

Founders

NEWSLETTER OF FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS

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

PATRON: Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir, AC, Governor of New South Wales

President's report

Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir, AC, Governor of New South Wales has kindly granted Vice-Regal Patronage to the Fellowship of First Fleeters.

The Fellowship trip to Norfolk Island was an unqualified success. A full report including eulogies, written by Pamela Hempel [FF John Barrisford] will appear in the next issue of Founders. I have submitted a personal report for inclusion in this issue.

Plans are in hand for our Genealogical Records to be placed on CD Rom by the Genealogical Society of Utah. On completion, the Fellowship will be given copies, and a master copy will be kept at Salt Lake City in the USA. This will ensure that our valuable records, numbering many thousands of copies of Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates will be kept safe for all time. In the near future we will be calling for volunteers to be on hand at First Fleet House whilst the records are computerised.

I recently received an email from member Stephen Mutch with regard to the forthcoming Census. Due to Stephen's efforts whilst a Member of Parliament, and aided by Nick Vine-Hall, this Census may be kept in storage and released after 100 years. There appears one catch ... it will be up to you to retain the record by placing a tick in an appropriate box.

Congratulations to member Syd Ballard of our Northern Rivers Chapter on reaching the grand age of 100 years. Syd has been a keen member of the Fellowship over a number of years and I have personally enjoyed his company on a number of occasions, not only on my visits to Lismore, but we were both on the 1988 pilgrimage to Tasmania. Wheels were set in motion at the last meeting of the Executive to confer Life Membership on Syd. Under our Memorandum and Articles of

Association this has to be ratified at our next AGM in November. I hope to be able to present Syd with his Life Membership badge in person in the near future.

Quite a number of members [and other members of the public] over the past 12 months have phoned or written to me about the Bonds of Friendship. It was rumoured that they would be placed, heaven forbid, near the Maritime Museum but from what I can gather that organisation does not want them!!! I have again written to the City Council requesting that either they be replaced in front of the Customs House at Circular Quay, or in some position in First Fleet Park. I am beginning to wonder if there is some kind of hidden agenda that the City Fathers have about this memorial. It is a living statement of our European history, a memorial to those who founded this nation as we now know it, complementing a similar structure at Sallyport in Portsmouth where our forefathers embarked, free or

bonded, for a new life in a new land. At one stroke, the Lord Mayor could replace the 'missing links'. What holds him back? Is the memorial an embarrassment? Is it a case of being politically correct? The Bonds of Friendship, funded by various organisations, unveiled by the Governor-General Sir Zelman Cowan, in the presence of the then Lord Mayor and the then President of the Fellowship Mrs Beryl Lewis stood pretty well near the spot where the first Europeans stepped on shore. May I appeal to members and our fellow Genealogical and Family History Societies to write to the Lord Mayor requesting that the memorial be restored to its original place. I must thank Marj Ravens, FF Thomas Arndell/Elizabeth Burley, for not only her effort in endeavouring to get this memorial restored, but prodding me along to do likewise!

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... IT IS A LIVING STATEMENT OF OUR EUROPEAN HISTORY ...

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News of Members

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

FOR PERIOD 7 FEBRUARY 2001 TO
28 MARCH 2001

We extend a warm welcome to new members joined during this period, ten adults, five juniors and three spouse associates.

MATTHEW EVERINGHAM: Mrs Lynette May Swift.

ROBERT FORRESTER: Miss Sophie Matilda Crocker (jun).

PETER HIBBS: Miss Dawn Golding, Miss Rose Golding.

EDWARD PUGH – HANNAH SMITH: Mrs Lesley Jean O'Brien, Miss Deborah Joy O'Brien, Miss Catherine Elizabeth O'Brien (jun).

WILLIAM ROBERTS: Mr Ronald William Hurst, Mrs Sharron Maree Stewart, Miss Jessica Sarah Howard (jun), Mr Liam Conor Minehan (jun).

JAMES SQUIRES: Mrs Susan Gaye Goodwin, Mr Ethan Jenkins (jun).

ISAAC TARR: Miss Elizabeth Claire Lamb, Mr Christopher Lamb.

Spouse associates of earlier members: Mrs Elizabeth McInnis (sp Mr Roy McInnis); Mrs Anisa Crocker (sp Mr Daniel Crocker); Mr Sean Trebley (sp Ms Lisa McGee).

Woronora Heights and grandson to John (#6701) and Judy Minehan. Eighth generation.

ZACHARY RICHMOND HAYES PAYNE (FF Robert Williams) born 27 February 2001 at Chesterfield, UK. A son for Jeff and Allison, a grandson for the Reverend James Richmond Payne (#6311) and wife Joan. Eighth generation.

TAHNEE ROSE SIMPSON (FF Matthew Everingham – John Nichols), 20 March 2001 at Campbelltown, a daughter for Alison and Greg, first grandchild for Judith (#4085) and Warren Manuel. Seventh generation.

MARRIAGE

DESLIE COX (#5186 FF Andrew Fishburn) to **BRADLEY BRAMPTON**, Saturday, 24 March 2001, Brisbane Tattersalls Club.



DEATHS

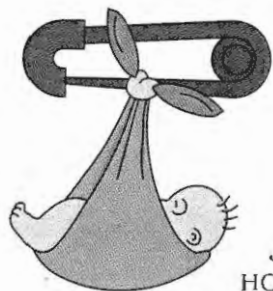
Deepest sympathy is extended to the families of the following:

MARGARET ANN ELLIOTT, passed away 17 March 2001. Descendant of First Fleeter Ann Forbes. 6843

LEE CAROL GUERRERA (#5524), passed away 5 February 2001. Descendant of First Fleeters Esther Abrahams and Rosanna Abrahams.

**Closing date for
copy and pictures
May/June issue
May 25 2001**

**OFFICE HOURS
10.00am to 3.00pm
Monday to Friday**



BIRTHS

Welcome to additional First
Fleeters:

JESSICA HOWARD (FF William Roberts), born 14 May 2000, at Kogarah. Daughter of Scott and Therese, sister to Claire Emily (#6721) Howard of Engadine and granddaughter to John (#6701) and Judy Minehan. Eighth generation.

LIAM CONOR MINEHAN (FF William Roberts), born 20 January 2001 at Kogarah. Son of Michael and Antoinette Minehan of

what's *on*

TRIP TO DARTMOUTH ALPINE RETREAT

SUNDAY 6 MAY TO FRIDAY 11 MAY

DARTMOUTH – North East Victoria – innocent and unspoiled.

Please send balance of payment ie \$457 less deposit paid to Fellowship of First Fleeters by the middle of April 2001.

Coach leaves Bay 4, Eddy Avenue, at 7.30am.

Coach Co. is Transit Scenic Coaches.



HAWKESBURY PIONEER REGISTER Vol. II

The Hawkesbury Family History Group is collecting information for the long-awaited Hawkesbury Pioneer Register – Vol. II. The Hawkesbury Pioneer Register – Vol. I, originally published in 1994, has been a huge success. The first volume had over 1,000 entries from 450 family history researchers, from all over Australia. We are now gathering information about families that lived in the Hawkesbury and were not included in the first volume.

Forms are available as follows :

■ Request forms from Hawkesbury Family History Group c/- Hawkesbury City Library, Dight Street, Windsor 2756 NSW

■ Check the web http://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov/library/family_history_group.htm and print out forms

■ By email hpr2001@hotmail.com

■ Telephone (02) 4560 4466

The closing date is 30 April 2001. The expected publication date is September 2001.

Updates and corrections for Hawkesbury Pioneer Register – Vol. I are also being accepted. Information can be sent by photocopying the relevant information from Volume I with clearly marked corrections. Do not forget to add your name and address plus details of sources. Updates and corrections can also be sent on the current forms being distributed.

You do not have to be a descendant to submit a form. Forms can be completed for a person or family that you have compiled information on whilst undertaking research. Many of the Hawkesbury's well-known identities are unfortunately not included. If you are interested in compiling a form on some of the 'left-out' families, please contact Michelle Nichols on (02) 4560 4466.

SOUP AND DAMPER DAY

WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY 2001, 11.30AM.

Speaker to be announced.

BOOK NOW! PLACES LIMITED



Mrs Rosetta Edge

SECOND GENERATION AUSTRALIAN nee Douglas

In talks with my mother, Christine, granddaughter of Rosetta, over the years but more so recently, I can report what my grandmother had told her.

She lived a few months short of 101 years. She was in hospital only once when she fell and broke her hip. Right up to the end she was an alert and smart old woman. Her memory was clear and around the time of her hundredth birthday she gave interviews to the local newspaper. (Coff's Harbour's own 'Advocate').

In these reports it stated that Rosetta is a truly remarkable woman. Despite her great age, she is very active and independent. She scorns any offer of assistance from her family in her daily activities. Her only handicap is deafness but this is compensated by her excellent eyesight and steady hand. She reads small print without glasses, sews and does some beautiful fancy work. In her younger days she was an expert horsewomen and crack rifle shot.

Rosetta gets a happy twinkle in her steel grey eyes when reminiscing of the pioneer days. She knew Kate Kelly and the blacksmith who had made Ned Kelly's armour and something of the exploits of the Kelly Gang. This was when she lived on Mangrove Mountain and the blacksmith was an Ivy Boyd.

This account is mentioned in the book 'The Ferry The Branch The Creek' (Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society).

One of her pleasant memories was the celebration in Sydney on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. It was during these celebrations that the electric light was switched on in George and Pitt Streets.

Another outstanding occasion was the Australian Centenary Celebrations. She recalls how whole bullocks were roasted in Moore Park and seeing cheese weighing half a ton into which half sovereigns were moulded in a shop window.

Rosetta was an aunt of Mary Jane Cross who died one month before her hundredth birthday. She attended Mary Jane's wedding as a bridesmaid and in latter years Mary Jane was affectionately known as The Grand Old Lady of the Hawkesbury River (lived all her life at Wisemans Ferry).

When she was 97 years old Rosetta sent one pound to the Editor of the 'Grafton Examiner' to go towards the fund for the construction of a ward at the Grafton Base Hospital for the Aged and Chronic Sick. (Her own mother, Jane Douglas nee Wright, had died a pauper's death.)

Rosetta is the third generation of a family that has been associated with Australia's development since colonisation began. Her grandfather, Chief Constable Douglas, was among the first colonists to sail from England and her parents were born in N.S.W.

The Chief Constable was in charge of convict gangs that constructed the road from Wisemans Ferry to Windsor. She remembers vividly stories told to her of escapades of the marauding bands of escaped convicts who raided settlers' properties in the local district.

Her father, William Douglas, was a Hawkesbury River farmer and she was the second youngest of a family of 10 children. She was born at Wollombi 21 December 1854. Twenty four years later she married Charles Edge who was engaged in the construction of bridges in the district.

There is a pronounced strain of longevity in Rosetta's family. Her aunt Mrs Yates of the Yates seeds family lived to 95 years; her sister Mrs Sweetman to 91 years; her mother (June Wright) and another sister lived to 83 years and her Grandfather William Douglas reached the age of 81 years. Rosetta's sister was Sarah Jane Douglas.

IVAN CHRISTIAN
Great-grandson 1988



Norfolk Island

MARCH 2001



I would just like to share with you some thoughts on the Fellowship's recent pilgrimage to Norfolk Island where four plaques were dedicated to First Fleeters who died on that island. As I intimated in my general report, Member Pamela Hempel will give a full report on our trip in the next issue of *Founders*. Some 56 First Fleeters were represented by their descendants and personally it was a privilege to be involved in the whole exercise in leading this dedicated band of members, most of whom were retracing steps of their forebears. I think we had some 59 members present and the Victorian counterpart of a First Fleet organisation had 24 members. I must say it was a pleasure to meet Ric Stonehouse who is President of the Victorian First Fleet Fellowship. Other than exchanging newsletters and Christmas cards we have little contact with each other. United we stand ... divided we fall!!!

The week was indeed a week of Fellowship. It was, on your behalf, a privilege at a luncheon, to present the Governor-General, Sir William Deane, with a copy of 'Where First Fleeters Lie' and later to invite him to unveil the Queen Anne Jack from the four memorial plaques.

I would like to pay tribute to the efforts of Pamela and Bill Hempel in their wonderful PR work on behalf of the Fellowship. To Norma and Lyle Hunt, my appreciation for the car drives, to my cousin John Daniell and his wife Val, for our rather unsuccessful detective work to find the grant of William Tunks, to Shirley and Jim Mills for their Fellowship in many ways, to Julia and Don Cornford from Brisbane, to those who gave a eulogy ... Margaret Geeves, Norman Kingham and Jean Taylor. If I have forgotten a pilgrim, my apologies, but may I say I enjoyed the company and fellowship of you all. You came from all states and territories of our nation, bar Northern Territory and I can say that we 'did our forefathers proud.' No doubt Pamela will go into more detail in the next issue but may I thank you all once again for a wonderful week of Fellowship.



Finally, I would pay tribute to Doug Oakes whose spadework in the preparation of the plaques and the organising of speakers for the eulogies ensured that all went smoothly on the day. Thank you Doug.

PETER



PRESIDENTS REPORT

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In this issue is an order form for polo shirts with an FFF motif. A number of members wore these shirts on Norfolk Island and may I say they looked terrific. Executive member Barry Roberts is organising the retail part of this exercise and the Fellowship receives a payment on all sold. This issue of Founders includes an order form and I commend it to you.

February/March were fairly busy. I represented the Fellowship at the Annual Church Service to commemorate the First Christian Service in the Colony at St. Phillip's, Church Hill. Spoke to the 1788-1820 Pioneer Association and also to the Hurstville Historical Society. I was delighted that our former Archivist, Joyce Cowell, was present at the latter venue. The first week of March was the pilgrimage to Norfolk Island, on 13 March I spoke to the Banger Ladies Probus Club and two days later found me at Riverwood speaking to the Kingsgrove View Club. I must say that I find it most rewarding spreading the story of our First Fleeters and endeavouring to inculcate a love of our Nation's history among our fellow Australians.

To all Meredith Descendants: there will be a family get-together on April 29 at 10.30am – venue Collingwood House Congressional Drive, Liverpool. Who would be game to invite Kerry Packer, a descendant of Frederick Meredith through his mother Gretel Bullmore???

Also calling all descendants of Jane Langley for a book launch on Sunday June 10 at Curzon Hall, Field of Mars, at 2.30pm. It will be my privilege to launch this book and I look forward to an afternoon of Fellowship with the First Fleet descendants of Jane.

In the next issue of Founders would you all please note that subs will be due by 1 July. How about rounding it off as a donation or more importantly, endeavour to enrol a friend or family member, First Fleeter, into our Fellowship. The future will depend on you and your descendants!!

In conclusion to this report may I share something with you.?

Whilst having dinner one evening at a restaurant in Norfolk Island, surrounded by a host of First Fleeters, a little girl presented me with a small card, the front of which had the drawing of a cat, and on opening, the text said ... 'To Peter ... love Lily'. Lily is a four-year-old descendant of William Hubbard, First Fleeter. Above everything else, that made my trip worthwhile!

In Fellowship
PETER

Assistant Surgeon Thomas Arndell

Following the publication of my two books, *Assistant Surgeon Thomas Arndell – The Man He Was Not*, in 1986, and *Assistant Surgeon Thomas Arndell – The Man He Was*, in 1988, many descendants have asked me if Thomas Arndell was/is entitled to be addressed as 'Doctor'. I would now like to explain the exact position.

On 28 March 1775 he was admitted into the Freedom of the City of London by Redemption in the Company of Wheelwrights, exactly as his cousin, Thomas Arndell, was 21 years previously. At the end of the Certificate of Freedom his profession is given as 'Apothecary'. The Court Minutes of the Company of Wheelwrights indicate that he gained his Freedom of the Company by Redemption on 22 March 1775. According to the records of the College of Surgeons of England, he 'qualified by oral examination on 6 September 1781 before the Court of Examiners as Mate to an Indiaman (ie fit to be an Assistant Surgeon in a ship of the East India Company)'. On 24 September, 1781, he boarded the East India Company ship *Major*, as a Surgeon's mate and, having served more than twelve months in a hot climate went on board the

Rochford on 12 December, 1782, as a 'Surgeon'.

His Patent of Appointment dated 25 October, 1786, appoints him as 'Assistant Surgeon to the Settlement within Our Territory called New South Wales'.

During my research in colonial papers I have never observed that he was called anything but 'Assistant Surgeon', 'Thomas Arndell Esq.', 'Thomas Arndell' and occasionally 'Tom Arndell'. I decided to write to The Royal College of Physicians, Macquarie Street, Sydney, to ask the experts, to which the Librarian, History of Medicine Library, replied:

'... I consulted Dr Bryan Gandevis, a retired physician, and a historian, whose specialty is Australian medical history. He confirms that you are correct. "Doctor" is an inappropriate title. Arndell should be referred to as "Assistant Surgeon" "Mr" or just plain "Thomas".'

This is one more piece of information about our ancestor that is proved beyond doubt.

MARJORIE RAVEN

EXTRACTS FROM SYDNEY GAZETTE

AND

NEW SOUTH WALES ADVERTISER

NATIVES

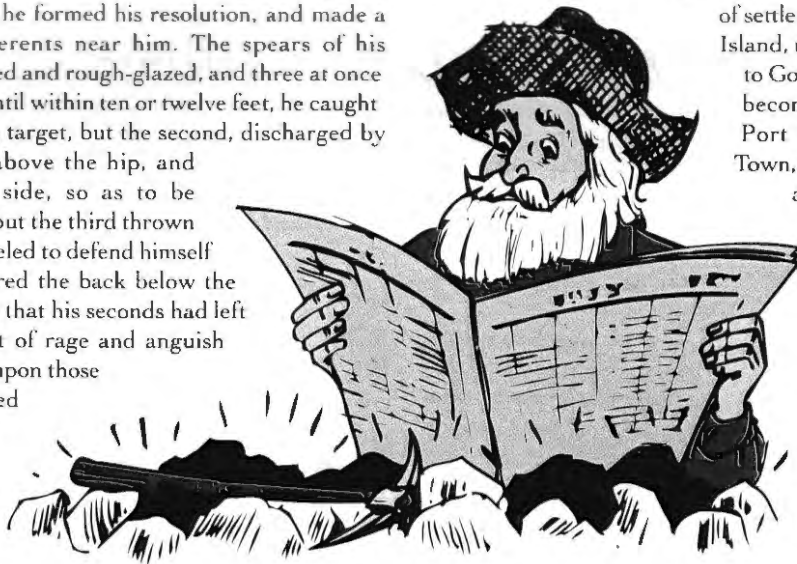
On the road between Parramatta and Prospect a meeting took place on Monday last for the purpose of inflicting punishment on a native well known at the above settlements by the name of Goguey, whose mischance it had been to hasten one of his opponents departure for the shades on a milar occasion. His crime was defensible upon custom nmemorial; but so likewise was his extraordinary mode of arraignment an event consequent upon the former. Perceiving an unusual degree of rancour in the menaces of his judges, he endeavoured for a short time to avoid them by retiring; but being closely pursued he formed his resolution, and made a stand, with two adherents near him. The spears of his adversaries were barbed and rough-glazed, and three at once advancing upon him until within ten or twelve feet, he caught the first thrown on his target, but the second, discharged by Bennelong, entered above the hip, and passed through the side, so as to be afterwards extracted; but the third thrown by Nimbery as he wheeled to defend himself from the former, entered the back below the loins; when perceiving that his seconds had left him, he in a transport of rage and anguish turned his resentment upon those from whom he expected ssistance but bad .eceived him, and then exhausted, fell. The last spear he received was attempted to be drawn by two Europeans induced from motives of humanity to render their assistance; but their combined strength was ineffectual, and the unfortunate creature was on Thursday night last still numbered with the living, but the spear continuing immoveable.

NORFOLK ISLAND

The indulgences to be granted from the Crown to such approved settlers as choose to remove from Norfolk Island to Port Dalrymple or Hobart Town on the River Derwent are explicitly detailed in a General Order issued by His Excellency on the 15th instant, from which we respectfully copy the conditions, viz

- "I. Every settler who holds a Grant of Land in his own right may remove from Norfolk Island to Port Dalrymple, or Hobart Town on the Derwent.

- "II. Such persons are to deliver their live stock to the Commandant; and on producing his certificate, the same or an adequate quantity will be replaced at Port Dalrymple or Hobart Town.
- "III. Such part of the dead stock, which comprehends ploughs, carts, harrows, &c may be put on board the ship they embark in; or any quantity of tools they leave possession of the storekeeper will be returned to the proprietor, in addition to those he will be allowed, on producing the storekeeper's receipt to Lieutenant Governor Paterson or Collins.



- "IV. The lands the above description of settlers may vacate at Norfolk Island, upon surrendering them to Government the parties will become entitled to Grants at Port Dalrymple or Hobart Town, in the proportion of four acres for every acre they may have brought under cultivation at Norfolk Island; and of two acres for every acre of waste land; be entitled to rations for themselves and each individual in their respective families during the term of 12 months after their arrival at either of the above places, with the labour of two convicts for that term, and such further assistance as new settlers are accustomed to receive.

"As the future and present reduction of the Civil and Military Establishment and the prisoners will do away a considerable part of the expence incurred on account of the Island, less demand will consequently exist for the settlers' overplus Grain; but it is to be understood, that any quantity of pork for salting will be received from individuals at the proper Time of year, provided salt and casks are obtained, which there is every reason to expect will be furnished from hence, in addition to the salt that may be made on the Island."

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1805

Calling all Genealogists ... You are needed !!!

'SAVE OUR CENSUS' CAMPAIGN

The 7 August 2001 survey will be the first national census of Australia to survive for 173 years.

But, the Government is only going to keep part of it. The Honourable Joe Hockey, MP, Minister for Financial Services, has advised that Australian Bureau of Statistics and the National Archives will only retain on microfiche copies of census forms on which respondents specifically tick 'YES' to Question 50. All others will be shredded.

This census is going to cost around \$200 million of taxpayer funds. So, let's not waste it. We must educate as many Australians as possible of the importance of retaining this census data.

Please spread this message around your family circle and friends. AFFHO can supply you with special mail stickers designed to place on the back of your outward correspondence. Send one with a letter to your local Federal MP and ask for their support in publicising the campaign in their electorate newsletter.

Please join with Australia's estimated 300,000 genealogists, historians, doctors, geneticists, epidemiologists, demographers and others, and tell your friends about saving these important records.

If you are a member of an Australian genealogical society, local history group, or other body concerned with Australia's cultural heritage, you can surely help in forcing the saving of the records.

NICK VINE HALL –

Chairman, Census Working Party –

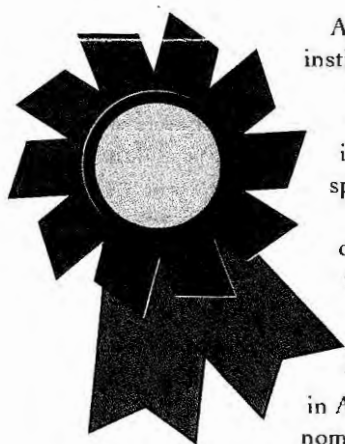
Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations Inc.

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SAVE OUR CENSUS ...

On 7 August 2001 – Tick YES...

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS MEDAL 2000 AWARD



A very special medal was instituted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Australia, to commemorate, in the year 2000, Australian sporting achievement.

It was established as a commemorative award within the Australian honours system and made at the discretion of the Governor-General.

Each major sporting body in Australia was asked to submit nominations.

Our Mrs Dot Johnson OAM was among the nominations forwarded by the Australian Women's Bowling Council Inc., in recognition of her 35 years' service

to the New South Wales Women's Bowling Association (inaugurated 1929). She is the longest serving officer of this State association.

Her service included:

- Editor, State journal 'Bowls News' (14 years);
- Vice President; State President; and;
- Chairman, Historians' Committee.

At national level, her service also included:

- Nine years as NSW delegate to the AWBC Inc.;
- Chairman of National Umpires' Committee, and;
- The National Umpires' Committee at its formation.

First Fleeter Ann Forbes's descendant, Dot has also been busy over the past 13 years at Fleet House compiling the family trees.

mail box

First Fleeter Thomas Spencer (Marine), Mary Phillips Convict. I would appreciate anyone who could help with Thomas's birth date and place,

Email: ptuckfield@optusnet.com.au

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