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FIRST FLEET HOUSE OPENED

On Saturday July 2nd last, His Excellency, Sir James Rowland accompanied by Lady Rowland, performed the opening ceremony of First Fleet House. The Governor cut a ribbon at the entrance to the premises and later unveiled a plaque to commemorate the event. In congratulating the Fellowship on its far-sighted vision in the purchase of its own premises, His Excellency referred to the important part the organization plays in the collating and storing of Genealogical and Historical records.

The Governor presented an Honorary Life Membership Certificate to Mrs. Agnes Grace Crameri who will celebrate her centenary this month, and also presented Life Membership badges to Mr. Len Chalmers and Mr. Ray Meredith.

After a tour of our new home the Vice-Regal party had morning tea and mingled with the members. The President in a short speech of welcome, paid tribute to the work of not only our founder, Mr. John Levett, but also of all former Presidents of the Fellowship, three of whom were with us on the day. He also made mention of the fact that most members present had contributed in some way to the day to day running of the Fellowship.

Immediate Past President, Mr. Rod Best expressed sentiments of appreciation on behalf of all present, to His Excellency and Lady Rowland for their presence and participation with us, on this important occasion.

Among the large gathering were representatives from our chapters in the A.C.T., Hunter Valley and Lismore. We were especially pleased to welcome the President of the John Palmer Family Society, Mr. Bill Carter and his wife, due to the fact that our property stands on part of the original land grant to John Palmer F.F. We were sorry that our Vice-Patron, Paul Kable was unable to be with us due to an overseas commitment.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As reported, the opening of First Fleet House was a memorable occasion and although there seemed to be an extremely large crowd present, all went off well with a minimum of last minute hitches. Due to the capable organization of a small committee of members, there was plenty of food and, later in the day a glass or two of wine was served to members. My personal thanks to all who played such a wonderful part in the catering over the two days.

On behalf of the Executive, I have accepted a most generous gift of two colonial style light fittings for the main room of First Fleet House. Two former Presidents are the donors, Mrs. Beryl Lewis and Mr. Frank Everingham and we thank them sincerely for their generosity.

Please keep your subscriptions for the coming year rolling in, otherwise you will no longer be a shareholder in this unique organization. The "Buy a Brick" Fund is still open and I must record an extremely generous donation from the John Palmer Family Society. I am endeavouring to acknowledge personally, all donations but have seemed to have fallen a little behind in my endeavours. Please be patient, you will, if you have contributed, receive a thank you note in the near future.

From the President cont.

Mr. Roy Morris, F.F. Matthew Everingham, has put his name forward as Treasurer to the Fellowship. Although he has been co-opted to the Executive, due to a legal technicality that body has not been able to appoint him Treasurer until certain formalities have been completed. Hopefully this will have been done by the July Executive meeting. Roy is a former President of Legacy and is Treasurer of a number of other organizations. We look forward to his contribution.

On financial matters I must pay tribute to the work of Jean Monk and Norma Millard. Jean was forced to step down as Acting Treasurer due to ill-health and Norma has done a sterling job in a very difficult situation. For a number of reasons there had been a breakdown in our accounting system over December/January. The extremely tedious job of dissecting all monies taken over this period has almost been completed.

Our Auditors are in the process of examining the books of the Fellowship, and a full audited statement of our finances will be available to the membership next month, for the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations and voting papers are included in this issue. There will be a ballot for the position of two Vice-Presidents and you will have to choose 15 Executive members. The positions of President and Treasurer will not require a ballot, may I say that this will be my last year as your President and I look forward to a good working relationship with an Executive which you, the members will elect.

Keith Selby, a diligent Friday helper, had originally put himself forward as a candidate for the Executive. Unfortunately, early in July, Keith sustained a stroke which, while latterly he has made a good recovery, has enforced his withdrawal as a candidate. Our thoughts are with Keith and Phyllis at this time and wish him a speedy recovery.

The Executive has plans in hand to resume the Presidents receptions, which had to go into limbo in the later part of 1987, mainly due to lack of space in our former premises. I hope to announce dates in our next Newsletter, and envisage that, to clear a backlog of members, we will need to have a Wednesday evening once a month in addition to a Saturday afternoon. It is also envisaged that we will host a reception to representatives of all genealogical organizations, at First Fleet House sometime in September. This could be a good PR exercise and will be an excellent opportunity to show off our new premises.

The computer sub-committee will make a decision in July and it is to be hoped that our computer is installed in September. We envisage three programmes for the computer, 1) Membership, which includes all relevant details, 2) Financial, which will not only include current financial members, but an in depth detail of our stock for sale, our assets, and any other relevant financial matters. The 3rd and last programme is purely genealogical and hopefully will record all details we hold in regard to the thousands of Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates of all descendants. It has been a matter of concern that we hold all of these records without adequate security. If they are computerized and in duplicate, I feel that we have fulfilled an obvious obligation.

In July, I was able to speak to our Hunter Valley Chapter in Newcastle. It was an extremely rewarding experience, as we have a dedicated body of some 50 members, eager to spread the word and make our presence felt in this important area.

In conclusion, may I say that the facilities of First Fleet House are available to all First Fleet family organizations. Please let us know if and when you wish to use the premises as First Fleeters you are more than welcome you are all part of a family.

IN FELLOWSHIP – PETER CHRISTIAN

Annual General Meeting – Saturday 24th September, 1988

Notice is hereby given of the 1988 Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship of First Fleeters, to be held on Saturday 24th September, 1988 at 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm at St. John's Anglican Church, 120 Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst, Sydney. (Enter from Liverpool Street)

The Rector of St. John's, John McKnight F.F. has been an involved member of the Fellowship for many years.

ALL WELCOME – AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED

BITS AND PIECES

Lady Rowland was presented with a beautiful floral posy by Miss Melanie Chinery F.F. Nathaniel Lucas/Olivia Gascoigne. A letter of appreciation has been received from Government House.

First Fleet House really looked spick and span for the opening day. Our precious photos and paintings had been hung, the main room had been painted in a decent "colonial colour", the back fence had been transformed by Pam Quick with the aid of a number of green-fingered donors into a veritable Garden of Eden, but the roadway at our front entrance was a mess. Naida Jackson took a broom to it and managed to sweep leaves etc., under a car outside the premises. About 15 minutes before the expected arrival of the Vice-Regal party that car decided to move, leaving a very neat pile of mess just where the Governor would alight. Naida, captured on Kodak print, was seen sweeping the whole mess under another car. Two minutes later the Government vehicle appeared. Thanks Naida!!!!

Grace Crameri, our new Hon. Life Member and Centenarian, was a delight to meet. She is so proud of her First Fleet heritage and supported by members of her family, she played a wonderful part in the acceptance of her Life Membership of the Fellowship.

We are indebted to the Hon. Stephen Mutch M.L.C. for the gift of a State Flag which flew from our mast-head on the day.

Congratulations to the following, winners of the raffle drawn on Sunday July 3rd, 1988 at the opening of First Fleet House. Drawn by Shirley Harper.

1st Nell Sansom, 2nd Joan Cox, 3rd Elizabeth King

After many years of dedicated service to the Fellowship, Len Chalmers F.F. William Tunks has expressed the wish to stand down from the Membership Committee. Len recently was awarded the honour of Life Membership and stayed on during the extremely busy period of December and January last, in spite of family commitments.

Plans are being drawn for the closing in of the back balcony of First Fleet House. When completed we hope that it could be a room for our Microfiche and a proposed Microfilm department. Maybe we could budget for this in 1989????

Mary Caldwell, an active family researcher of the Wild-Gaudey-Kable Families and an involved member of the Fellowship, is now well on the way to recovery after receiving severe injuries from a car accident 15 months ago. Mary is now planning a trip to New Zealand to visit her daughter.

We wish you well, Mary.

FIRST FLEETER JOHN TRACE

John Trace was tried at Exeter in March, 1786 for stealing and was sentenced to seven years transportation to this country arriving aboard the 'Charlotte'. He married Mary Rose who had arrived on the 'Lady Juliana' with the second fleet. Mary had been sentenced at Lincoln City in March, 1786 to seven years transportation.

In 1791 they settled at Prospect and by 1794 had a farm with five acres under crop. Their only son, George, was born on 19th July, 1796 and baptised at St. Johns Parramatta the same year.

By 1814 John Trace was living on charity. He died on 1st July, 1823 in his 83rd year. It is reported that his widow, Mary, re-married James Knight in 1824 and his son George married Ann Reynolds in 1833.

"FIRST FLEET REUNION TOUR 1989"

Jonathon King will lead this historic Bicentennial reunion tour of convict England from 23rd April to 21st May, 1989. Places of call will be to London, Bath, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight.

Full details next issue of Newsletter.

First Fleet Re-enactment Certificates are now available to First Fleeters and collectors at a cost of \$20.00 each. These have an historic significance as they were carried on the 'First Fleet Re-enactment' epic voyage and carry the emblem of the 'Sirius'.

All enquiries to WILBER WRIGHT — (02) 94 4512

The closing date for entries into the next newsletter is Wednesday, 28th September, 1988.

BUSH DANCE Macarthur Estate, Wilton, NSW

SATURDAY, 19th NOVEMBER, 1988
at 7.00 pm

COST: \$30.00 a single (includes Dinner, Dance, Bush Band Entertainment AND return coach trip from most suburbs)
Teenagers Welcome

DRESS: Colonial or Casual

BOOKINGS: Social Committee, F.F.F.

R.S.V.P.: 1st November, 1988
\$10 deposit, balance paid on night

STATE FAMILY OR GROUP FOR TABLE SEATING

S.A.E. for Return of Tickets
and Coach Pick-Up Point

CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO FELLOWSHIP
OF FIRST FLEETERS

We are at present investigating local historical interests in the area so as a great day and night can be had by all.

*See next Newsletter for further details.
Accommodation is available at Wilton for Adults only.*

AROUND THE TREES



THOMAS DEVINE

Descendants of Thomas Devine (youngest son of F.F. Philip Devine) and Ann Easton are invited to a gathering at Pontville, Tasmania about noon on Saturday, November 5th, 1988, at St. Marks Church. B.Y.O. lunch.

All Devine descendants welcome. For more details contact Betty Duns, 1/11 El Alamein Street, Port Lincoln, SA 5606

EDWARD MILES

All descendants of F.F. Edward Miles, branch names "Freebody", "Bridle" and "Alderson" are invited to twin reunions on Sunday, October 2nd, 1988.

St. Matthews Windsor 12.30 pm, at the site of the grave of Edward and Susannah Miles and Grandson Edward Alderson. This is the '88 reunion of "The Buddong Society" and interested members of the Bridle and Alderson branches are asked to contact Mrs. Margaret Francis, 1 Poplar Road, Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650 (069) 22 5680 or Mrs. Barbara Fletcher, 97 Kent Street, Epping, NSW 2121 (02) 86 4147.

Cooma Racetrack 10.00 am. This is the '88 reunion of the Freebody descendants, many hundreds are expected. Interested members are asked to contact Mrs. Pat Freebody, 25 Burchmore Road, Manly, NSW 2095 (02) 949 1792.

WILLIAM TUNKS

The 1988 Annual Picnic of the Tunks Descendants Association will be held on Sunday, 9th October, 1988 starting at 10.00 am in St. Leonards Park, North Sydney, in the section between No. 1 and No. 2 ovals — bring your own picnic lunch — no BBQ's available. Toilets and change sheds at No. 2 oval.

At 11.00 am Tunks descendants will join with representatives of North Sydney Municipal Council and their guests and members of the North Shore Historical Society in a ceremony near the War Memorial on Ridge Street to celebrate the completion of the Bicentennial Project of improving St. Leonards Park and to re-dedicate the re-constructed fountain memorial to William Tunks II, founder of the park and first Mayor of St. Leonards (later North Sydney).

For further information please contact:

Len Chalmers (President) - (02) 419 8136

Ms. Marie Tunks (Hon. Secretary) home (02) 959 4607
B/H (02) 635 3366

Mrs. Cynthia Curry (Hon. Treasurer) (02) 871 8666

JOHN NICHOLS

Descendants and friends are invited to attend the third reunion of the John Nichols Family Society to be held at Cronulla RSL Youth Club, Gunnamatta Park, Nicholson Parade, Cronulla on Sunday 16th October, 1988, beginning at 10.00 am. The book 'John Nichols, First Fleeter' will be launched at the reunion. (See "Books" column for further details). For further information contact Sharon Draper (02) 525 6160 or Sue Tuck, 21 Spindler Street, Bega, NSW 2550 (064) 92 3352.

THOMAS SPENCER AND MARY PHILLIPS

G. Hunt, Member No. 2904, requests information from fellow descendants of Thomas Spencer and Mary Phillips regarding the conflicting records of the details of children born to Sarah Phillips (Hadley and Griffiths). Also if any member has birth details of Sarah's second husband, John Griffiths or the marriage and death details of his sister, Anne.

Please contact G. Hunt, 160B Terry Street, Connells Point, NSW 2221

BIRTHS

A warm welcome to the arrival of the following new First Fleeters

ULICIA EMILY ELLIS, F.F. James Wallbourne and Sophia Lewis, 15th June, 1988, daughter to Glenn and Louise Ellis.

MATTHEW JAMES KENNETH COUSINS, F.F. Matthew Everingham, 2nd July, 1988, son to Carolyn and Tony Cousins, grandson to Joy and Ken Pankhurst.

BRANDON MITCHELL ROBINS, F.F. John Nichols, 24th January, 1988, son to Fred and Beth Croft.

OBITUARIES

Deepest sympathy is offered to the family of the following

MURIAL MARGARET KELLY, Associate Member, died March 22nd, 1988.

"To live on in the Hearts and Minds of Descendants is Never to Die".

1988 BICENTENNIAL PLAQUE SERVICES

and venues of future services are as follows:

Sunday 16th October, 1988: Devonshire Street. Following the 10.30 am Morning Service at Christ Church St. Lawrence, George Street, Sydney.
Friday 28th October, 1988 to Sunday 6th November, 1988 — Tasmanian Tour.

Sunday 13th November, 1988: St. Peter's, Campbelltown following the 10.00 am Morning Service.

**COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE SERVICE OF
FIRST FLEETER GEORGE GRAVES**
Saturday, September 10th, 1988 at 10.00 am
Archives Office, 2 Globe Street, Sydney, NSW

The Fellowship invites you to the unveiling service of a Memorial Plaque on the tombstone of First Fleeter George Graves who was a Bosun's Mate on the Sirius and died 10th July, 1788. He was buried at Dawes Point, Sydney, which was the first cemetery in Sydney and this stone is reported to be the first tombstone made in this country. His tombstone was found being used as a doorstep when Cadman's Cottage, near First Fleet Park, Sydney, was being restored.

The tombstone was sent to the Archives office, where it has been restored and placed in a display cabinet.

The Archives Authority has a number of historical artifacts in its exhibition. This is an important reminder of our past. Please join us at this important memorial service.

DOUG OAKES — Convenor, Plaques Committee

BOOKS

This new column has been well accepted. The 'Books' column endeavours to supply information on previous and recent publications on family history, historical novels and reference type books. They may not necessarily have first fleet connections. Please let us know about your book.

"Norfolk Island 1788-1813 -- The people and their families".

Edited by James Donohoe, this book of 110 pages is an alphabetical listing of all persons and their families living on Norfolk Island between 1788-1813, including arrival and departure dates.

Cost \$14.95 plus \$1.30 postage. Available from Fellowship of First Fleeters Office.

"John Nichols — First Fleeter".

The book deals with the lives of First Fleeter John Nichols and his wife Ann Pugh and their 11 surviving children. Details of the first four Australian-born generations are included and there are many family photographs and an index of names.

Special pre-print price \$25.00 plus \$3.00 postage. Books bought at reunion and thereafter \$29.00 plus postage.

All enquiries to Sue Tuck, 21 Spindler Street, Bega, NSW 2550 (064) 92 3352.

"Mobbs Muster — The descendants of William and Ann"
Compiled by Beryl Mobbs Lewis and Alan C. Lemon.

This well researched genealogy contains alphabetical name listing, marriage details and descendency listings, complete with genealogical data of over 6,350 names and over 1,800 marriages.

The book will be launched on Sunday, 4th September, 1988 at Parramatta Town Hall at 2.30 pm by Rosemary Block, Executive Director of the Library Society, State Library of N.S.W. and will be on sale on 17.9.88 and 18.9.88 at the Mobbs Family tent, Castle Hill Showground.

Pre-publication price \$30.00 includes postage (until 15.8.88). Price after publication \$39.50.

All enquiries Mrs. Beryl Mobbs Lewis, 88 Avoca Street, Yagoona, NSW 2199.

"Robert Scott and Mary Kay and their Family"
by Cathy Clyde.

A family and pictorial history of Robert and Mary Kay who settled in Victoria in the 1850's.

Cost per copy \$15.50 includes postage.

All enquiries to Cathy Clyde, 21 Dimboola Road, Horsham, VIC. 3400.

WEDNESDAY DAYTIME AUXILIARY

On 6th July last a most interesting talk was given by Mrs. Mary Nilsson, interior decorator, who spoke to us on Australian houses 1788-1988. Mrs. Nilsson gave us a copy of her book, 'Decorating Australian Houses' for our library. Our thanks to Mrs. Nilsson for her gift.

Our next meeting on Thursday 8th September will be a visit to the Great Synagogue. Meet 10.50 am for 11.00 am at 166 Castlereagh Street entrance. Donation of \$2.00 for the Fellowship fund. Enquiries Mary Hope-Caten (02) 407 1042.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Thursday, 8th December, 1988 at 12 noon

Our Christmas Luncheon for 1988 will be held in the Centenary room, 2nd Floor, NSW Bowlers Club, 95 York Street, Sydney at 12 noon. We will be having a smorgasbord with a variety of delicious dishes.

Come along and join your friends at our last function of the Bi-centennial year.

Bookings are limited. It would be appreciated if members could forward money for reservations as early as possible. Mark envelope "Christmas Luncheon Wednesday Auxiliary". Cost \$14.50.

Any enquiries phone:
N. Cunningham - (02) 774 3459
B. Smart - (02) 631 4865
M. Hope-Caten - (02) 407 1042

TASMANIAN TOUR

Friday 28th October, 1988 to Sunday 6th November, 1988

AAT Kings Australia Tours have informed us that people may join the tour in Sydney, Melbourne or Hobart and/or they may leave at Launceston, Melbourne or Sydney. Single accommodation is available for an extra \$250 per person. Otherwise, the full tour is \$1,430 per person.

This is AAT's most comprehensive tour of Tasmania. The six memorial services are additional to the schedule and do not detract nor reduce the tour programme.

The Governor of Tasmania is unable to join us at St. David's Park, Hobart on Wednesday 2nd November, 1988. However, the Lord Mayor of Hobart, Alderman Doone Kennedy, the Bishop of Tasmania, Rev. Phillip Newell and the Chairman of the Genealogical Society of Tasmania, Hobart branch, Mr. Neal Click have all accepted our invitation to join us and participate in the St. David's Park service.

The Mayor of Launceston, Alderman Jimmy Tsinoglou will be with us at Broadlands Park, Launceston on Sunday 30th October, 1988. After this service, we will be having lunch with the members of the Tasmanian Chapter of the Fellowship of First Fleeters before moving on the Christ Church, Longford for another Plaque Service in the afternoon.

There are still vacancies for the tour. Those wishing to join us, please contact the Functions Committee on any Friday for further information. Remember, a \$100 deposit is required for each person and the balance by Friday 23rd September, 1988. Please join us for this historical and comprehensive tour of Tasmania.

DOUG OAKES — Convenor, Plaques Committee

PLAQUE SERVICE REPORT

SUNDAY 5th JUNE, 1988

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY, WILBERFORCE, NSW

Although the day started with heavy rain, the sun shone brightly for our dedication service. The Everingham Family Association had made a picnic day of it and their members joined us in the service.

President Peter Christian welcomed everybody to the gathering. Guy Everingham, President of the Everingham Family Association spoke and congratulated the Fellowship on its Plaque Project. Peter Christian unveiled the plaque and the Rev. Peter Clarke, Rector of the Wilberforce Anglican Church dedicated the plaque.

Mention was made during the speeches of the fact that identity plaques had been previously placed on the tombstones of First Fleeters Mathew Everingham, Phillip Devine and Catherine nee Johnson Moore. The Everingham Family Association had the tombstone of Matthew Everingham restored for our service.

We once again thank those who were there for their attendance.

SUNDAY 26th JUNE, 1988

BOTANY PIONEER PARK, MATRAVILLE, NSW

The Botany Cemetery Trust had established the pioneer Memorial Park at the Bunnerong Road end of the Cemetery. They had collected all the tombstones still standing for people buried there before 1850 and erected them in uniform rows around a memorial block.

Unfortunately, there is only one First Fleeter tombstone, namely John Trace (see 'Bits and Pieces' column).

Alderman Chris Bastic of Randwick Municipal Council unveiled the Memorial Plaque at the pedestrian entrance to the Pioneer Park.

We were pleased to have with us the Cape Banks Family Historical Society, who served afternoon tea and members of the Botany Cemetery Trust. Jim Donohoe gave a very informative speech on the History of Botany Cemetery. Rev. Len Kingston, from the Botany Trust dedicated both the Plaques with short prayers.

SUNDAY 17th JULY, 1988

R.A.H.S. MEMORIAL LANG PARK, SYDNEY

Once again, we had a beautiful day for another one of our memorial plaque services.

The plaque attached to the Royal Australian Historical Society's granite memorial block is to the memory of the original St. Philip's Church and to all First Fleeters buried from the first and second St. Philip's Church. The first church being named after Governor Phillip and the second and current church named after Saint Philip.

We joined our sister body, the 1788-1820 Association at the 10.00 am morning service at St. Philip's Church, York Street, Sydney. Following an enjoyable cup of tea, we then went to Lang Park for our service.

The President, Peter Christian welcomed everybody to the service. I read the speech composed by Mrs. Joan Rowe on the History of the three St. Philip Churches. Doug Aspinall, a member of the R.A.H.S. unveiled the plaque for us and congratulated the Fellowship on this project. The Rev. H.J.A. Edwards, Rector of St. Philip's Church then gave a dedication prayer.

Our thanks go to the many people who joined us on the day, to the R.A.H.S. and to the Council of the City of Sydney, for the co-operation in having the Plaque installed for us.

DOUG OAKES — Convenor, Plaques Committee

**SPEECH GIVEN BY DOUG OAKES, PREPARED BY
MRS. JOAN ROWE FOR THE PLAQUE SERVICE
AT THE MEMORIAL TO ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH
Sunday 17th July, 1988 — Lang Park, Sydney**

As we gather here in Lang Park to dedicate the Memorial Plaque in memory of all First Fleeters buried from St. Philip's, let us think back to the arrival of the First Fleet at Farm Cove on the Saturday of 26th January, 1788. The next day was Sunday, but there was no time for Divine Worship.

The following week was all confusion and excitement as people had to be disembarked and cargo unloaded and temporary quarters had to be provided on land. The following Sunday fell on the 3rd February and Chaplain Richard Johnson was able to conduct a Service for the first time on the soil of this new land.

He stood under "A Great Tree" with a mixed congregation of Soldiers and Settlers and chose his Text from Psalm 116 Verse 12, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me". They were total strangers in an unknown land, the convicts were not likely to ever see England again, but there were some things they had in common.

They had been almost 9 months at sea, they had sailed in safety over 12,000 miles of ocean and they had arrived in a new land to start a new nation. Johnson's life was soon as full and crowded as that of any other official in Port Jackson. He held Divine Worship every Sunday in the open air or in a large store. He baptized, he married, he buried and in the first 4 years had performed 226 baptisms, 220 marriages and 854 funerals.

It wasn't until 1793 that he refused to wait any longer for the promised Government provision of a church building. He built a church, mainly with his own hands and his own expense.

It was a 'T-shaped' wattle and daub building which cost £67 and a few shillings. It had an earth floor with whitewashed walls both inside and out, grass thatched roof with bench seats for 300. The first Service was held on the 25th August, 1793, and was attended by Mrs. Grose, wife of the Lt-Governor and some Officers and their wives. The Church was finally completed and it served not only for Sunday Services and the other Rites of the Church but also as a School house during the week for the next 5 years.

The Site was at the junction of what were to become Hunter, Bligh and Castlereagh Streets and is now called Richard Johnson Square. On the evening of Monday, 2nd October, 1798, the first Church was wilfully set on fire and because of the materials of its construction, was destroyed in 2 hours.

In October, 1798, Governor Hunter laid the Foundation Stone of "a large and substantial stone church", on the ground on which we now stand.

This Foundation Stone is now in the present church's West Porch.

King George III made a personal gift of a Reredos for the church and a magnificent set of silver communion vessels. It was left to Gov. Bligh to complete the church which was consecrated by Rev. Samuel Marsden on Christmas Day, 1810.

Rev. William Cowper had arrived from England in August, 1809, as an Assistant Chaplain to do duty at the new Church of St. Philip's which was all but complete. He was then 30 years old and for 49 years until his death in July, 1858, he was to devote himself to the ministry of the Word at St. Philip's, Church Hill. By the late 1840's, the old St. Philip's was much overcrowded despite an added Vestry and Schoolroom on the far side of the Church.

On the 1st May, 1848, at Bishop Broughton's invitation, Cowper laid the Foundation Stone of the new Church but building operations were suspended when the Gold Rush began.

On 27th March, 1856, the new Church was consecrated by Bishop Barker and the old Church demolished. Although only 50 years had elapsed between the building of the 2 churches, there is a vast difference in architecture — Old St. Philip's typified its own pioneer period of rugged simplicity, whereas the Blacket designed church of 1856 typified the graceful beauty of the Victorian era.

This Plaque is a Memorial to All those First Fleeters whose deaths have been entered in the Registers kept since 1788, and now held by St. Philip's.

**THE GATHERING OF THE AUSTRALIAN
PIONEER FAMILIES**

CASTLE HILL SHOWGROUND

**Saturday 17th September, 1988 — 9.00 am - 6.00 pm
Sunday 18th September, 1988 — 9.30 am - 4.00 pm**

ENTRANCE FEE — \$2.00 Adults, \$1.00 Children

As a great deal of interest has been shown for this get-together, a list of registered family groups is on the following page. If you wish to register for this coming event contact Darcy Willis, Families Committee Chairman, Rotary Club of Castle Hill, P.O. Box 13, Castle Hill, NSW 2154.

FAMILY NAME	CONTACT
*AITKEN	C/- Mrs. E. Johnson, 38 Thomas Street, Picnic Point, N.S.W. 2213
*ALLEN	C/- Mrs. G. McCusker, 163 New Line Road, Cherrybrook, N.S.W. 2120
*ANLEZARK	C/- Mrs. T.A. Anlezark, 2/15-17 St. Georges Road, Penshurst, N.S.W. 2222
*BATMAN	C/- Mrs. J. Morgans, 8C/30-34 Churchill Avenue, Strathfield, N.S.W. 2135
*BECKET (T)	C/- Mrs. P. Scott, 9/9 Kirk Street, Chatswood, N.S.W. 2067
*BELLAMY	C/- Mrs. J. Bellamy, 22 Stoney Creek Road, Beverly Hills, N.S.W. 2209
*BEST	C/- Mr. R. Best, 25 Glenayr Avenue, West Ryde, N.S.W. 2114
*BEST	C/- Shirley Clark, 94 Kenthurst Road, Kenthurst, N.S.W. 2156
*BLOODWORTH	C/- Miss A. Clarke, P.O. Box 328, Lane Cove, N.S.W. 2066
*BOWERMAN	C/- Mrs. V. Bowerman, 11 Fiona Avenue, Castle Hill, N.S.W. 2154
BROWN	refer to EATHER
CAREY	refer to FRANCIS
CARR	refer to Martin
*CATT	C/- Mrs. G. Rankin, 43 Willoughby Street, Epping, N.S.W. 2121
*CHAMPION	C/- Miss B. Warren, 44/3 Kandy Avenue, Epping, N.S.W. 2121
COLLINS	refer to FRANCIS
*COOK	C/- P.S. Cook, 70 Wolseley Road, Point Piper, N.S.W. 2027
CORNWELL	refer to EATHER
*CRANE	C/- Fay Massard, 7 Pegler Avenue, Sth. Granville, N.S.W. 2142
*CRANSTON	C/- S.F. Cranston, 90 Pitt Town Road, Kenthurst, N.S.W. 2156
*CURTIS	C/- D.V. Anderson, 104 Moncrieff Drive, East Ryde, N.S.W. 2113
*DAVIS	C/- Mrs. U.M. Parry, 19 Davis Avenue, Davistown, N.S.W. 2250
*DELANEY	C/- Miss J. Delaney, 4/21 Longueville Road, Lane Cove, N.S.W. 2066
DONOVAN	refer to EATHER
*DOYLE	C/- Mr. P. Doyle, Box 1395, Wollongong, N.S.W. 2500
*DU MOULIN	C/- Mrs. E. Wood, 12 Fishburns Road, Galston, N.S.W. 2159
*EATHER	C/- J.M. Phillips, 5 Girvan Crescent, Cormal, N.S.W. 2518
EATON	refer to EATHER
ELTON	refer to EATHER
*FIRST FLEETERS	C/- Mrs. J.C. Cowell, 105 Cathedral Street, Woolloomooloo, N.S.W. 2011
*FRANCIS	C/- Mr. J. McNamara, 26 Philip Street, Blacktown, N.S.W. 2148
*FREEMAN	C/- S.J. Freeman, 26 Stephen Street, Hornsby, N.S.W. 2077
*GALLARD	C/- Mr. I. Gallard, 25 Amelia Street, North Ryde, N.S.W. 2113
*GIBBS	C/- Mrs. W.J. Dowd, 11 Mornington Avenue, Castle Hill, N.S.W. 2154
GRADY	refer to FRANCIS
GOUGH	refer to EATHER
*GREEN	C/- Mrs. J. Green, 19 Southleigh Avenue, Castle Hill, N.S.W. 2154
GUEST	refer to EATHER
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*HARLEY	C/- Mrs. C. Schofield, 3 Schofield Parade, Pennant Hills, N.S.W. 2120
*HARRISON	C/- Mrs. D. Hardie, 101 Livingstone Avenue, Pymble, N.S.W. 2073
*HASSALL	C/- Mr. R.W. Hassall, 31/33 Birkeley Road, Manly, N.S.W. 2095
*HAWKINS	C/- Mrs. J. Brodie, 5 Bienenheim Place, Glenfield, N.S.W. 2167
*HEMERS	C/- P.A. Pockett, 7 Harris Road, Dural, N.S.W. 2158
*HESSION	C/- L. Hession, 59 Nelson Road, Nelson, N.S.W. 2765
HUGHES	refer to SCHWEBEL
*JAMES	C/- Mrs. Maudreen McKenzie, 24 Elimatta Road, Mona Vale, N.S.W. 2103
*KENTWELL	C/- Mrs. H. Watson, 42-44 Showground Road, Castle Hill, N.S.W. 2154
*KILPACK	C/- Mrs. N. Reynolds, P.O. Box 345, Bowral, N.S.W. 2576
LEE	refer to EATHER
*LUKE	C/- Mr. M.W. Brown, 13 Tessa Street, Chatswood, N.S.W. 2067
*LUTHERBORROW	C/- Mrs. G.V. Bruen, 34 Third Avenue, Epping, N.S.W. 2121
LYNCH	refer to EATHER
McALPIN	refer to EATHER
McGUIRK	refer to FRANCIS
McQUIRK	refer to FRANCIS
*MAHER	C/- A.P. Maher, 718 Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford, N.S.W. 2118
MALONEY	refer to EATHER
*MARTIN	C/- Mr. W. Martin, 15 Strone Avenue, Wahroonga, N.S.W. 2076
*MERIDITH	C/- A.R. Meredith, 371 Hume Highway, Bankstown, N.S.W. 2200
*MILSON	C/- Mrs. J. Wallman, 23 Shellcove Road, Neutral Bay, N.S.W. 2089
*MOBBS	C/- Mrs. B.M. Lewis, 88 Avoca Street, Yagoona, N.S.W. 2199
*MOORE	C/- Mrs. R. Hunt, 1 Philip Place, Carlingford, N.S.W. 2118
MOSTYN	refer to FRANCIS
*MOULDS	C/- Mrs. R. Moulds, P.O. Box 1687, Coffs Harbour, N.S.W. 2450
*NASH	C/- Mrs. J. Rowe, 84 Highfield Road, Lindfield, N.S.W. 2070
NICHOLAS	refer to DELANEY
NORRIS	refer to EATHER
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ONESS	refer to EATHER
*PALMER	C/- Mrs. I. Palmer, 4 The Knoll, Miranda, N.S.W. 2228
*PEARCE	C/- M. & J. Pearce, 61 Malonga Avenue, Kellyville, N.S.W. 2153
*PYE	C/- Mrs. S. Boxsell, 53 Karloo Road, Umina, N.S.W. 2257
RADLEY	refer to MARTIN
*RATTRAY	C/- Mrs. D. Peate, The Gardens, 10/40A Cope St, Lane Cove, N.S.W. 2066
*ROBERTSON	C/- Mr. J.N.H. Robertson, 5/33 Aubin Street, Neutral Bay, N.S.W. 2089
*ROUGHLEY	C/- Mrs. J. Roughley, 39 Porters Road, Kenthurst, N.S.W. 2156
*RUMERY	C/- Rosemary Phillis, 67 Riverstone Road, Riverstone, N.S.W. 2765
*RUSE	C/- Mrs. J. Israel, P.O. Box 50, Eastwood, N.S.W. 2122
*SCHWEBEL	C/- A.E. Schwebel, 39 Post Office Road, Glenorie, N.S.W. 2157
SENIOR	refer to EATHER
SHARP	refer to EATHER
*SHIELDS	C/- W.S. Shields, 66 Bellamy Street, Pennant Hills, N.S.W. 2120
*SNELGROVE	C/- Mrs. M. Gaffney, 14 Lorna Avenue, North Ryde, N.S.W. 2113
*SONTER	C/- Mr. R. Sonter, 9 High Street, Epping, N.S.W. 2121
*SPEARS	C/- Mrs. T. Martin, 89 Holden Street, Gosford, N.S.W. 2250
*STRINGER	C/- G. Stringer, 14 President Road, Kellyville, N.S.W. 2153
THOMAS	refer to GREEN
*THOMPSON	C/- Miss H. Barr, P.O. Box 255, North Ryde, N.S.W. 2113
TOWNSEND	refer to FRANCIS
*TUCKWELL	C/- Mr. A. Tuckwell, 6 Agonis Close, Banksia, N.S.W. 2216
WEAVERS	refer to FRANCIS
*WHITTON (Edward)	C/- John Bourne, 5 Broadhurst Place, Baulkham Hills, N.S.W. 2153
WILLIAMS	refer to EATHER
WINDSOR	refer to EATHER
*WOOD	C/- D.G. Wood, 34 Mirool Street, West Ryde, N.S.W. 2114
YOUNG	refer to EATHER