structure is a martello tower with magazines and barracks for an artillery garrison. The walls are three metres thick with a roof of similar thickness. The guns which came from Tasmania and installed in 1857 are still there and have never been fired in anger. Indeed the only time the defences have been tested was in 1943 when an American warship, retaliating to a Japanese submarine attack, accidentally fired at the martello tower on Fort Denison (probably thought it was a periscope) but did no damage.

Fort Denison became famous locally for the firing of the one o'clock cannon, from 1901 until 1947; this being a naval tradition for the seamen to be able to check the correct time for navigational purposes. The marksmen would get the signal from Observatory Hill by a ball being shown on the tower. When the ball dropped they fired the cannon to signal it was 1300 hours or 1.00pm.

Fort Denison is now unoccupied and is used as a tourist attraction.

## FIRST FLEETER JOHN REDMAN

**T**he Anglican Cemetery Trust Necropolis (Rookwood Cemetery) has given permission to have a memorial plaque attached to the tombstone of the Redman family for First Fleeter John Redman. The tombstone is in the Anglican section of Rookwood Cemetery, Lot No. 4701 Haslam Drive, Rookwood. It was originally located in the Devonshire Street Cemetery, Sydney, and was removed in

1901 to make way for the building of Central Railway Station.

Other names inscribed on the tombstone are Sophia Redman, Edward Redman, John Ironside, John Redman, Mary Redman, Robert Redman and Joseph Redman.

John Redman was a marine and served in the company of Watkin Tench. He served in 1783-1785 on the Plymouth guardships Carnatic, Cullodon and Powerful. Not much else is known about him, however he died 28 November 1837

and was buried with other family members in the Devonshire Street Cemetery.

A dedication ceremony will be held on Sunday, 23 November 1997, commencing at 3.00pm, for the Fellowship plaque being placed on the tombstone for First Fleeter John Redman.

Our thanks go to Enid Slade a descendant of John Redman for informing us of the location of this tombstone and obtaining permission from the Anglican Trust for the installation of a memorial plaque on the tombstone.

**DOUGLAS OAKES**  
Convenor Plaques Committee



## ELIZABETH BAY HOUSE VISIT

**O**n a warm and sunny Sunday, 10 August, a small but enthusiastic number of First Fleeters and friends visited Elizabeth Bay House. The enjoyable weather enabled us to appreciate the excellent view down the harbour to the Heads that the family of Alexander Macleay would have enjoyed.

Elizabeth Bay House was built between 1835 and 1839 for Alexander Macleay and his family. The Macleay family occupied the house throughout the 19th century and during the 20th century the house has been a family home, an artists squat, fashion reception rooms and divided into flats. Opened as a museum in 1977, the house is now furnished to the first period of Macleay occupancy from 1835 to 1845.

Alexander Macleay arrived in Sydney in 1826 with his wife Eliza and their six daughters; he was appointed Colonial Secretary of New South Wales. Macleay was involved in several scientific societies and had developed one of the largest insect collections in Europe as well as having extensive botanic interests.

Alexander Macleay moved into the house with his wife, son William and daughter Kennethina in 1839. In 1845 William remained the only occupant after the family had moved out and he stayed there until his death in 1865. Both William and his cousin William John Macleay added to the natural history collections. These collections were eventually donated to Sydney University to form the Macleay Museum. In 1911 the family sold the house.

The house is built of Sydney sandstone covered with a protective coat of sand paint. The joinery is of Australian red cedar while the floors are of Australian blackbutt. The marble and stone chimney pieces are original. The building contains what some describe as the finest staircase in Australia. The house was originally surrounded by fifty acres of gardens and described as a Greek Revilla villa. It was designed by John Verge.

Our thanks again go to Joy Pankhurst for organising another interesting tour.

**DOUGLAS OAKES**  
Convenor Daytime Auxiliary



## FIRST FLEETER BARTHOLOMEW REARDON

**L**ast year we received a letter from Mrs Jean Geeves stating that she had found the tombstone of her First Fleeter Bartholomew Reardon and two of his sons, Steven and Daniel, at Norfolk Island. We asked our friends from the Lismore Chapter to investigate the claim on their recent visit to the Island and if possible to acknowledge the claim with a photo.

Mrs Barbara Hunt from our Lismore Chapter responded with both a photo of the tombstone and confirmation of the fact that the tombstone was that of the Reardon family as stated by Mrs Geeves. Unfortunately the tombstone was broken and appeared to be beyond repair and the installation of a memorial plaque on it was impractical. Jean Geeves was informed of this situation.

Mrs Geeves has since advised us that the Norfolk Island Administration Board has had the tombstone pieces reset on a hardwood fitting and that memorial plaques may be installed in memory of the interred. Jean Geeves and her fellow descendant relative Betty Laird are having a plaque made in memory of Bartholomew Reardon and his two sons for installation at Norfolk Island.

The Fellowship has now had a plaque made and sent to Norfolk Island for installing next to Jean Geeves's and Betty Laird's plaque.

The family plaque will read as follows:

IN MEMORY OF  
BARTHOLOMEW REARDON  
FIRST FLEET  
ARRIVED ON N.I. ON SIRIUS  
DIED 1/5/1807  
ALSO HIS SONS  
STEVEN AND DANIEL

The Fellowship's plaque will read as follows:

BARTHOLOMEW  
REARDON  
ARRIVED 26 1 1788  
DIED 1 5 1807  
FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS  
1997

We congratulate Jean Geeves and Betty Laird for their efforts and are pleased to report that we have been able to have another memorial plaque installed for a First Fleeter.

**DOUGLAS OAKES**  
Convenor Plaques Committee

## STOCKTAKE AND TEMPORARY CLOSURE of Kingswood Search Room

**Monday, 10 November – Monday, 1 December 1997**

The Kingswood Search Room will close for a period of three weeks in late 1997 to allow its staff to carry out a stocktake of part of the collection held at Kingswood. This does not affect the City Search Room.

# Colonial Expressions

The origins of many expressions we use today can be found in our colonial past. Expressions such as 'lock, stock and barrel', 'straight as a ramrod', 'flash in a pan', 'caught knapping', and 'skinflint' have their roots in the practices and equipment that were brought into the Colony by the Marines.

The Marines were the guardians of the Colony and as such they were armed with the standard issue short land pattern 'Brown Bess' musket.

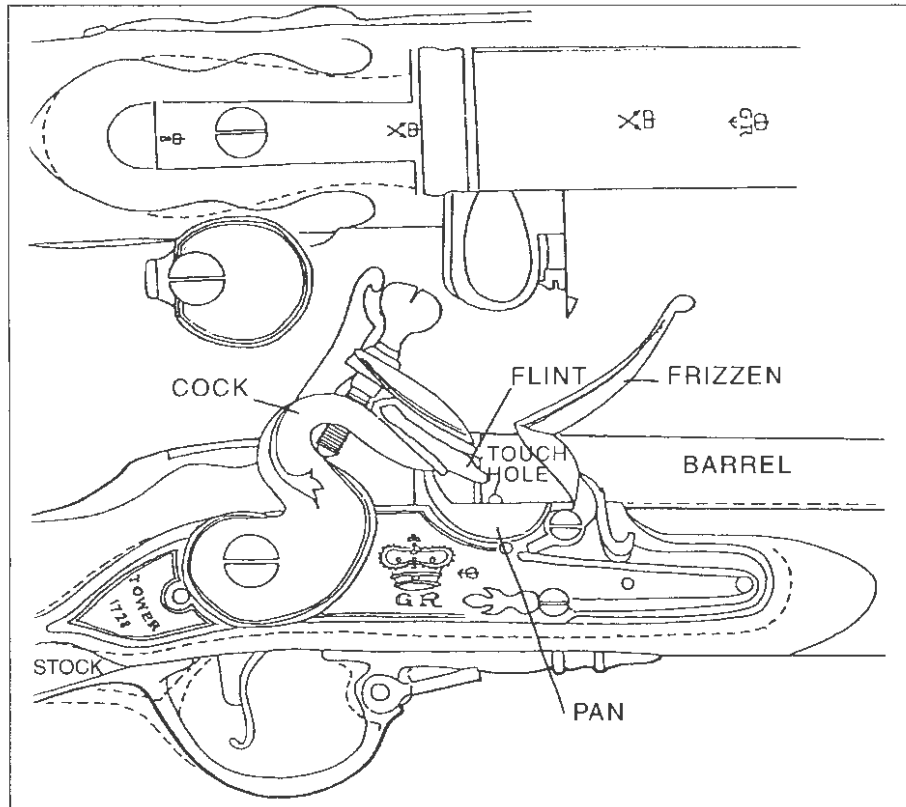
The musket consists of a forged iron tube of three-quarter-inch bore attached to a wooden stock and a mechanical firing device called a 'lock.' Therefore a complete musket could be described as 'lock, stock and barrel' which is the expression we use today to describe a complete item.

The lock consists of a jaw arrangement (the 'cock') which holds a piece of flint, a 'steel' or 'frizzen' which is a hardened steel plate from which sparks are produced when the flint strikes it, and the 'pan', a depression below the frizzen containing a gunpowder priming charge. The gunpowder in the pan is ignited by sparks from the frizzen and the flint, which in turn flashes through a hole in the side of the barrel (the 'touch hole') to set off the main powder charge and expel the ball.

If the powder in the pan burns but fails to set off the main charge we have a 'flash in the pan.' In today's terms we would use this analogy to describe an event that has a lot of fanfare but is of no consequence.

The proper functioning of the flintlock musket depends on a lot of strong sparks being produced when the flint strikes the frizzen. Through repeated use, the flint becomes dull and a new edge must be put on the flint to restore efficiency. This is done by gently tapping the edge of the flint with a small hammer. The process is called 'knapping.'

A soldier in battle depends on his musket for survival, so to be 'caught knapping' by his enemy could have fatal consequences. (You will notice that this term has nothing to do with falling asleep.)



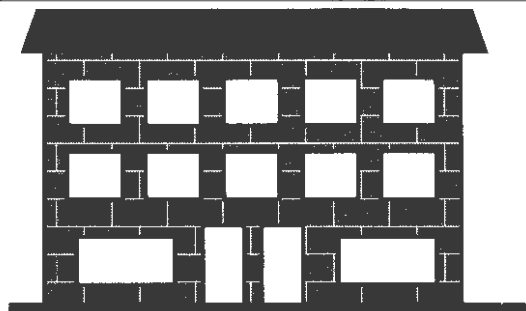
The military employed professional 'knappers' whose job involved chipping flints out of large flint boulders. The knappers were very skilled tradesmen and were in great demand as you can imagine. Very high quality flints were produced for use in flintlock muskets and pistols. The poorer quality discarded flints were called 'skins' and the people who gathered them up for their own use were referred to as 'skin flints.'

The ramrod is a steel rod with a flanged end which is used to push the cartridge containing gunpowder, wadding and a lead ball down the barrel of the musket when loading it. When not in use, the ramrod is kept in a channel under the barrel. The ramrod must be straight, otherwise it will not fit into the ramrod channel. A very straight object may then be described as being 'straight as a ramrod.'

This is just a small collection of terms which we can trace back to early colonial days.

## BUY-A-BRICK FUND

Mrs W. G. Anderson; S. R. Ballard, A.I and B. J. Bellingham, Wendy F. Brown; Audrey P. Cacouris, A. Clarke; Norma Dawson; Mrs P. J. Gore, Valerie Gordon; Ross Hannon, Ian Harvey, Dorothy Jean Heldon, D. G. Hunt; Mrs Joan Johns; Mrs E. A. King; Mrs Beryl Lewis, Rae Lloyd; Toni Mahony, Mrs C. A. Martin, Richard J. McKenzie, Jill Meredith, H. G. Morgan; Olive O'Reilly; Ronald V. Roberts, Mrs Betty A. Rowell; B. A. Shardlow, Myrl Skinner, B. Small; Cecil and Cynthia Thompson; Jean Westmore, Mrs L. E. Wickham, R. W. Withington.



# 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

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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. Newcastle Tourism Ltd is 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.

### 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

### REUNION NOTICE

The descendants of Thomas Smith (b1819 Bpool Lan Eng) and his wife Jane Laimbeer (b1825 Gt Torr Devon Eng) and their nine children are invited to a reunion organised for weekend 22 and 23 November 1997 at Penrith, NSW.

Thomas came to NSW in 1839 on Hope whilst Jane arrived on Earl Grey in 1840. They married at Prospect in 1843 and surviving children were: Thomas R. Smith (b1844 m Kezia Colless), Ellen (b1846 m James Johnstone and George Dempsey), Eliza (b1848 m John Thurston and James Palmer), William A. Smith (m Jane Walters, Mary Wickham, MaryAnn Murphy and Mrs Ann Hemsworth Lawler), Hannah (b1842 m George T. Evans), Hon. Sydney Smith (b1856 m Sarah Hockey and Marion

Shand), Maryann (b1858 m W. Clark and Alex Duff), John H. Smith (b1861 m Laura Barnett) and Sylvia (b1862 m Will Player).

The Smiths' Red Cow Inn and Thornton Hall still stand today.

Other family names identified to date include Allen, Clark-Duff, Francis, Gillespie, Glasscock, Hamon, Hudson, Matthews, Miers, O'Leary (NZ), Randall, Rathbone, Robinson, Spring, Trotter-Evans, Walker (NZ), and Woodhill.

Inquiries and itinerary to M/s Laura Player, 36 Salween Place, Beechboro WA 6063 or phone (089) 3776882.

# MAIL

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## CENSUS REKURDS

Mrs Anne Carter of 71a Bayview Avenue, Earlwood 2206, writes: I joined the Fellowship after having done the genealogy for my grandchildren and finding five First Fleet convicts among their ancestors. The children's surname is Griffiths. One of their ancestors was an Archina Christie who married Harry Griffiths, fruiterer, who is mentioned in the John Nicholls book. Archina's father, Charles Christie, was supposed to have come to Australia from Scotland under the 'Dr Lang scheme' and his job was superintendent of convicts in the Boro Creek, Goulburn, area. This was in the early 1830s.

I was wondering if anyone reading the Newsletter can give me information about the 'Dr Lang scheme' and if anyone has information about the parentage of Frank Christie Gardiner, bushranger. He was, according to Frank Clune in his book 'The Wild Colonial Boys,' the half-brother of Archina Christie.

One never gets bored doing this work!

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Reg Wadsworth (#2953) seeks information regarding his grandfather

Jonathan Wadsworth born 29 April 1859 in England, married there and had one child before migrating to Adelaide, Sydney and Tomakin, having five children by then, of whom Reg's father was the youngest born 1886. We have not been able to trace Jonathon from then on. His wife died 1898 and was bringing up the children on her own as far as we can find out at Tomakin, South coast, NSW, and is buried there. Information Reg Wadsworth, 62 Friday Hut Road, Coorabell, NSW 2479.

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I am a journalist and filmmaker. I was given the Fellowship's address by C. J. Smee at the Pioneer Register.

I am trying to contact the descendants of First Fleeters John Martin and John Randall. If anyone descended from these two people is currently or has been a member of your organisation, I would like to make contact with them. I am planning a video on these two First Fleeters and would like to hear from descendants.

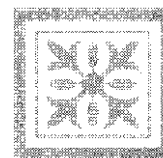
Oscar Paine, 4/14 Fletcher Street, Bondi 2026. Phone (02) 9300 0525.

The following is a real note sent from a census taker in the 1800s to the government (which may explain why many of us find variations in the spelling of names).

'I am a cencus taker for the city of Bufflow. Our city has groan very fast in resent years and now, in 1865, it has becum a hard and time consooming job to count all the peephill.

There is not meny that can do this werk, as it is necesarie to jave a ejudashun, which a lot of pursons still do not have. Another atribute needed for this job is good spelling, for meny of the peephill to be caouted can hardle speek inglish, let alone spel there name.'

[The above is taken from the August issue of 'Australian Family Tree Connections']



## A CHAPTER CLOSSES IN THE ROSE FAMILY BOOK

Sadly, the deaths recently occurred of two of the great-great-grandsons of First Fleeter Matthew James Everingham. George Wittington Rose passed away on 5 July 1997, aged 81 years 8 months and his brother, Robert (Roy) Rose, just five weeks later on 12 August 1997, aged 79 years 11 months. They were the brothers of Louisa (Louise) Prince (nee Rose) member No. 890.

George and Roy were the great-great-grandsons of Matthew James Everingham through his daughter Ann who married John Chaseling. Their daughter, Margaret Chaseling, married Thomas Rose, whose son, William Henry Rose, was their father.

The oldest timber-slab cottage in Australia, built by Thomas Rose, still stands today on its original site, 'Rose Cottage,' Rose Street, Wilberforce. It was restored between 1994-1996 by The Thomas and Jane Rose Family Society, founded by George and Roy in 1981.

The cottage is open to the public for inspection when the Australian Pioneer Village (now the Hawkesbury Heritage Farm) is open, that is Thursday to Sunday inclusive.

Over many years George and Roy researched and amassed documents of their ancestors, making it possible for a family book, 'The Rose Family of the Bellona,' giving the life-story of many of the 30,000 descendants named therein.

George is survived by his wife Marie, of 53 years, his daughter Carol (Kate), son Gregory, and their families. Roy is survived by his wife Jean, of 54 years, his daughter Kerrie and her family. [Daughter Dianne is deceased.] Their sister Louise and her family.

George and Roy will be greatly missed by family and friends and by many whose lives were touched by them. Their valuable contribution, both as pioneers and meeting the need for the early history of the nation to be preserved, will be remembered and appreciated

**Louise Prince**

## BOOK REVIEW

*The Lady Penrhyn* by G. Grammeno

Reviewed by Peter Christian

Mr Grammeno kindly donated his book to the Fellowship's library recently.

It is the story of FF Ann Martin and the childhood of her daughter, Sarah Miller. Not a large volume but it has quite an interesting account of the voyage of the *Lady Penrhyn* and the trials and tribulations of our early arrivals. The author states that 'it does not pretend to any literary merit, nor is it supported with references but hopes it is easy to read'.

It is an interesting volume and certainly easy to read.

Available from Mr G. Grammeno  
26 Ellison Road  
Springwood NSW 2777

\$12.50 plus postage

