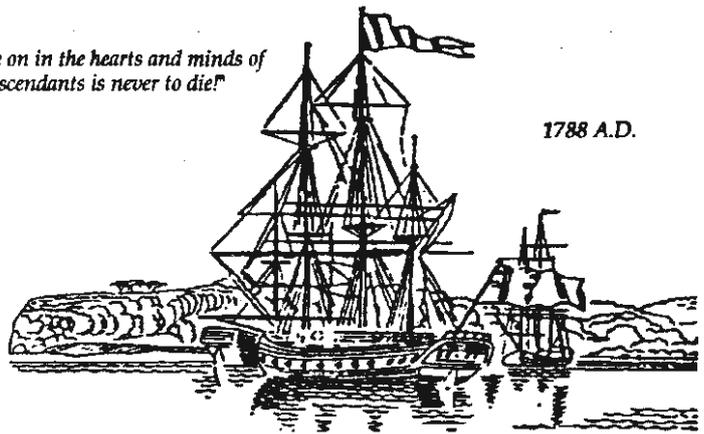


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"To live on in the hearts and minds of
Descendants is never to die!"



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Since the last newsletter, war has broken out in the Gulf area. Members of the three armed forces are involved now. Please spare some time, when we pray, for these people and their families.

The annual Australia Day Dinner was most successful. His Excellency Rear Admiral, Peter Sinclair and Mrs Sinclair attended. Admiral Sinclair and Mrs Sinclair were introduced to every person. We are most grateful to them for sparing the time and making the effort to do this. In the wake of the late Sir David Martin's Governorship the people of New South Wales are most fortunate to have been able to get a new Governor of the high calibre of Admiral Sinclair and his family. Even as a serving member of the RAN Admiral Sinclair was known for his caring for people. This was prominent during the "Cyclone Tracy" operations.

The Australia Day Luncheon held in Sydney conducted by the Australia Day Council was most successful. I again represented the Fellowship. I do not know the attendance numbers but my

observation was that as the hall was packed, when it wasn't last year, that the figures would have been up about three hundred people. We were showing that we care more about our Country.

Further signs that Australia Day Celebrations were increasing in popularity were evident at the forecourt of the Sydney Opera House. There were no spare seats among the official sections (there were last year) and the public area was full too. We were able to secure a section of the forecourt exclusively for members of the fellowship. All the places were taken up.

Some years ago one of my nieces was very kind to me, in return I got out to do her family tree. Her mother's tree (my sister Kathleen) was the same as mine so I only had to research her father's line. I found it rather hard to complete. However, in the meantime I had completed my Norfolk Island and Tasmania families to 1820. The missing information turned up there. The result was that my nieces father was another first fleeter. A convict on the

"Scarborough", who was not previously known to have had children, was positively identified. He was William Jenkins. The Jenkin's family accordingly was represented for the first time at our Annual Dinner.

I attended the opening of The Story of Sydney. This is a private initiative which has provided in Sydney's Rocks area a venture with a historical theme covering the whole of the activities of Sydney as a port and major city since 1788. The "Story" is in the former Mission to Seaman. It includes a cafe and reception facilities. It is well worthwhile visiting.

There have been 100,00 descendants of Nathaniel Lucas and Olivia Gascoigne. There is now another one. On 16th January my son Michael and his wife Margaret gave Sandra and I a grandson, James Michael (eight generation born).

Yours In Fellowship
James Hugh Donohoe

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Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri10am - 3pm, Tues10am - 5.30pm

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AROUND THE TREES

John Herbert/Deborah Ellam.

The Herbert Family Association Inc. would like to advise all descendants that a second reunion will be held in Parramatta Park on Saturday 25th May, 1991. 9.00am to 4.00pm

For further information regarding this reunion please contact:

Secretary, Robert Herbert.
P.O. Box 990
Bowral, NSW 2576.

Joseph Tuzo Descendants.

Priscilla and Johanna Tuzo (Golsby), the daughters of Joseph Tuzo and Rebecca Golsby married John and Benjamin Baylis, sons of Joseph Baylis, soldier who arrived in the Second Fleet on "Surprise".

A Baylis(s) Family Reunion will be held at St. Matthew's Church Hall, Windsor on 6th April, 1991.

As the Ladies Guild of St. Matthews will be catering for the lunch, please contact Margaret Torrens, 7 Knox Avenue, Epping NSW 2121 or phone (02) 868 4748 urgently if you wish to attend.

The cost will be \$10 per adult and \$5 per child/school student. Tea and Coffee will be provided. BYO soft drinks. No alcohol is allowed on the premises and no smoking is permitted inside the hall.

There is an additional charge of \$3 per adult to cover the hire of the hall, postage etc.

Please take this opportunity to meet your fellow descendants of Joseph Tuzo and Joseph Baylis.

BUY A BRICK DONATIONS

We wish to record appreciation to the following for recent donations to the Fellowship's "Buy a Brick" Fund. These names will be recorded in our Donor Book in the Library at First Fleet House.

M. Bailey, W. Hughes, J. Cox, B. Garth, J. Madden, J. Martin, R. Maddock, K & H. Wylie, C. Johnson, M. Carty, N. Edwards, E. Gardiner, W. Chapman,

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FROM THE MAILBOX

Congratulations to the Executive Committee.

The First Fleeters Index for the 1990 Newsletters (Volume 21) is very much appreciated and enables quick reference to all items concerning the individual First Fleeters.

Congratulations to the Executive Committee for the idea and for carrying out all the work involved in the preparation of the First Fleeters Index, Volume 21, 1990.

Arthur Dawson, Associate

(Husband of Norma Dawson, #727 FF
Henry Kable, Susannah Holmes,
Joseph Tuzo)

DAYTIME AUXILIARY to be revived on THURSDAY 7th MARCH 1991, 11.30am to 2pm

- * 11.30am Business - Set out guidelines for 1991
- * ELECT OFFICE BEARERS
- * 12.30 - Lunch - Bring your own sandwich, Tea or Coffee provided
- * 1.30 - SPEAKER
- * 2.00pm - Close

AUSTRALIA DAY 1991.

The Australia Day Eve Dinner was held in The Refectory, The Holme Building, Sydney University, on 25th January, 1991.

We were honoured to welcome our Patron, His Excellency Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair A.O. Governor of New South Wales and Mrs. Sinclair.

President James Donohoe gave the address "The Day We Celebrate", His Excellency responded and subsequently presented Life Membership Badges to five long serving Fellowship members.

Later, His Excellency and Mrs Sinclair moved round, table by table and spoke to all the guests.

We were also pleased to welcome representatives from the Australia-Britain Society, The Women's Pioneer Society, the John Palmer Society and Friends of First Government House Site, as well as our own members from Perth, W.A., Launceston, Tasmania and from Gundagai, NSW.

A good dinner in an elegant banquet room, "it was a wonderful night" that is the comment made by so many of our guests.

Extract of Speech made by His Excellency, Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair, A.O. Governor of New South Wales.

In his speech the Governor spoke with pride at being the Fellowship's Patron. The brief extract from his speech is as follows:

"My wife and I are delighted to be amongst descendants of First Fleeters. I cannot claim like by predecessor, to be one myself, but Shirley and I are no less conscious of our heritage and what we owe to our early pioneers.

As we move into our third century of history following first European settlement in 1788, it becomes increasingly important that we as a community recognise our national beginnings and heritage. Not only will passage of time make memories dim, but build up of a community with new arrivals whose origins lie in other than old colonial countries will, unless we take care, lead to a lessening of our sense of history and cultural origins.

That is why this Fellowship of First

Fleeters is so important. You must not only provide satisfaction and fellowship for your members, but keep awareness of the remarkable story of the First Fleet and the early days of the settlement alive in the minds of the community at large.

This is an important responsibility which rests on your shoulders. Shirley and I know you will fulfil that responsibility willingly and with great pride. That is why I am proud to be your patron. Shirley and I thank you again for your hospitality this evening and we wish you good fellowship in this coming year."

Australia Day, 26th January, 1991:

Fellowship members attended the official Australia Day Ceremony in the forecourt of the Opera House. We had a grand view from our not so grand "seats" on the steps.

It was a fine ceremony, introduced by the Chairman of the Australia Day Council followed by the presentation of the Australian National Flag to the Australian Defence Forces by The Hon. Nick Greiner, Premier, and a reading of Governor Phillip's Commission from King George III.

Our Governor, His Excellency Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair A.O. gave the Australia Day address. The Queen Anne Flag was raised, and all joined in singing "Advance Australia Fair". A Flypast by the Australian Defence Forces concluded the Ceremony. Music was by the Royal Air Force Band.

We quietly gave thanks for our humble forebears who came first to an untamed land and though they were unwilling, unskilled, and ill equipped they founded a Nation.

Sunday 27th January, 1991:

Fellowship members attended the Pioneer Service at the Garrison Church, Millers Point. Our Fellowship of First Fleeters banner was carried by Junior Member, Melanie Cowell, in the Parade of Flags.

After the Service the Flag bearers led the congregation in a procession down Argyle Street to Governor Bligh's statue where a tribute was paid for our fourth Governor of New South Wales, by Mr John Vaughan. The procession then moved to

Governor Phillip's memorial and Mr Vaughan spoke on Arthur Phillip, our first great Governor.

The final destination was The Links monument in front of the Customs House at Circular Quay. Each of the 15 flags was described as it was paraded from the First Fleet Re-enactment flag, to the Queen Anne Flag, the first National Flag of 1823, The Scottish, Irish, Cornish, and Welsh National Flags, The Lachlan Macquarie and Anglican Church Flags and finally our Australian National Flag, designed and adopted at Federation in 1901, may it fly proudly over our land forever.

Alice Clarke.

A Poem About Australia

A poem about Australia
Is what you want me to do.
But I am still a little kid.
With experiences so few.
I like to write about Australia,
My home land and my pride.
A wondrous place of freedom.
Of landscapes, far and wide.
Of highways cut through mountains,
The railways swift and sure
And up above the sky ways
Where the might, jets to sore.
But as I am just a little kid
I find it hard to do just so,
So let me tell you about
The little bit of Australia
That I really know.
I will try and tell you
How I get my kicks
In my little bit of Aussie
Out here in the sticks
When camping out and helping dad
On holidays I go

To wake up with the sounds of birds
In the mornings rosy glow.
To toil all through the heat of day.
To dust and flies and sweat
And to walk home along the creek bed
As evening comes our way
The dappled shadows shifting
As the breeze blows sort and slow
The enfoldment of the evening
In the hazy after glow.
As quickly night soft shadows,
Caress the bushland green
That's the best part of Australia
That I have ever seen
To sit then by the campfire
The embers glowing bright.
And hear tales told to me by dad
Far into the safe Australian night
From: "Gulgong in the Bush"
A selection of Poems by Sophia Gudgeon.

REMINISCENCES OF ERNEST HUXLEY as Jockey, Trainer and Owner

At the request of many sporting friends in Australia, India and England I have consented to relate some of my experiences on the Turf, extending over 49 years. In the year I was born, 1867, a disastrous flood swept over the country in which my parents had a farm at Sally's Bottoms, several miles from Richmond (NSW). The members of one family, named Eather, were all drowned. Our family comprised, six children. The other five were sent to a place of safety in the township, while I was placed on a bed in the barn, where the water was nearly touching the mattress. Had I been unduly active at that age, I should eventually have been drowned. My father's brother David arrived early in the morning and rescued and my father and mother. We three joined the other members of our household in Richmond.

At Sally's Bottoms my father did some breeding of horses, grazing, and cultivation, all three being in keeping with his business of providing teams transporting supplies to Gulgong diggings. On arrival at our new quarters my father took a store in the township, where he stocked groceries, ironmongery, sweets, etc, staying there for about eight years. He then took an hotel at Clarendon, between Richmond and Windsor, close to the Hawkesbury racecourse. The place was called the Chester Hotel, after the famous horse of that name owned by the late Mr. James White. That horse was ridden in some of his races by my brother William, an accomplished rider, who also rode for the renowned breeder of thoroughbreds, the late Mr. Andrew Town, tow of the best being Cap-a-pie, winner of the A.J.C St Leger, and Napper Tandy, winner of the Queensland Cup. Each was Hobartville bred. Mr Albert Cornwell was Mr. Town's trainer. He afterwards earned greater distinction through Lord Cardigan and Lord Nolan, both Melbourne Cup winners. Lord Cardigan also won the Sydney Cup. While at the hotel I learned to ride the pony on which my brother Bill had his early training. Many a thrill he gave me when I rode him in races on the sands of Clarendon, winning events for prizes such as bridles, saddles, spurs, etc., on Saturday afternoons. This little gem-a

real pet lived to be 34 years of age, and members of the Huxley family were indeed grieved when he died.

When I was 13 years I gained my father's consent to go to the Hawkesbury races at Clarendon, the first meeting of which was held in 1871, extending over two days, the stake money being on that occasion £700, spread over 12 races. Trainers principal event, the Hawkesbury Grand Handicap, was worth about £90. Trainers found no fault with the course in those days. Horses were used to galloping on rough tracks, and shrewd Judges, such as Honest John Tait, Etienne De Mestre and Old John Mayo, made few mistakes when they backed their horses at Oxbro, as some of the old sports used to pronounce Hawkesbury.

Tom Hales In The Saddle.

I attended the spring meeting, the first day of which was August 25, 1880, when my great wish was satisfied - the seeing of that superb horseman Tom Hales in action, never dreaming that in after years I should be pitted against him in some of the most thrilling finishes ever witnessed on a racecourse. The first race on the card was the Hawkesbury Guineas, worth about £200 to the winner, which proved to be Mr. W.A. Long's brown filly Geraldine, ridden by Tom Hales, who defeated Mr. James White's bay filly, Sapphire, ridden by my brother Bill. Sapphire (W Huxley) credited Mr. White with the cheque for the V.R.C. Oakes (5/11/1880) Geraldine also defeated Kamilaroi, Creswick and Lord Lisgar.

My next introduction was to a small man with a sandy beard, who afterwards became my staunch friend and adviser, Sam Cracknell. He steered the winner of the Country Purse, which success was followed next day by capturing the Hawkesbury Grand Handicap, defeating high-grade thoroughbreds such as Black Swan, Master Mildrodale, The Pontiff (ridden by Tom Hales), and the placed horses, Sweetmeat (second) and my brother Bill's mount Strathearn (third). Other successful riders in their day assisting

at the meeting were Paddy Figgot, Donald Nicholson and Jack Gainsford

A Four - Length Win

My next visit to Hawkesbury was to the autumn meeting, on April 7 and April 9, 1881. I was most anxious to set my eyes on Bob Patty and Phil Heywood, the cross-country riders, and I had my full pleasure when I saw Heywood pass the judge's box four lengths in the lead on Donald S.Wallace's Discount. Bob Patty's mount Marshal, owned by Jim McGrade, pulled up very lame. I again saw Tom Hales win, when he rode Mr. W.A. Long's The Wandering Jew to victory in the Rowley Mile and the Sportsmen's Cup. Another favourite of mine, Hugh Roarty, also won a double on Croydon, in the Public Auction Stakes, and The Gem, owned by Mr. John Mayo, who luckily defeated my brother Bill's mount, Etna, running in the nomination of Mr. James White, for two-year-olds, the race being the Claret Stakes. The judge's verdict was half a neck. The Rail-Handicap was a run away victory for Mr. J. Phir's chestnut horse, Saunterer, ridden by the late Samuel Pope Davis, who used to keep the Palace Hotel. Race course-road Newmarket.

Hawkesbury Handicap.

The principal race on the second day was the Hawkesbury Autumn Handicap, which was won by Mr. W.Browne's The Barber, among the defeated division being Black Swan, Woodlands, Sapphire, Lord Burgley, Strathearn, and the favourite, Gipsy Copper, ridden by Tom Hales for Mr. W.A.Long.

As time passed my father prospered in the hotel, and he obtained a nice type of horse, named Percy, whom he put into training, the owner being Mr. T.R.Smith, a member of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly. He was a difficult animal to ride, among his pilots being W.Leadbeater, Bricky Colley, Jim Gough, J.Phipps, and Mr. Benson, the amateur rider from Windsor, who was a son of a judge, and who had a nice pair of hands, which steered Percy in Masterly fashion into winning good races. Percy was a nice golden chestnut, fully 17 hands high, and a very tricky customer. I never knew what trick he would be up to next. I rode him once at the Windsor Farm in a handicap, and had a lead of 10

lengths two furlongs from home, when he crashed into a stump of a tree and fell. Neither of us was hurt. I was then aged 17 years, and turned the scale at 4st. 12lbs.

Mr. William Kelso, Senr. father of the popular Randwick trainer, rode the winner.

Brother Killed In Race

My father then got a horse from Mr. R. Mitchell, named Why Not, and put him into training. He was the cause of my brother Bill's death on the Clarendon course where he and I won our first races. This horse in due time was taken to the Cross Roads Club, near Sydney, and I had the mount, but I unfortunately met the same fate as was netted out to me on Percy. I was several lengths in the lead, with two furlongs to go, and he toppled over a post; my friend Bill Kelso rode the winner. I received a good shaking as a result of the fall, but the horse was alright.

My father then took Why Not to the Hawkesbury meeting of August 25, 1884, which was very pleasing to me, as I rode him in the Disposal Stakes but he finished out of place. The winner being How Long, who outlasted the even-money favourite, Rataplan, who had the services of the crack lightweight of those days, Donald Nicholson. Nicholson was killed in the Caulfield Cup of 1885, while riding Lord Exeter, the winner of that memorable event being Grace Darling, piloted by my old friend Jack Williams, who won the A.J.C. Metropolitan on Amendment for Mr. John Tait, in 1877.

When I was aged 12 years, at home with my father in the Hotel I was "Jack of all trades" and responsible for the firewood, the carting of water from the "pighole" some two miles away, and the riding of the horses in work. I also speculated in the buying and selling of poultry, pigs, calves, etc.

Tom Ugly's Point

One of my earliest setbacks in speculation was when my grandfather (Thomas Huxley) after whom Tom Ugly's Point was named, and whom the blacks called Tom Uckly, afterwards changed into "Tom Ugly", gave me his crop of peaches some thousands of cases, on the understanding that I would send

them to the Sydney market, which I did. I was a heavy loser on the transaction, the freight and charges being a very large sum.

I am now coming to the inseparable friends, the late Mr. Tom Payten and Mr. Harry Raynor, the latter still hale and hearty when I saw him in Sydney recently. Both were visitors to my fathers hotel. Tom Payten having succeeded Mr. Michael Fennelly in full charge of Mr. James White's horses, while Mr. Raynor was trainer for Mr. William Gannon, a noted owner, who raced Melos, Wycombe, The Australian Peer, Merriment, Arsenal, Keith, Gatling and others. On one of their visits I took them for a drive up the Kurrajong, and while mounting the hill Tom Payten spied some oranges, the juice of which on

A MOMENT OF VERSE

*"When you join the mob in praising
Those who spent their lives blazing
Tracks for other folks to safely tread
The Pioneering Band,
Don't forget that hearts were lightened
And long days of trial brightened
By the love and brave enduring
By the women of the land.*

*By Agnes Herbertson
Contributed by Marjorie Raven.*

such a hot day proved most refreshing. Before leaving that grove I became the owner of the whole crop for the sum of £150, selling it at a profit, which cleared all my losses on the peach transaction. On my return I was reprimanded by my father, and sent again to school, this time to Keenan's College, a high-class establishment at Windsor, and close to the property of Mr. McQuade, who was the member for the Hawkesbury in Parliament, and had a coursing ground along the Chain-O-Ponds. My chum at this college was Ike Cornwell, son of the owner-trainer Albert E. Cornwell. Unfortunately for me, my second day at school was my last, inasmuch as Ike and myself were wrongly accused of taking a cat down to the coursing ground, releasing it from a bag, to set Mr. Keenan's well-trained greyhounds on its trail. Our protests of innocence were disbelieved, and we had the indignity of a sound caning forced upon us.

Interview With Head Master

I felt a sense of injustice at such treatment, and decided to return home, which meant that I had to swim the river and walk miles. This accomplished, I went in search of my father, and reported what had occurred. He thereupon saddled up Greenstone and rode over to interview Mr. Keenan, who was nearly 7ft. high and 17st. in weight, as against my fathers 5ft.8in. and 11st. Arriving at the college heated words were the order of the hour, and blows were struck. These estranged acquaintanceship for ever.

My first appearance in the saddle on the Randwick racecourse was at the Sydney Tattersall's Spring Meeting of August 29, 1885, when I was entrusted with the riding of Mr. H. McLennan's chestnut gelding Recruit, in the Loftus Handicap, over a distance of one mile and a quarter. My feelings on that occasion would be difficult to explain. They were combined with a serious responsibility, and no small amount of nervousness particularly so when I entered the course proper to do my preliminary canter before so many thousands of patrons of the Turf. This performed I wended my way to the start when all these thoughts and feelings evaporated from my mind, and the sea of faces, which I can picture in my mind to-day, no longer worried me; my sole thought of being to make friends with my mount, which I flatter myself I did, as from the start jump out he strained every nerve to run a slashing race, and it was only at the distance that he was caught by Comet, Happy Thought and Folly. These three finished in the order given. The winner was owned by Mr. W.A. Long, of Grand Flaneur fame and was ridden by that expert horseman "Bricky" Colley. The second, who was favourite at 3 to 1, carried Martin Gallagher.

Recruit was defeated for fourth place by a head by Mr. James White's colt Lennox, ridden by Mick McAuliffe, and a high-class performer. The Broker owned by the well known bootmaker, Mr. Abe Halinbourg, finished alongside me. We were destined to meet a fortnight later, this time in the Hawkesbury Grand Handicap, where The Broker started favourite at 7 to 1, but Recruit was out-classed, and Mr. Halinbourg's horse was not quite equal to the contract, and had to be satisfied with third place. The winner was Prince Imperial, running in the nomination

of Mr. John Mayo, and ridden by the present Randwick trainer Frank McGrath, who tipped the scale at 6.12. These two horses were divided by Mr. James White's grey horse Despot, ridden by the vigorous and high class jockey, Bob Ellis, whom I saw at Dubbo Jockey Club spring meeting on September 29, 1886, ride seven winners and two seconds out of 10 races.

Returning to Recruit, he was again saddled up two races after the principal event won by Prince Imperial, this time in the Member's Handicap, a dash over seven furlongs. I had to strike my colours to that bonny brown mare Pet Girl, owned by my father's friend Mr. Albert E. ("Cracker") Cornwell, who defeated me all out by a clear length, Charley Steeper having the winning ride. This Hawkesbury meeting would not be complete without mentioning the name of Percy, on whom I had my early training as a rider. He started twice, in the Disposal Stakes and Ladies Bracelet, his pilot on each occasion being Billy Leadbeater, finishing out of place in each event. Mr. James White won two races with Nordenfeldt (Hawkesbury Produce Stakes), and Lennox (Maiden Plate) their respective riders being Tom Hales and Bob Ellis. Other leading jockeys assisting at this meeting were Bricky Williams, Brickey Colley, Donald Nicholson, Sam Cracknell, Tom Nerriker, and William (Dodger) Kelso.

First Randwick Win

My first win at Randwick was registered in the Trial Stakes on A.J.C. Derby Day, September 18, 1886, when I rode the race of my life on Neophyte in the blue and white colours of Mr. James White. There were nine starters, with heads separating each of us as we passed the judge's box. Elated with my riding and the thrilling finish, Mr. White came over to me and promoted me to be his second jockey under Tom Hales. This engagement meant me leaving home at the Chester Hotel and going to live at Mr. Michael Fennelly's Newmarket House at Lower Botany-road, near Randwick. My mother was loath to part with me, and after an outburst of tears eventually agreed. My sister was deputed to see me safely to my new home, and from that moment my reputation was made.

Fancy Slippers.

When I first met Mick McAuliffe at Newmarket House he was looking after a filly named Sumatra, but he made me laugh when I saw him go into her loosebox to clean up wearing a pair of woollen slippers with his initials in blue and white art silk worked on them. He was much annoyed at my jocularly and considered that I had forgotten my manners, but it was so funny that I could not help myself. Well, after my winning mount on Neophyte, I rode Mr. J. White's filly Tamarisk in the Spring Stakes, three races later, which ended in a dead heat between Crossfire and Lord William, the first-named being favourite at even money. My mount was close third. Star performers, such as Trenton, Cerise and Blue (Winner of the Sydney Cup), and Bravo (winner of the Melbourne Cup), were among the unplaced horses. The second day September 21, 1886 saw Tamarisk in the limelight, when with Tom Hales in the saddle, she ran a dead-heat with Crossfire in the A.J.C. Oaks. Crossfire was ridden by "Bricky" Colley Acme, carrying in the colours of Mr. White, was pacemaker, with Bob Ellis as her pilot. She finished third, some eight lengths further back. The last event of the day, the Squatters' Handicap, saw a good field, my mount being Mr. John Eales' brown gelding Myall King, who afterwards won three Viceroy's Cups, but my best effort was to run second, three lengths behind Mr. William Kelso's filly Corday.

In the first race of the third day, September 23, I rode Emerald, owned by Mr. Jon Eales, in the Suburban Handicap. Five horses fell—Recruit, Wollst, Merry Duchess, Rebus and Leichardt—and interfaced badly with me, the result being that I was exceedingly lucky to be placed third, "Bricky", Williams squeezing Falcon home first, with a half to spare from Albert Cornwell's colt Uppercut. Mr. Sam Martin produced the favourite who was none other than good old Hogmanay, winner of many a selling race as well as good handicaps when trained by the Late I.T. Carslake (Tommy Jones). On the fourth day September 25, I rode The Wreck in the Members' Handicap, but he ran unplaced, Bravo being the winner, followed home by My Lord and Neophyte, the latter ridden by Bob Ellis. I afterwards rode The Wreck to victory on December 27, 1886, in the A.J.C. Handicap. He was owned by

Mr. D.J. Cameron, and trained by Harry Raynor. I went to Victoria with Mr. White's horses, and rode at the V.R.C. meeting on October 30, 1886, my first mount being Hexham in the Hotham Handicap, Hexham started favourite at 4 to 1, and was defeated by Carbine's pilot, Bob Ramage, on Mr. John Whittingham's horse Claptrap.

First Melbourne Cup Mount

My next mount on Hexham was the following Tuesday, in the Melbourne Cup, Trident, his stable-mate, carrying Tom Hales, being favourite at 5 to 1. I acted as pace-maker, but the best Trident could do was to run fourth, the places being filled by Arsemal, Trenton and Silvermine, in that order. My first winner after returning to Sydney was at the Sydney Tattersall's Club. Summer Meeting on the A.J.C. course, Randwick. Faugh-a-Ballagh, carrying the colours of Mr. J. Dyke, passing the winning post in the Selling Race half a length a head of Lord Cochrane, owned by Mr. W.A. Long. Next day I was defeated on the same course and horse in the New Year's Gift by Spoilt Child - a son of Rapid Bay, on whom my brother Bill used to ride to victory. There were 23 starters in this event and a very rough passage was given to me, otherwise I might have won. Jack Fielder rode the winner.

Some Easy Wins.

The autumn meeting at Randwick was begun on April 9, 1887, and in the Trial Stakes I was the rider of Mr. White's two-year-old colt Aberdeen, who was favourite at even money. The race was never once in doubt, as he won "on the bit". On the second day of this meeting, April 11, I rode the same owner's brown filly, Lava, an odds-on-favourite at 6 to 4, who was defeated easily by Mr. W.E. Royd's filly Deva. Perfume was so restless at the post, lashing out with her heels and indulging in other antics that I was put on the outside of the field, and eventually fined £10 for disobedience at the post. I rode her again on the third day (April 14), and was third to the dead-heaters in the All Aged Stakes. Namely, Matador, 5 to 4 on, and Major George's horse, Nelson, 5 to 2 against. Nelson came from New Zealand and was six years old, as against Matador, a two-year-old. Saddled again,

Matador started again at 5 to 4 on and won the deciding heat easily by a length. Tom Hales was more fortunate than I was, as he rode Perfume (again Favourite) in the Second Nursery on the fourth day (April 16), and defeated a large field; but her conduct at the post on this occasion was much better. At this time I was beginning to study the horse and the best average means of gaining knowledge, with a view to getting the best efforts out of my mounts. I formed the opinion that a jockey will be better served if it be possible for him to make the acquaintance of the animal he is going to ride before the day of the race. He will, of course have hints given him with regard to the horse's disposition, but as horse's and horseman vary so much in their style of galloping and

riding, a turn on the training track would be infinitely of more value than words.

Although firmly installed in residence at Newmarket House, presided over by Mr. Michael Fennelly, I had plenty of opportunity for thought, and many a time my memory went back to my parents home at the Chester Hotel, the happy hunting grounds of my boyhood days, and the meeting place of all sportsmen, whether for a cock-fight, pigeon shooting, foot racing, or racing; my father spared neither time nor expense to give the best programmes, in addition a liberal prize money.

I remember one star performer who competed more than once in the £500 Sheffield Handicap. He was the renowned black man, Charley

Samuels, a runner who never knew the limit of his speed. At these fixtures leading Sydney book-makers used to operate, and some tidy sums of money were exchanged, as also was the case at the pigeon matches. Pigeon matches were most interesting to me from a financial point of view, as I made it a point to have never less than 1,000 strong fliers in their lofts, I sold them at 1/6 each, and, as the traps were less than half a mile from the Chester Hotel, it was a fairly profitable investment if any of them escaped the second barrel of the contestants, as they were resold by me in some instances three and four time over.

More of these interesting stories will be published in the next issue.

CONDOLENCES

ALFRED RAYMOND MEREDITH
(FF Frederick Meredith)

Honorary Member and a former Treasurer of the Fellowship.

Died 17th November, 1990

Sadly missed by his wife Ezima and family.

BITS AND PIECES

ST. ANNE'S RYDE NSW

In 1992 the Municipality of Ryde will be celebrating the Bicentennial of the creation of Local Government.

The Council has formed a Committee to arrange various memorial and commemorative functions.

St. Anne's has formed a Churchyard Committee to consider in what way they may be able to join the 1992 Bicentennial celebrations.

There are five known First Fleeters buried in St. Anne's:

John Small	d. 02.10.1850
Joseph Hatton.	d. 01.06.1828
Richard Hawkes.	d. 14.02.1832
James Bradley.	d. 16.02.1838
Edwin Goodin	d. 05.01.1839

Mrs Trevitt from St. Anne's has supplied us with a map of the

cemetery showing where John Small, Joseph Hatton, James Bradley and Edwin Goodin are buried as well as details of the inscription on their tombstones. This information was compiled in 1966 when the tombstones were all in place.

There is no known tombstone of Richard Hawkes. His was the 28th burial in this cemetery and the location is on the north side. The actual site is unknown.

The tombstone of James Small was moved the Small Family Descendants Association in 1973 to the Field of Mars for safe-keeping.

The tombstones of James Bradley, Joseph Hatton, and Edwin Goodin have been removed from their location and stacked in a pile with others. We have written to St. Anne's Parish Council requesting that they be relocated back to their original site of installed into a memorial wall as a 1992 Bicentennial project.

In 1990 the John and Mary Small Descendants Association (Inc.) erected a large memorial on John Small's gravesite detailing John Small's family contribution to the establishment of St. Anne's Church.

Doug Oakes,
Plaques Convenor.

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY, PARRAMATTA NSW

The Fellowship has been given permission to place memorial plaques on the family vaults for First Fleeters Christopher Palmer and Mary Kelly.

The dedication service will be held on

Sunday 14th April, 1991 commencing at 3pm.

Christopher Palmer died 12th April, 1831. He is the brother of John Palmer. Both brothers are buried in the Palmer Family Vault located in St. John's Cemetery, Parramatta NSW.

In 1978 the Fellowship had a plaque placed on the Palmer family vault for John Palmer without realising that brother Christopher is also buried there.

We particularly ask members of the John Palmer Family Society to join us on the day.

Mary (Dykes) Kelly died on 10th November, 1820. She is buried in the family vault at St. John's Cemetery, Parramatta. Mary Dykes was married twice. First to another First Fleeter, Humphrey Evans, and later to Hugh Kelly.

This will be the fourth visit that the Fellowship has made to this cemetery since 1976 for dedication services of memorial plaques of First Fleeters buried there.

These memorials will be the 13th and 14th plaques installed at St. John's Cemetery, Parramatta.

Doug Oakes,
Plaques Convenor.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE'S, ST MARYS NSW

In 1988 Jonathon King brought the tombstones of Philip Gidley King out with him on the First Fleet Re-enactment and had it relocated beside his wife's grave at St. Mary

Magdalene Anglican Church Cemetery, St. Marys.

Philip Gidley King, who died 3rd September, 1808 is buried in the churchyard of St. Nicholas, Lower Tooting, London, England.

The Parish Council of St. Mary Magdalene have given us permission to install one of our memorial plaques on Philip Gidley King's tombstone.

The dedication service will be held on Sunday, 7th July, 1991 straight after the 9.30am morning service.

The retiring rector of St. Mary Magdalene, Rev. Daryl Robinson, will perform the dedication service.

An invitation has been sent to the Shire President of the City of Penrith and members of the local historical society to join us at the dedication service.

We would particularly like descendant's of Philip Gidley King and their families to be with us and witness the service.

This will be the sixty-third plaque that the Fellowship has had installed on First Fleeters tombstones.

Reverend D. Robinson spoke proudly of the condition of the cemetery. In 1988, as a Bicentennial project, both the church and the church grounds were extensively refurbished.

Four retired parishioners voluntarily keep the cemetery in good condition.

Douglas Oakes,
Plaques Convenor.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

How They Are Accepted.

The Membership Committee handles all applications received by the Fellowship. This entails quite a deal of research for each one. The intending member has to fill in a form showing the line of descent from the First Fleeter(s) as the case may be. Some members are descended from as many as five, or even more First Fleeters. Each line or generation has to be checked and we request copies of Birth, Death and/or Marriage Certificates for proof (including their own birth certificate).

We have been compiling First Fleet Family Tree over the years and these help us with our new applications. Of course, this is an on-going operation and one which will never finish!

All the certificates sent in with the

applications are colour coded for generation down from First Fleet and then filed under their First Fleeter's name. This becomes a reference for later checking.

If the applicant is descended from a First Fleeter that we do not already have, we require documentation right back to the First Fleet for each generation.

When the applicant has been passed by the Membership Committee their name goes to the Executive for final approval. The new member then receives a Certificate of Membership and a Letter of Welcome from the President.

ARCHIVES

The Archives of the Fellowship are made up of the genealogical details of the descendants of First Fleeters. Extensive family trees are recorded, first in written form and then entered into the computer. Our records contain the details of some 180 First Fleet Families. There are 25 Family Associations working on these families and some 377 books have been printed recording the details of their lives and the lives of the early descendants.

scriptions and maps are all recorded in print for the use of future generations. The publication of this work "Where First Fleeters Lie" has been a significant achievement produced from the archival records of the Fellowship.

The narrative material received with the applications is also filed in the family files of all those First Fleeters from whom we have descended.

The archivist has spent the year putting together the record of our Bicentennial project - to identify with plaques the tombstones of First Fleeters and to install commemorative plaques on First Fleeter "sacred sites" - areas where First Fleeters are known to have been buried but where gravestones no longer exist. We have found some 72 such graves and some 19 sites to mark with the commemorative plaques.

Photographs of family groups, descriptions of sites, churches and ceremonies, gravestone inscriptions and maps are all recorded in print for the use of future generations. The publication of this work "Where First Fleeters Lie" has been a significant achievement produced from the archival records of the Fellowship.

PRESS RELEASE

6th AUSTRALASIAN CONGRESS ON GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY

Launceston, Tasmania
May 9 - 12 1991.

With less than one year to go, detailed planning for the Congress is now well in hand. The title of the Congress is "Our heritage in History" and the program, featuring 35 distinguished speakers from most states of Australia and 10 overseas speakers from England, Ireland, USA and New Zealand, has been finalised. Prominent among the overseas speakers are Colonel Iain Swinnerton and Mr. Colin Chapman, President and Vice President of the Federation of Family History Societies.

The program, containing 70 sessions, caters for both amateur and advanced genealogists and papers covering a broad range of topic will be delivered. Areas covered will include genealogical information sources, genealogical research techniques, local and social history, computers in family history, calligraphy, and the value of family history research in medicine.

The registration brochure which contains details of the speaking program and the registration form is now available. A number of Pre and Post Congress tours have been organised so that delegates from interstate and overseas can turn their visit to the island state into a holiday to remember. Autumn is one of the best times to see Tasmania. Any prospective registrants who has not yet received the registration brochure can obtain one from the Congress Convenor.

Further information can be obtained from the:

Congress Convenor

P.O. Box 60
Prospect
Tasmania, 7250
Australia.

Sirius Sculpture & Departure Celebration Party

Sculpture Gift.

As you are aware, Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council have acted as major sponsor, together with a significant donation from Sydney City Council, in the donation of a copy of the First Fleet Bicentennial Sculpture incorporating HMS SIRIUS shortly to be presented as a gift from the people of Sydney to the City of Portsmouth, U.K.

The sculpture celebrates the place of departure of the First Fleet, and will act as a focal point for visiting Australians exploring their heritage.

Australia Day Celebration

The original of the sculpture located at the Bicentennial Park in West Pymble will be the site of an Australia Day Ceremony on January 26, 1991, a

day to reflect with pride on our history, achievements and future.

The gift copy of this complex bronze sculpture will be unveiled in Portsmouth, U.K. on May 13, 1991, the day the First Fleet departed 204 years earlier.

Foundry Visit and Party

To give people the unique opportunity of seeing the actual sculpture before its departure, to study the techniques used in producing this and other unique bronze works of art in process, and to meet the sculptor, you are cordially invited to attend the "BON VOYAGE PARTY" at the FINEART BRONZE FOUNDRY premises, 2/20 Clearview Place, Brookvale, to be held on Friday 22nd February, 1991 at 6pm.

Registration is by sending a \$20 donation towards the cost of the sculpture to the address below.

Donor Plaques

A variety of attractive Plaques celebrating the gift and the historical significance of the Sirius and the First Fleet are available in return for the

donation of as little \$15 upwards, obtained by contacting Wilbur Wright above, or by donation at the Bon Voyage Party. Funds raised will be used for the cost of the Gift Sculpture. \$15, \$30 or \$40.

Historical Tour

You are also invited to join the historical tour incorporating the RSL group visiting six British First Fleet Cities, culminating in being present at the unveiling ceremony of the SIRIUS SCULPTURE in Portsmouth on May 13, 1991.

Urgent

It is important to respond promptly with your booking, contribution or requests (include stamped addressed envelope, as the time is fast approaching)!!

Wilbur Wright
1/51 Fairlight St.
Fairlight, NSW 2094

Phone: (02) 94-4512
Fax: (02) 290 2958

1991 RSL Heritage Tour

Departing: Monday 29th April, 1991 - Flying with Singapore Airlines.

Cost: \$5,395 per person twin share.

Commence Paris, then through Amiens to PERONNE with a stop at Bullecourt for a Civic Reception and wreath laying ceremony also visiting Vimy Ridge YPRES with our tour of Northern France Battlefields concluding with the unforgettable memorial ceremony at MENIN GATE. Cross the Channel by hovercraft to Dover where we board our coach for the drive to BATH where we pay tribute to Governor Phillip at a church service conducted by the Vicar of Hampton then follow the scenic North Devon coastline to PLYMOUTH where Captain Cook and the Pilgrims began their historic voyages where our visit will end with the commemoration of the embarkation of two First Fleet ships at Barbecon with the Mayor of Plymouth officiating. Cross to Dartmoor onto LYNDHURST visiting the Isle of Wight and then to PORTSMOUTH where there will be numerous ceremonies one of which will be presentation of the sculpture "HMS SIRIUS" departing for London where our last day on tour includes meeting with the British Australia Society at St Katherine Dock and visit

Captain Hunter's grave and the birthplace of Governor Philip - followed by a farewell dinner.

You may extend at no additional cost to air fare - Tour includes breakfast each day and official dinners where applicable - economy class return air travel and accommodation based on 2 persons sharing a room

Please contact:
RSL Travel (NSW)
1st Floor 36 Clarence St.
Sydney, NSW 2000
Phone: (02) 29 7029/29 4315.

First Fleet House Improvements

The verandah has finally been glazed in at First Fleet House and allows more room for our office workers. Our thanks go to the Lucas Family for the donation of carpet for the floor and to the Tunks Descendants Association for the light fittings.

Rookwood Tours Reg.

(see social diary for dates)

Meeting Place:
Necropolis Circuit (Near East St.

Gate)
Regardless of Weather
Time: 10am to 4pm (approx)

Look for:
Joan Sigris, Carolyn Byrnes,
Judith Hunter, Robyn Hawes,
Judy Engall, Helen Woodward
(wearing RED hats)

Bring: Lunch and liquid refreshments

Wear: Strong Walking Shoes, Casual comfortable clothes and hat.

Cost:
Adults: \$5ea Full Day
\$3ea Half Day

Children Free

Reference Library Shelf List - 1990 continued.

Fellowship members are encouraged to use the material in our Library. However, material may not be borrowed or taken from the Office. Photocopying of any reference material is subject to the current Copyright Law.

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ON SALE

NEW NAME BARS

We now have a new design for Name Bars, with Fellowship of First Fleeters, YOUR NAME, NAME or NAMES of YOUR FIRST FLEETER(S) and a small ship logo beside the names.

Fellowship of First Fleeters, is in blue, together with the logo, Names are in black, on a white base.

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\$5.00 for 6 cards
\$8.00 for 10 cards
Add a little extra for postage.

SOCIAL DIARY

7th March, 1991

Daytime Auxiliary

March, 1991

Matthew Everingham

6th April, 1991

Joseph Tuzo Descendants

14th April, 1991

St. Johns, Parramatta NSW

April/May 1991

Heritage Tour to France and England

9th - 12th May, 1991

Sixth Annual Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry

Saturday 25th May, 1991

Herbert Family Reunion

7th July, 1991

St. Mary Magdalene's St. Marys NSW

Rookwood Tours

3rd	March
7th	April
5th	May
2nd	June
7th	July
4th	August
1st	September
6th	October
3rd	November

1992

Pioneer Reunion - Ryde Municipality

Don't forget to wear your First Fleet T-Shirts, Windcheaters, Ties etc to these outings.

FROM THE EDITOR

This year as in 1990 all birth and marriage notices will be held over for the Nov/Dec Newsletter but as mentioned in the President's Report the birth of James Michael Donohoe (FF Nathaniel Lucas/Olivia Gascoigne/James Squire/Edward Goodin) born 16th January, 1991, first grandchild of our President James Donohoe and Allison Jennifer Chensee, born on Australia Day, first daughter of our Newsletter printer, Stephen Chensee and his wife Jenny of "In Fine Print", Liverpool, NSW. Very warm congratulations from all members.

I look forward to hearing from members with your ideas for improvement of the Newsletter and your most welcome snippets.

Many thanks for your Christmas wishes and I must apologise for not returning same as the end of 1990 was very, very hectic, but will be in touch in the future.

Rhonda Kroenhert
Editor.

NEWSLETTER CLOSING DATES

Closing Date	In Office for Posting	Newsletter Month
21st March 1991	18/4/91	March/April
23rd May 1991	20/6/91	May/June
18th July 1991	15/8/91	July/August

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