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TO LIVE ON IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS
OF DESCENDANTS IS NEVER TO DIE

FFF Board taken to Court!



This gathering was caught unaware in front of the Old Court House in Wollongong. The occasion in June was the visit of the Fellowship Board, for its first meeting ever in "regional territory", that of the South Coast Chapter. The meeting was preceded by a social gathering with Chapter members and friends during which **Peter Christian** gave an intricate, yet whimsical account of the history of the Fellowship. The hosts were lavish in their provision of morning tea and the local deli excelled itself with the luncheon fare.

Chapter President, **John Boyd**, was proud to show off the building. It was designed by Alexander Dawson as the Gong's Courthouse from 1858 to 1885. It then became in turn the Customs House until 1903, the Army Drill Hall from 1904 to 1973 and the HQ of the Naval Reserve Cadets from 1974 to

1999. The restored building now operates as an Environment and Heritage Centre, and is owned by Council.

John went on to conduct a brief tour of some inner city heritage sites including the plaque designating the founding of the Illawarra by Surveyor General Oxley in 1816, the plaque to Charles Throsby Smith, founder of Wollongong, the rotunda recording the centenary of the landing of the first Europeans in the district, Bass and Flinders in 1796, and the excellent atmospheric Illawarra Museum.

The Board Meeting was the first occasion when the three newly-appointed members, Keith Thomas, Robin Palmer and Ron Withington were all in attendance. So photos were taken to support a short profile of the trio which you may, if inclined, read on Page 2.

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Dates to Remember

Sunday 14 September at 2.00pm

TUNKS BRIDGE WALK – FOR MOBBS OF PEOPLE

Saturday 20 September at 2.00pm (see page 11)

INAUGURATION OF ORANGE /BATHURST CHAPTER

Wednesday 15 October at 12 noon (see page 10)

ANNUAL PHILLIP'S DAY COMMEMORATION



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Greetings from the President

Historic Meeting of Chapters

Saturday 30 August 2008 saw the gathering of representatives of our Chapters, meeting with the Board in Conference for the first time. A total cast of 26 members discussed the way forward in regard our Chapters. We now have ten Chapters with the likelihood of the formation of another one in the Orange/Bathurst area during September (see *Chapter Liaison Report*). Jean Mortimer has been working hard mailing out invitations to members in the catchment area, with very encouraging responses to date.

The Conference, initiated by the Board, is seen as one of the ways of encouraging growth within the Fellowship. The various Chapter representatives agreed that as much publicity as possible should be sought in the local media, such as was achieved by the Eastern Farms Chapter recently in the *Northern District Times*, when they obtained a double-page spread.

Members of the Board discussed the various roles they played within the Fellowship. Face-to-face meetings always bring about stronger relationships, and a better understanding of the work of the Fellowship. There are a couple of photos on page 8.

The FFT Financial Report is being prepared and will be sent as a separate mailing along with the notification of the Annual General Meeting in November.

Preliminary notice of our *Australia Day Luncheon* celebration is set out on page 10, a larger venue having been obtained for 2009. I do hope you will be able to get along to this pivotal function in our Fellowship year.

In Fellowship, John Haxton



The Newly-Appointed Fellowship Office Bearers



ROBIN PALMER
FF William Eggleton/Mary Dickenson

Robin's working background was in the insurance and finance industry. She always held positions on the parent bodies during the schooling of her three children and in the later years has involved herself in service organisations and the co-ordination of a senior church fellowship.



KEVIN THOMAS
FF Edward Miles

Kevin was employed in the Commonwealth Bank for 6 years, ACI as internal auditor for two years, chartered accounting for various firms for five years, and NZI insurance for 22 years, as accountant, company secretary and superannuation fund secretary, then 11 years in contract accounting.



RON WITHINGTON
FF William Parish/Phebe Norton

Ron is a civil engineer with experience in the design and construction of major infrastructure projects and buildings. Upon early retirement he devoted himself to the publication of a series of periodicals, both commercially and voluntarily, involving photography, journalism and artwork.

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GOVERNOR PHILLIP versus BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE

On a trip to France in July of this year, I visited the commune of St Germain-en-Laye some 19km west of Paris. There sits the Chateau de St Germain, where Louis XIV was born in 1638 and where the city coat of arms rather humorously features his cradle. It was at the Chateau that Louis provided sanctuary to James II, who was crowned King of England in 1658 and dethroned in the Glorious Revolution of 1688. The said James Stuart held court at the Chateau for 13 years. James died there on 16 September 1701 and his remains, after a sojourn in the English Benedictine Church in Paris, are said somewhat controversially to have been finally laid to rest in the Church of St Germain. His descendants stayed on at the Chateau for decades.



As I was photographing Queen Victoria's memorial stone to James II outside the Church (see below) my son reminded me of the curious link between the death of James II and the official ceremonies following the arrival of the First Fleet in Port Jackson some 77 years later. The story goes something like this:

In 1701, the year James II died, the Act of Settlement decreed that English rulers must henceforth be Protestant. This meant that James's son, the Old Pretender, and grandson, the Young Pretender, Bonnie Prince Charlie, were barred from the throne, and the succession went first to Mary, daughter of James II, and William, Mary's cousin, then to Anne, Mary's sister, and after her to the Hanoverians (George I, II, III etc) all related to James II but not Catholic. But the Pretenders had a loyal following in England and elsewhere, and there were spasmodic attempts to put them on the British throne, including the Scottish uprising against George II in favour of, and led by, Bonnie Prince Charlie in 1745.

During the ceremonial before Judge Advocate David Collins and the assembled First Fleeters on 13 February 1788, Governor Phillip, in common with all governors of British colonies at that time, had to take the Oaths of Abjuration and Assurance made politically necessary by various unrisings, the last a full forty-three years earlier. How's that for being both alert and alarmed!

"I, Arthur Phillip, do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify and declare in my conscience, before God and World, that our sovereign Lord King George is lawful and rightful King of this Realm"...and shall disclose and make known "all traitorous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever which shall be made against his Person, Crown or Dignity". The oaths go on and on and cover a couple of pages of modern-day fine print!

They asserted before God the claim of the House of Hanover to the crown and denounced any claim of "the pretended Prince of Wales and his open and secret abettors." Phillip had also to make the declaration contained in the Act of Preventing Dangers which might arise from Popish Recusants, basically those who would try to restore the Catholic Pretender, the Bonnie Prince.

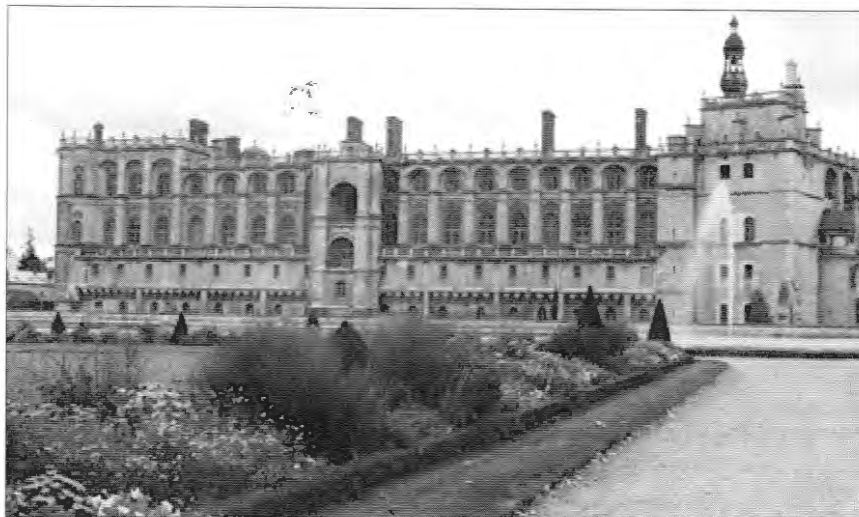
The irony is that by the time the oaths were taken in Sydney Cove, the Jacobite threat had effectively (and literally) expired just thirteen days earlier – Bonnie Prince Charlie, the key individual, a sad alcoholic wreck at age 68, was already a liquor-bloated corpse, having perished at the Palazzo Muti in Rome on 31 January, 1788.

Of course even had he known that fact, Phillip would not have had the authority to change his declaration.

Ron Withington



The Church of St Germain-en-Laye, facing the Chateau.



The Chateau de St Germain. The gardens in the foreground are enormous, extending left to a terrace with a commanding view over Paris.



The memorial stone outside the Church. The shrine mentioned here is a taudry affair, illegible text over small glossy tiles.

FROM RAGS TO RICHNESS – the journeys of Jane and Ellen

Here are the tales of two women, the first taken from an account by author and historian, Joan Lawrence, at a recent Fellowship meeting, the second compiled by Past President Peter Christian.

Initially the women's fates converged. Both were convicted of the theft of items of Manchester. They were each sentenced to transportation for seven years, and both were embarked on *Prince of Wales* to begin life in the colony as convicts.

Thereafter their histories diverged – the first, unmarried but recorded in historical documents as the trusted confidante of a Governor, the other obtaining her own land grant, marrying (at least twice), and having many children, thus enhancing the chance of her own place in history through rediscovery by her descendants.

For over 20 years conducting courses, historic walks and tours in the field of Australian history I have encountered many descendants of the First Fleet and colonial period. Today I want to speak about the First Fleeter, Jane Dundas.

Jane Dundas was put on trial at the Old Bailey on 18 April 1787 for theft. She had been indicted on 26 February 1787 for stealing *one linen tablecloth, value 4s, two napkins, valued 2s, one towel, value 4d*, the property of the Right Honourable John Skinner, Knight. Sir John's butler, a man named Dowson, swore the prisoner was a laundry maid in service at the house for about half a year and the items were not missed until the house was informed by the pawnbroker, Mr Burkitt, to whom Jane had initially given a false address. Poor Jane did not deny the theft.

At the trial Jane begged for mercy and stated she did not have anybody 'to my character'. Dowson declared she had behaved 'fairly well always, bore a very good character for years before, a quiet sober girl'. In her defence Jane declared, 'It was for the lottery.' It was inevitable she would be convicted and she was condemned to transportation for seven years. Twelve days following her conviction Jane was sent to Portsmouth for embarkation on *Prince of Wales*.

By 1790 when she was about 33 she was employed as a **housemaid** at Government House, Sydney, in the household of Governor Arthur Phillip.

On 26 October 1791 she went to Norfolk Island in *Atlantic* as a **servant** in the household of Philip Gidley King who was then going back to the island as lieutenant governor with his wife of six months, Anna Josepha Coombe.

It appears that when the Kings returned to England by *Britannia* in October 1796, as King was suffering ill health, Jane Dundas accompanied them.

Upon his recovery King was promoted to Post Captain and returned to NSW by *Speedy* in November 1799. AGAIN Jane came too. Mrs King, Anna Josepha, in her journal written on *Speedy* records that 'poor Dundas' fell down the companion stairs and 'bruised herself so badly she can hardly move, nor can she lie in bed, and every time the ship lurches she is ready to scream out with pain.'

Upon their arrival in Sydney, when King took over from John Hunter as Governor of the colony on 28 September, 1800, Jane was appointed **housekeeper** at Government House. There she would have enjoyed her own room and possessions.

There is no description of Jane but King's secretary, William Chapman, when he returned to England in March 1804 'wished to be remembered to her.' More extraordinarily Jane appears in official papers. When King wrote to Colonel Paterson in Van Diemen's Land he mentions his own bad health and the grave illness of Jane Dundas. Paterson replied, '...poor Dundas – I am sure you will never get such another.'

The *Sydney Gazette* of 22 December 1805 carried this obituary:

This day at noon died Mrs Jean Dundas, housekeeper to His Excellency the GOVERNOR, whose Family deeply lament the loss of an honest, faithful, and affectionate servant, which character the deceased has maintained during a service of fifteen years.

She was declared to be 47 years old.

A further notice appeared on Sunday 29 December 1805:

All Claims (if any) on the late Mrs DUNDAS housekeeper to the GOVERNOR, for Debts contracted on her account or that of any part of His EXCELLENCY'S FAMILY, are required to be made to Mr D Began before the 12th of January next.

The *Sydney Gazette* of March 1806 carried the following notice:

To Be SOLD by AUCTION
BY MR DAVID BEGAN

At his Rooms in South Street on Wednesday next the 2nd of
APRIL at 11 in
The Forenoon,
The Following Wearing Apparel and
Other Property of the Late
Mrs J DUNDAS, deceased

There followed an extremely long list of items, many such as a housekeeper would have in her possession – clothing including dimity petticoats, one straw and coloured bonnet, 24 pocket handkerchiefs and one blue cloth great coat. There were also items of material, bobbins, muslin, lace, thread, tape, buckles, worsted binding, 540 White Chapel needles, a quantity of old books, a small cabin trunk, one large chest, a writing desk and five pencils and two watches.

It was her acquisition of linen, napkins and a towel which led Jane Dundas on the path to Sydney Town. But she ended her life with a handsome collection of Manchester as well as other possessions. As was often the case the title of Mrs was probably an courtesy one and as far as is known Jane left no descendants. She did, however, earn the respect of the Governor, his family and acquaintances.

Ellen Fraser, alias Ellen Redchester, was indicted thus at the Manchester Quarter Sessions in January 1787... *she stole six pieces of fustian, one piece of yellow canvas and half a gross of white filletting and was sentenced to seven years transportation.* Her husband, William, was sen-



GLOSSARY

These accounts of these two maids and their Manchester can perhaps be better enjoyed with this little glossary:

CANVAS: a coarse cloth of hemp, cotton or other material.

DIMITY PETTICOATS: Dimity is a lightweight, strong, ridged cotton fabric, commonly used for both petticoats and soft furnishings in the 18th century as it is easy to sew and launder. Originally dimity was made of silk or wool, but since the 1700s it has been woven almost exclusively of cotton.

LINEN: A cloth made from lint or flax. But of course it has been known to mean undergarments!

MUSLIN: Fine soft cotton fabric gauzy in appearance.

FUSTIAN: Embraces plain twilled cloth known as jean, and cut fabrics similar to velvet, known as velveteen, moleskin, corduroy etc. The original medieval fustian was a stout but respectable cloth with a cotton weft and a linen warp, possibly derived from El-Fustat, a suburb of Cairo where the cloth was manufactured. The term seems to have quickly become less precise, and was applied to a coarse cloth made of wool and flax or wool and linen, and in the 14th century the name

was given to a woollen fabric. By the early 20th century, fustians were usually of cotton dyed various colors. (Jeans!)

WHITE FILLETING: Certainly not a concave filling-in of a re-entrant angle where two surfaces meet, forming a rounded corner. No, a length of tape or cord or a little band of material especially one to encircle the hair of the head. Imagine the task of pawning 72 of them!

WORSTED BINDING: Woollen tape in narrower widths for holding stockings up. In fact for women, leather buckled garters do not appear to have been used in the 18th century. Cotton and silk are too slick whereas wool catches and holds. Approximately two yards allow one to wrap the tape several times around the leg. Cheers for pantyhose!

WHITE CHAPEL NEEDLES: Needles were first made in England about 1565 by a German, Elias Krause, who settled in London. They were first finished in Whitechapel, by one Mackenzie. Hence the cry 'Whitechapel Needles, twenty-five for a penny.' The trade then moved to the counties of Warwickshire and Worcestershire. Jane's cache was worth maybe just 22 pence.

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tenced similarly for the same crime. Strange to say she was recorded as a single woman. If she had taken advantage of her married status she may have been acquitted as they had been married in Aldborough, Yorkshire, on 8 November 1793 and had children.

Ellen was delivered to *Prince of Wales* on 9 April 1787, recorded as being 22 years of age.

At Port Jackson on 7 June 1798, a son, William, was baptized and another son, Daniel, was baptized on 18 July 1791 (he was drowned in 1806, aged 15 years). A month earlier her husband William died, put down to heavy drinking!!

On 20 February 1794 Ellen, in her own name as Frazer, received a grant of 20 acres at Concord and on 22 July, a further 20 acres.

Shortly after her husband's death in 1791 she began living with William Morgan, a NSW Corps soldier who had arrived on *Neptune* in 1790.

On 3 November 1798 she charged him with illegally detaining some of her pigs, which he was ordered by the

court to restore to her. They were said to have parted after seven years cohabiting but a daughter by Morgan was born in March 1800 and baptized in March 1803. Ellen remained with him to bear more children!

Unlike most of her contemporaries, she enjoyed a high degree of independence. It was shown in 1800 that she was the proprietor of a farm in her own right, she had sixteen acres ready for planting maize and with four children was off stores. Indeed the trappings of female self sufficiency!

By 1806, she was recorded as having five children, two sons and three daughters. Sometime after this date she and Morgan parted. In 1822 she was described as the wife of T. Humphries with her son, John Frazer, a settler at Concord.

She died at Concord on 18 November 1840 and was buried on 20 November at St Luke's, Liverpool.

Her children by William Morgan were: Ann 1787, Lucy, 1800, William 1802, Sarah 1804 and Richard 1806. The latter two were baptized at St John's Parramatta and the others at St Phillips York St.

JOSEPH AND ELLEN REVEALED

F Joseph Wright (1867-1811), *Scarborough*, and Ellen Gott (1765-1843) *Neptune*, who married at St Phillip's in Sydney in 1790 began an Australian ancestry now of over 13,000 people. We know more about the family and their descendants thanks to the research of Philip Wright and Marion Taylor and their website: **To find it just Google Convict Nation Founders of Australia.**

The website is brilliant. It contains a register of descendants that creates a foundation for a family history *per se* and for histories of branches of that family. It helped me to locate my ancestry; to find my connection with Joseph Wright; to enable me to qualify for membership of the Fellowship of First Fleeters, and then to want to share this information with others.

Whether or not you are connected to Joseph Wright, the website provides an example for you of researching and recording your family histories. It tells of the social circumstances in England prior to the First Fleet; it gives links to a descendant listing, newsletters and family news. There is a CD-ROM database available.

There is a focus on Pitt Town where Joseph and Ellen were one of the first twenty-two families in 1794 to obtain land grants on the Hawkesbury. There are photos of commemorative plaques, signs and gravestones at Windsor and Pitt Town to these two nation founders.

But the website does more than this. It caused me not only to research and to draw my family line to Joseph Wright but also to visit family locations; photograph my version of events, such as the original land grant at Bot-toms Rd Pitt Town, Ellen Gott's headstone, Wrights Creek and the street sign in the Central Macdonald Ranges, and headstones at Morpeth and Sandgate. It caused me to visit the Sydney Town Hall, the site of the Old Sydney Burial Ground and to know that Joseph Wright was interred there without a headstone, while there is now a commemorative plaque installed by the Fellowship.

And what's more the website is regularly updated. It now displays the announcement of the **Third Triennial Picnic & BBQ Day on Sunday, 26 October, 2008 at Pitt-Town.** Those descendants who are interested are invited to respond.

Tony Negline #7526

The Charlotte Medal comes Home...

People thought retired dental surgeon, Dr John Chapman, mad when he bought a medal at auction in 1981 for \$15,000, well above the \$2000 asking price. It was a thin disc of silver, with a sailing ship on one side and a description of an 18th century sea voyage on the other.

What wasn't known in 1981, Dr Chapman says, was the history of the piece. **The Charlotte Medal, named for the First Fleet ship it depicts, was engraved by convict Thomas Barrett, the Houdini of the death sentence.**

By the time he arrived in Australia, Barrett had twice cheated the hangman. In 1783 he was sentenced to death for stealing. Instead he was transported to America notionally for 14 years. But Barrett escaped back to England, where he was condemned to death for the escape. Again the sentence was commuted, this time to life in a new penal colony at NSW.

But Barrett was nothing if not a serial offender. On the second leg of the First Fleet's voyage, from Tenerife to Rio de Janeiro, he led a gang of forgers who, despite constant surveillance and no access to fire, melted belt buckles and pewter spoons to make quarter-dollars.

Naval surgeon John White was so struck by Barrett's work he wrote in his journal: "Had their metal been a little better, the fraud, I am convinced, would have passed undetected."

But the forgery did go undetected long enough for the convicts to buy goods from Rio merchants through *Charlotte's* portholes, causing something of an international incident because the fraud had been carried out from a naval vessel.

By the time the First Fleet arrived at Botany Bay, a naval officer, most likely White, had engaged Barrett to make a souvenir of the journey. The convict was given a disc, probably cut from a silver kidney dish, improvised engraving tools and details of the voyage.

What Barrett created, despite the terrible conditions on board, was the first piece of Australian colonial art, finished 24 days before the colony was officially declared. Within six weeks Barrett, colonial Australia's first artist, was dead at the end of a rope. Barrett was condemned for stealing food on 27 February, the day he was given a week's worth of provisions. Even so, he almost escaped the noose a third time.

By 5.15pm on the same day the population of the colony had assembled at a tree between the male and female convict camps. The executioner, a convict, at first refused to kill Barrett but an officer threatened to have him shot.

Watkin Tench wrote that the "wretch ... an old and desperate offender ... died with that hardy spirit which too often is found in the worst and most abandoned class of men."

Barrett – genius forger, artist and first man to be hanged in Australia – was buried at the foot of the gallows tree, soon forgotten and long unmourned.

Even at 220 years' distance, Dr Chapman, 80, admires Barrett. "His criminal activity wasn't about hitting people on the head, he used the skill of his own hands," Dr Chapman says. "Had Barrett been born to a better family, perhaps the whole story would have been different – but then we wouldn't have had the medal, would we?"

On 25 July 2008 it was purchased in Melbourne by Sydney Museum for \$750,000!



John Chapman with the Medal. The obverse shows *Charlotte*, fully rigged. The reverse is a description of the voyage of the *First Fleet*. It is 74mm in diameter, weighs 37.58gm, and is dated Botany Bay/Jany. 20th/1788. Photo: Rebecca Hallas

... then we have the Ormsby Letters...

Charles Cutts Ormsby (1796-1810) arrived in the colony on *Sirius* as a midshipman. Mollie Gillen in *The Founders of Australia* describes him as a "young, arrogant midshipman particularly mentioned by Jacob Nagle (in his journal) who treated the seamen with unwarranted severity." We are told that John Hunter had warned Ormsby against mistreating his shipmates. Having spent some time on Norfolk Island, Charles Ormsby departed the colony on *Waaksamheid* in March 1791.

He wrote three letters to his father over the period 1787 to 1789 and copies of these have turned up in the Archives of the Fellowship. They are of intense interest and one gives a description of the wreck of *Sirius* at Norfolk Island.

It is said that this young man was disturbed with a personality problem! Records show that he never married, nor left any descendants.

The copies of these letters are a valuable addition to the Fellowship Library. *Peter Christian*

... and a new landmark Flagstaff

A flagstaff for Sydney was first proposed by Governor Phillip in January 1790. It was located on South Head. A second flagstaff was erected on Maskelyne's Point to permit two-way signalling. The South Head and Maskelyne's Point flagstaffs were destroyed by lightning strike in January 1799.

By the early years of the nineteenth century (1808), a flagstaff had been erected on the completed eastern rampart of Fort Phillip on Windmill Hill.

For over 70 years the original signal station has been closed. But since June 2008, the 150th Anniversary of the Sydney Observatory, a new flagstaff soars 30 metres above Observatory Hill, flying historic signal flags and new astronomical flags. One may collect a flag decoder and decipher the ever-changing display. Governor Phillip would be enthralled! *RW*

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THE FIRST FLEET ONLINE JOURNAL COLLECTION

In late July, the Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency Marie Bashir, presided over the launch by the State Library of NSW of a website that gives instant access to a collection of documents which are not only rare but irreplaceable. They are nine journals which were written by men who were on the First Fleet.

Louise Anemaat, author and Head of Pictures Section, is the curator of the digitisation of all these journals and she delivered a scintillating lecture on their content and the personality of the writers at the Mitchell Library on 25 August. It was attended by over 100 people, including six members of the FFF Board.

Apart from the official journals of Tench, White, Collins and Phillip, only two known authors are NOT represented in the NSW collection. They are **Daniel Southwell** and the **Reverend Richard Johnson**, whose writings are held in the UK. So the authors represented are **John Hunter**, **William Bradley**, **Ralph Clark**, **Arthur Bowes Smyth**, **George Worgan**, **Philip Gidley King**, **James Scott**, **John Easty**, and **Jacob Nagle**. (The letters of Newton Fowell were digitised by the Library some time ago.)

Louise said each writer brings his own perspective to their unique experience, some as letters to family and friends, some as travel diaries, some as distant memoirs of past events, some full of sentimentality, some as pure adventure stories, some as weather recordings: on occasion recording contradictory accounts of specific events, often with gloriously inventive spelling. Here they are:

John Hunter – Oct 1786-Aug 1788.

Bequeathed by Sir William Dixon in 1952. It was published in 1793. The work is quite formal, but he is a perceptive observer, particularly of the flora and fauna, and of the Aboriginal people with whom he made some of the earliest contacts. He was also an able draftsman and artist.

William Bradley – Dec 1786-May 1792

Acquired from a London bookseller, for £1200 in 1924. The journal was written in 1802, so it is a memoir and it is a fair copy. It was unknown until 1923. Again it is a more formal record than an intimate diary. With 29 watercolours of places and events inserted between the journal's pages, and a score of maps, it appears to have been prepared by Lieut. Bradley for publication.

Ralph Clark – May 1787-June 1792

Acquired from the family of wife Betsey Alicia in 1914. A Marine Officer, Clark's journal is a very personal account filled with his dreams, fears, homesickness and his longing for Betsey Alicia, and their young son. But he and convict woman Mary Branhams had an illegitimate daughter.

A. Bowes Smyth – Apr 1787-Aug 1789

Acquired from Dymocks for £275 in 1915 as a fair copy. Bowes Smyth, a surgeon, took a great interest in natural history and collecting specimens. There are 24 watercolour illustrations and the earliest extant illustration by a European of an emu. It was written only for relatives and friends, avoiding personal ills, a travel diary where-in he often strives for literary effect.

George Worgan – Jan 1788 -July 1788

Found among the personal belongings of a deceased aunt, the journal fragment was donated by her family in 1955. It is attached to a long, descriptive letter to his brother, Richard, in England. Worgan, a surgeon, who seems to have been an amiable man, describes his life in the colony enthusiastically, even boyishly. He brought a piano to NSW and left it here.

P. Gidley King – Oct 1786-Jan 1789

Acquired from the King Family in 1933. The journal is detailed, contained in two volumes covering the voyage to NSW, the voyages to Norfolk Island and New Zealand. King's journal was published in part, with the journal of John Hunter, in 1793.

James Scott – May 1786-May 1792

Bequeathed by Sir William Dixon in 1952, after he acquired it from Angus & Robertson in 1910. As Sergeant of Marines Scott was accompanied by his wife, Jane, and daughter Elizabeth, born during the voyage. A son was born in the colony. His account is immediate and matter-of-fact.

James Easty – Nov 1786-May 1793

Bequeathed by Sir William Dixon in 1952. A private marine, Easty was gregarious, compassionate and sentimental, unimaginative with an uncomplicated patriotism and a soldierly pride in his corps – all revealed in tortured English. He later, as a grocer in England, petitioned for compensation for short rations in the colony.

Jacob Nagle – Mar 1786 - May 1792

Acquired in 1995. The account of this American seaman was written some 40 years after the events it describes with many rewritings, and provides



Louise Anemaat has been with the journals for 18 years. Among her assistants are Helen Breekveldt and Margaret Broadfoot, both Library volunteers, who have spent a total of 3000 hours over five years, typing up every spidery syllable of the manuscripts.

the perspective of the common sailor. A neat document, full of wonderful yarns by a man with no formal education, it covers much more of his life than the period associated with NSW, possibly with just a bit of spin!

Louise quoted enough of the content of the journals to convince us that as First Fleeters it is rewarding, exciting and even mandatory to really immerse ourselves in each one of them. We have that joy and that privilege. After all, it is not so long ago that only the most elite of academics were allowed merely to inspect the papers. Now we can all search-engine, read and draw our own conclusions about the doings of our forebears in settling Australia.

Ron Withington

A FRESH LINE IN THE SAND

All FFF members who are ancestry surfers will have ridden in on the **ancestry.com.au** wave more than sometimes. Well, in a spring-tide of publicity **ancestry.com.au** have in July 2008 launched a new internet tool, "the one and only world-first online complete and fully-indexed **Convict Transportation Registers, 1788 to 1868.**"

Obtained from Britain's National Archives, the registers contain the names of all 165,000 convicts who were transported to Australia. Of course, **ancestry.com.au** is not "free-to-air", but if you have never taken the plunge, it is not too expensive to take a rip across this particular pond and into the ocean of other genealogical material they have provided.

RW

FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS CHAPTER CONFERENCE IN SYDNEY



President John Haxton and Chapter Liaison Officer, Jean Mortimer, convened this inaugural FFF Chapter Conference at the Castlereagh Inn on Saturday 30 August 2008. They were supported by eight other Board members and nine of our ten Chapters were represented. The occasion provided an opportunity for free exchange of views on a range of procedures covering finance, constitution, publicity and membership documentation. Board members were able to provide news of communications upgrades (especially



broadband), electronic record storage, and housekeeping initiatives at First Fleet House. The final value lay, as it always does, in folk widely separated geographically, being able to 'put a face to a name', and better understand each other's point of view. Mal Dale of North Coast took out the 'industry prize' on the day. Mal drives from Brisbane to Coffs Harbour every second month to attend his Chapter meetings!

THE MISSING MEDALLION

In November 1788 Governor Phillip wrote to Sir Joseph Banks, President of the Royal Society, about local deposits of a white clay, which he had been informed might be suitable for porcelain manufacture. The clay samples sent to Banks were passed on to Josiah Wedgwood (inset) for trials.

He responded to Banks on 12 March 1790 informing him that the clay was '...excellent material for pottery, and may certainly be the basis of a valuable manufacture for our infant colony there. Of the species of ware which may be produced from it (here at Etruria), you will have some idea from the medallions I have sent for your inspection.'

The medallion referred to was allegorical in concept, designed by Henry Webber, depicting the figure of Hope encouraging Art and Labour under the influence of Peace, to secure employments necessary to give security and happiness

to an infant settlement. It was modelled by William Hackwood. The notation *ETRURIA* and the date of 1789 a featured at the foot of the bas-relief scene. Phillip received the medallion in June 1790. Over time it became known as the *Sydney Cove Medallion*.

The vignette engraving on the title page of the *Voyage of Governor Phillip to Botany Bay*, published in 1789, is based upon the medallion. This image was also adopted in the earliest editions of the FFF newsletter, 'because of its affinity with our aims and objectives.'

A reproduction of the medallion in biscuit stoneware, pale buff in colour, as pictured at left, was cast in 1975.

Now we come to the nub of the story. The opening of the Sydney

Opera House in 1973 was an event which prompted the production of a commemorative Wedgwood item. A plaque, based on the design of the *Sydney Cove Medallion*, was formed in black basalt with a pale blue and white medallion mounted in the centre. Many sources indicate that it now hangs in the foyer of the Opera House. But if you check, all you will find are three studs in the wall where it used to hang, and desk staff who say they just haven't a clue what happened to it!

Josiah and Henry would certainly rest easier if they knew where it lies. Please, can anyone help? **RW**



FOUNDERS FLEETMASTER



Who can resist a wordsearch puzzle? The names of 10 of the following 12 First Fleeters are concealed in this matrix.
CABLE, TENCH, FOWELL, NORTON, HERBERT, LAWSON, FINN, THOMAS, BELL, NICHOLS, RADFORD, INETT

T M F I Q A I D H P E E
E N I C H O L S L E J G
E S N O P J L X I S T F
B P N R D O N C I E Q K
C E R I A F K Y J T T A
F E L L E O X E B H E M
I G U L A W S O N N N L
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V A V G S L Z Z T B H R
C B W T D L L R K E R W
A C R A D F O R D E N Z
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To find them you may advance vertically, horizontally, diagonally, use the same letter twice, and go backwards as well as forwards.
Margaret Withington



Foundlings

FIRST FLEET QUIZ NO.4

- Andrew Snape Hamond Douglas White was in 1789 better known in the Port Jackson settlement as:
a. Abaroo b. Nanbaree c. Colbee
- On the First Fleet, the judge advocate, the chaplain, the surgeon-general, and the surveyor-of-lands were all paid the same annual salary. It was:
a. £182-10-0 b. £204-5-0 c. 160 guineas
- Other than seaman or servant which was the dominant trade or occupation among male First Fleet convicts?
a. shoemaker b. weaver c. hawker
- In 1791 a number of First Fleeters left Port Jackson on a Dutch ship to return to England. The ship was:
a. t'Gulde Zeepaert b. Waaksamheid c. Wezeltje
- In London parlance of the times, a "Dead Lurker" stole:
a. Clean clothes washing from off the hedges.
b. Coats and umbrellas at dusk or on Sunday arvos.
c. Clothing from children & sailors after enticement.
- In the mid-1780s George III presided over criminal reprieves himself. He was severe on one particular crime, for which it was still possible that women could be burned at the stake! It was:
a. forgery b. prostitution c. homosexuality
- A FF sergeant in the NSW Corps in 1801, a father of nine, and a musician was a performer in four theatre productions, 1799-1800, for which a playbill survives – roles in *Fortune's Fool*, *Bon Ton*, *The Recruiting Officer*, *Henry IV*, *The Virgin Unmasked*, and *She Stoops to Conquer*. His name was:
a. Wm Smith b. George B. Smith c. Harry Parsons
- Convict James Tucker, author of the quasi-autobiographical novel, *Ralph Rashleigh*, was transported for what crime?
a. Stealing a silver teapot b. Impersonating a seaman
c. Writing a threatening letter
- FF Surgeon John White collected, and Sarah Stone made a painting of the *Tabuan* parrot. We know it as the:
a. King Parrot b. Crimson Rosella c. Galah
- Captain Arthur Phillip's estranged wife was named:
a. Martha b. Mary c. Margaret

SCORES: 9: Four breeding sows from J. Ruse's Rose Hill farm.
7: Ten bushels of maize from John Nichol's Prospect farm.
5: J. Morris' little colt (see *Snippets*, opposite column!)

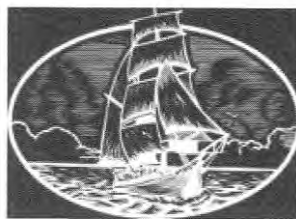
Answers on Page 11

Ron Withington



- Julia Kable pointed out that on page 12 of the July/August edition the name of Henry Kable Jr was omitted among the children who were embarked on the First Fleet. This is a circumstance not only distressful for his descendants, but no doubt devastating to turnkey John Simpson who worked so hard and so long to get young Henry aboard.
- Neill Garland wrote to say how impressed he was with the May/June edition of *Founders* – "a most informative and professionally presented publication." Neill requested a second copy for his two grandchildren and of course we'll send it!

On the Right Tack – No.3



Words or expressions our ancestors heard or used aboard ship, carried ashore and bequeathed to us.

We look at the derivations and present usage.

The works of literary seadogs and other writers will certainly give us assistance.

At loggerheads... (In stubborn dispute or disagreement)

A loggerhead was a tool – a solid ball of iron the size of a fist to which a long handle was attached. The ball was heated in the galley fire then plunged into a bucket of pitch in order to soften the pitch for pouring into shipboard seams that needed caulking. The loggerhead could become a lethal head basher when wielded against an enemy.

"...They had been sparring, in a spirit of fun, with loggerheads, those massy iron balls with long handles to be carried red-hot from the fire and plunged into buckets of tar or pitch so that the substance might be melted with no risk of flame. 'They are sober now, sir; and penitent, the creatures.'"

(Patrick O'Brian, *The Commodore*, p.12)

The metaphor embodies a reference to thickheadedness or uncompromising stupidity and Shakespeare used loggerhead in this context frequently, as in "you loggerheaded and unpolished grooms" in *The Taming of the Shrew*.

In the Offing... (Near in time and space)

The offing was the sea just off shore. Wives, girlfriends, and other interested parties would scan the offing for ships coming in. When a ship was sighted "in the offing" it was of course almost here. Nancy Mitford, in *Love in a Cold Climate*, mused on "that look of concentration that comes over a French face when a meal is in the offing."

Snippets from Sydney Gazette, the Colony's first newspaper, edited by George Howe

THE TRAGIC SAGA OF THE EQUINE BIPED

9 March 1806: During the week a COLT was permitted to be exhibited to public view at the stable of J. Morris of Pitt's Row for the trifling Admittance of one shilling each person. The colt was foaled on Friday week, at Hawksbury, with only two legs, which are the hinder ones: but in every other respect perfect, strong and uncommonly handsome.

16 March 1806: The admirable little colt with only two legs was last week sold for the sum of ten pounds. Had it not been separated from its dam it would doubtless been preserved a living curiosity... but nourished by cow's milk which it received from a bottle, it began shortly to lose its vivacity, and cannot now be counted upon to live many days longer.

30 March 1806: In this little creature a new phenomenon begins to make its appearance in a spiral tumour, shooting out between the ears, and which, should it arrive at any length, will give a lively representation of the UNICORN.

1 June 1806: With regret we have to mention the death of the beautiful two-legged pony possibly from change of diet and want of exercise, of which it was incapable. A journeyman butcher, intent upon the preservation of the carcass rather than the *hide*, dismembered totally the little animal, cut off the head, and disfigured it with 20 ghastly apertures, as a further testimony of his skill and science.



ADVANCE NOTICE

The Directors of the Fellowship of First Fleeters have decided to hold our **Australia Day Celebration Luncheon** on Saturday 24 January 2009 at the Grand Ballroom of the Bayview Boulevard Hotel, 90 William St Sydney, commencing at 11.00am for pre-dinner drinks, with lunch at 12.45pm and closing at 4.00pm.

The cost is: \$55.00 for Members, including drinks.

The Guest Speaker will be **Babette Smith**, author of the book, **Australia's Birthstain – The Startling Legacy of the Convict Era**, which was reviewed in the July/August 2008 issue of *Founders*.

The venue is quite close to First Fleet House, and parking and transport are good. There is a Wilson's Carpark entry located off Robinson St, under the Hotel, with all-day weekend parking for \$11.00.

The nearest station is *Museum*. From there you can take a taxi at the nearby rank, catch a bus up William Street, or skip through Hyde Park and into William St.

Do nothing now, except for making a note in your diary.

Registration Forms and confirmed details will be available in the October/November edition of *Founders*, and bookings close on 31 December 2008.

PLEASE NOTE: Numbers must be limited, so do book as soon as you receive your Registration Form!

— Hey, why not make it a Sydney Weekend? —

There are some great accommodation deals available at the Bayview Boulevard Hotel. You can catch up with friends and visit many of the historical and First Fleet landmarks.

The above masthead was designed by Arthur S Mendel and it announced in the FFF journal of the day, the inaugural celebration by the Fellowship of Australia Day – in 1969.

On this our 40th Anniversary year it is highly appropriate that we unfurl it again for our 2009 celebration. ASM was a prolific contributor to the artwork of the early publications, and we will be reproducing his work in Founders from time to time. For other examples see pages 8 and 12 of this edition.

ANNUAL PHILLIP'S DAY COMMEMORATION

Wednesday 15 October 2008

11.30am at Phillip's Statue

Royal Botanic Gardens.

Lunch at RAC, 89 Macquarie Street

12 noon for 12.30

Guest Speaker

Dr Maurine Goldston-Morris OAM,
President, Arthur Phillip Society, Vice-
President, Women's Pioneer Society

Cost \$60 per person

RSVP 8 October. Money to Barbara
Dreverman, 1a Edward Street,
Gordon 2072, ph. 02 9498 1156

PETER HIBBS & MARY PARDOE

A Reunion for the descendants of FF
Peter Hibbs, seaman on *Sirius*, and
Mary Pardoe, who arrived on *Lady
Juliana* in 1790, will be held in the
Community Hall at Spencer on

Sunday 14 September from 9.00am.

BYO Lunch. Tea & coffee provided.

Associated family names are legion,

including Webber, Norman, Cox,

Izzard, Byrnes and Kelly.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Contacts: Betty Warn 02 4294 2735

Roy Cox 02 4377 1128

Elaine Young 02 9874 6272

John Nichols Family Society Reunion

Descendants, families and friends are invited to a Reunion in honour of our ancestors **FF John Nichols** and his wife **Ann Pugh**.

Times:

Sunday 5 Oct 08, 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Monday 6 Oct 08, 10.00am – 1.00pm.

Venue: Blazes Function Room,
West Tamworth Leagues Club,
Phillip St, West Tamworth

Contact: Anne Ware, 02 6765 6372
or baware@bigpond.com

John Nichols was brought to trial at the Old Bailey on 21 April 1784 and found guilty of stealing a large quantity of goods, including 57 razors, 12 pairs of scissors, 22 boxes of soap and a looking glass, together with ribbon, combs, human hair, powder and powder puffs to the value of £15-0-6. John was sentenced to seven years transportation and was subsequently embarked with the First Fleet on *Scarborough*.



By the end of April 1791, he had completed his sentence and taken up a land grant at Prospect (see *Founders* 39.4 page 5) and ultimately became by grant and purchase a very successful landowner. On 25 August 1803, at St John's Church Parramatta, John married Ann Pugh, a convict who had arrived in the colony on *Earl Cornwallis* in 1801. A family of twelve children is recorded:

John m. Rebecca Moss

Ann m. John Kellick

Charles m. Margaret Finlay

Sophia m. Alexander Philp &
Patrick Markey

Mary died in the year of her birth

Martha m. William Windley

Amelia m. Charles Hughes

Susannah m. Charles Kinsela

Thomas m. Martha Johnson

Joseph m. Hannah Vistrin

Eliza m. James Williams

Sarah m. Richard Johns

John Nichols died on 26 December 1822 and was buried at Sydney: his age given as 67.

WHAT'S ON ROUND THE CHAPTERS

Canberra: (ACT, Queanbeyan & surrounds)

President: Geoff Cameron #2000, **Vice-President:** Gina Pinkas #6743, **Secretary:** Brian Mattick #6077, **Treasurer:** Gordon Tunks #5045.
Ph. (02) 6251 4095

Central Coast: (Gosford, Tuggerah Lake, Wyong, Budgewoi)

President: Margaret Tomblinson #7379, **Secretary:** Beryl Haxton #7058.1, **Treasurer:** Bob Young #7050
Venue: Wyong RSL on the second Saturday of each month starting at 10.30am.
Next Meeting: 13 September, Ph. (02) 4353 2524

Eastern Farms: (Ryde, Eastwood, Parramatta, Kings Langley, Pennant Hills & surrounds)

President: Malcolm Squire #7275, **Secretary:** Robin Palmer #7401, **Treasurer:** Glenda Dingwall #6969
Venue: Ryde/Eastwood Leagues Club. Meetings are held monthly on the 1st Saturday, 10 am to 12 noon.
For further information Ph. (02) 9871 4102.

Hunter Valley: (Hunter regions, Newcastle, & surrounds)

President: John Brooker #7020, **Vice-President:** Yvonne Bradley #7241, **Secretary:** Beth Brooker #7020.1, **Treasurer:** Barbara Turner #7220
Venue: St John's Hall on the corner of Parry & Dawson Sts, Cooks Hill, Newcastle. Meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Monday from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Members may arrive at 10am.
Next Meeting: 20 October. Guest Speaker: Warren Hyslop. Topic: *Arthur Phillip*. To be followed by a Commemoration Lunch for Arthur Phillip, RN, near to his birthday on 11 October 1738. Ph. (02) 4942 2631

New England: (Armidale & surrounds)

President: Robin Crossle #7442, **Secretary:** Fran Newling #7404.1, **Treasurer:** Bob Lemcke
Next Meeting: Sunday 12 October, a combined (3-in-1) meeting with North West and hosted by North Coast.
See North Coast Chapter below for full details. Ph. (02) 6772 3140.

North Coast: (Coffs Harbour, Woolgoolga, Leigh & surrounds)

President: Mary Kell #6587, **Vice-President:** Colin Robertson #6948, **Secretary:** Mal Dale #7216, **Treasurer:** Patricia Robertson #6948.1
Next Outing: 10 September at 9.45am. Historical Urunga & Kalang River Cruise and Morning Tea, followed by lunch at Anchors Wharf Café & Restaurant at Urunga. Cost \$37. RSVP, Robyn Condliffe by 1 Sept. Ph. (02) 6653 3615.
Next Meeting: Sunday 12 October at 10.30am. Visit by New England and North West Chapters. Ladies please bring an extra plate of sandwiches (say 6 slices of bread) to share. Bring own cups, glasses and plates. Tea, coffee, juice and morning tea will be supplied by the Chapter Committee. Ph. (02) 6653 3615.
Venue: 2 Karabin Street, Dorrigo. At 2.00pm we will visit the Dorrigo Rail Museum.

Northern Rivers: (Lismore & surrounds)

President: Betty Harriman #7398, **Vice-President:** Lionel Phelps #2315, **Secretary:** Margaret Soward #7228, **Treasurer:** Vilmai McDonald #6545
Next Meeting: 28 September at 11.30 am, starting with the usual BBQ and salad.
Cost \$7 for members, \$8 non-members. Speaker: Tricia Hibberd. Topic: *FF Peter Hibbs*
Venue: 43 Temple St, Ballina. Ph. (02) 6686 3597

North West: (Tamworth & surrounds)

President: Diana Harband #7414, **Vice-President:** Steve Docking, **Secretary:** Jo Crossing #7382, **Treasurer:** Warren White #185
Venue: Tamworth Family History Group Rooms in the V. Guy Kable Building, Marius St, Tamworth.
Bi-monthly meetings at 1.30pm. For details contact Jo Crossing. Ph. (02) 6766 8255.
Next Meeting: Sunday 12 October, a combined (3-in-1) meeting with New England and hosted by North Coast.
See North Coast Chapter above for full details. Ph. (02) 6766 8255.

South Coast: (from Engadine to Burrill Lake)

President: John Boyd #7163, **Vice-President:** Stan Keough #7072, **Secretary:** Jean Mortimer #6409, **Treasurer:** Terry Mortimer #6409.1
Venue: Ribbonwood Centre, Sassafras Room, 93-109 Princes Highway, Dapto. Nine monthly meetings a year are held on the 1st Tuesday (except May & Dec) 10.00am to 1.00pm.
Next Meeting: 7 October. Guest Speaker: Michael Adams. Topic: *Early Settlers & Bushrangers on the South Coast*.
Following Meeting: 4 November. Guest Speaker: John Fisher. Topic: *Diving Excavations*. Ph. (02) 4261 6893.

Southern Highlands: (Moss Vale, Mittagong & surrounds)

President: Patricia Robertson #6079, **Vice-President:** Neville Usher #854, **Secretary:** Wendy Selman #6558, **Treasurer:** John Kirkby #7137
Venue: Mittagong Community Centre, Cnr Albert Lane & Queen St, Mittagong.
Meetings: Bi-monthly on the second Wednesday from 10.30am to 12.30pm.
Next Meeting: 8 October. Three Local Guest Speakers: (Intriguing potpourri) Sally Ross, Topic: *Conservation*. Shylie Brown, Topic: *Harper's Mansion*. Gabrielle Stewart, Topic: *Sailing with the Bi-centennial Fleet*. Ph. (02) 4869 1406.

Chapter Liaison News

All FFF Chapters, except the newly-formed Eastern Farms have held their AGMs. The new executive teams are listed above. The Orange/Bathurst Chapter (including Parkes, Dubbo, White Rock, Cowra and Kelso) will be launched at 2.00pm on 20 September 2008, at Kinross Wallaroi School Library, Orange.

I had the pleasure of meeting Chapter representatives at the Chapter Conference (see p.8). We meet again in 2009.

If you have a family in Central West Queensland who wish to join the FFF and participate in the formation of a Chapter to meet three or four times a year, please inform Alan Barton #3163 at Longreach on (07) 4658 9147.

Other Chapters are mooted for Toowoomba, Brisbane and Gold Coast, but we need more show of interest before an inaugural meeting can be arranged. COME ON QUEENSLANDERS, GIVE IT A GO!

In Fellowship, Jean Mortimer, Chapter Liaison Officer. Email: terryjeanmort@yahoo.com.au

MEMBERS MEMORANDA

NEW MEMBERS

A warm hand of Fellowship to:

THOMAS SPENCER / MARY PHILLIPS

#7523 Wendy Porter

JOSEPH HATTON

#7524 Don Garry Higginbotham

JAMES McMANUS / JANE POOLE

#7525 Helen Ann Moore

JOSEPH WRIGHT

#7526 Anthony John Negline

FREDERICK MEREDITH

#7527 Leah Yvonne Conn

#7528 Kym Maree Johnson

MICHAEL MURPHY

#7529 Mark Raymond Liddle

HENRY KABLE / SUSANNAH HOLMES

#7530 Patrick Kable Doyle

JOHN HERBERT / DEBORAH ELLAM

#7531 Shirley Olive Bolton

#7532 Ross Gregory Bolton

JAMES WRIGHT

#7533 Coralie Anne Jourdain Larrea

#7533.1 Henry Jourdain Larrea (Spouse)

#7534 Nicoll Jaymie Larrea (Jr)

#7535 Ebony Rae Jourdain Larrea (Jr)

JOHN MARTIN / JOHN RANDALL

#7536 Shane Douglas Smith

#7537 Caitlyn Louise Smith (Jr)

JAMES BLOODWORTH / SARAH BELLAMY

#7538 Harold Anthony Bloodworth

EDWARD WHITTON

#7539 Donald Howard Mayson

JOHN WINTER / ANN SANDLANDS

#7540 Dudley Fisher Owen

#7541 Deborah Merle Haxton

#7542 Nathan William Douglas Pentecost

#7543 Claire Olivia Jeanne Pentecost

#7544 Lucinda Naomi Beryl Pentecost

JOHN RYAN

#7545 Benjamin James Yorke Warner (Jr)

MICHAEL MURPHY

#7546 Shirley Atto

JAMES FREEMAN

#7547 Cheryl Cislowski

#7547.1 Darryl Cislowski (Spouse)

#7548 Scott Anthony Cislowski (Jr)

#7549 Lauren Anne Cislowski (Jr)

ANTHONY ROPE / ELIZABETH PULLEY

#7550 Anne Lorraine Ferris

CAROLINE LAYCOCK

#7551 Stacey Michelle Spurway

#7556 Desmond Brett Spurway

JOHN SMALL / MARY PARKER

#7552 Jennifer Lee Sonego

#7552.1 Sergio Sonego (Spouse)

JACOB BELLETT

#7553 Rebecca Wickens

#7554 Alexandra Wickens

EDWARD GARTH / SUSANNAH GARTH /

JACOB BELLETT

#7555 June Eileen Haswell

BIRTHS

Congratulations to the families of:

THOMAS JAMISON

Dylan Michael Holman

1 July 2007, a son to Suzanne #4533 and

Michael Holman. 2nd grandchild to John

Eggleston #4245. 9th generation FF.

JOHN CROSS

Zara Kate Murray

14 April 2008, at St Leonards, a daughter to Craig and Kristen Murray. 12th grandchild for Leonard #2437 and Lola Murray. 7th generation FF.

ELLEN WAINWRIGHT

Emelia Cumming

11 November 2007, a daughter to Robert and Nataliya Cumming. Granddaughter of Cherie #1041 and Donald Cumming.

DEATHS

Sincere sympathy to the families of:

JANE LANGLEY / THOMAS CHIPP

Margaret Davis

August 2008. Wife of Rodney Davis #6139. Now Denmark, WA, late of Northern Rivers.

PETER HIBBS

#5870 Esmond Kelly

August 2007. Late of Padstow.

MATTHEW EVERINGHAM / PETER HIBBS

#820 Emma Jane Percival

6 December 2007, aged 92. Late of Appin.

ANTHONY ROPE / ELIZABETH PULLEY

Frederick James Ratcliffe

June 2008, aged 68. Husband of Beverly Ratcliffe #5831. Late of Picnic Point.

ANDREW GOODWIN / LYDIA MUNRO

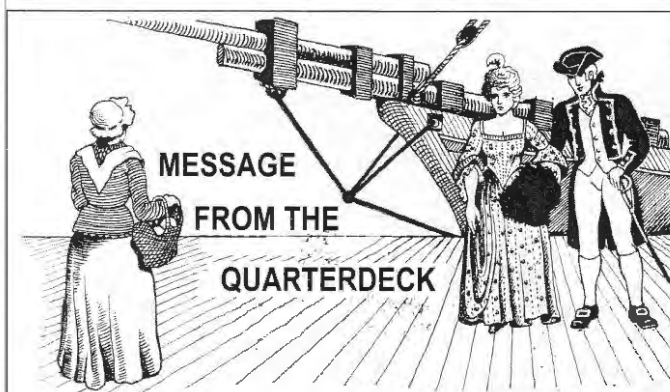
#5848 Raymond Sparkes

19 June 2008. Husband of Ann. Late of Rosemount.

SAMUEL PIGOTT

#6062 Alan Carroll

August 2008. Husband of Lois. Late of Tregeagle.



• **DOT ONE IS A REAL NUMBER:** In the table above we record a magnificent total of 32 new members for the period, including husbands or wives of First Fleeters. And you will have noticed that we now designate such partners with a suffix .1 to the member's number, thus avoiding that awful word, *spouse*, to describe them!

• **SEEKING SOME HELP:** Verifying so many applications is a hectic job for our volunteers, and they really need some assistance. If you have a bit of a knack for paperwork and a researcher's analytical if

not sceptical turn of mind, then do contact John Boyd, our Historical Research Officer, on bhoid48@bigpond.net.au or phone him on 02 4261 6893. John and the team will make every effort to accommodate the hours you can offer.

• **CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** The Board through Ian Palmer, our House Maintenance Officer, has switched the First Fleet House communication from dial-up to broadband, utilising Optus Direct ADSL2 Plus. As shown on Page 1 of this issue, the phone and fax numbers remain unchanged, as of course does the website URL, but your email address book should from October be amended to read fffaus@optusnet.com.au

• **FAMILY TREES:** Ian is also carefully creating a family tree in *Family Tree Maker* for each member's ancestral line, using the documents provided in the membership application. If you can email him a GEDCOM file of your own family tree, his task of completing F to Z will become so much easier.

• **WHO DUNNIT?:** I have suddenly become aware that the phone number for First Fleet House ends in 3788, and the fax number, a bicentenary later in 3988. I wonder if anyone can tell us which perceptive soul of the Fellowship was in days past canny enough to effect this magical confluence of numerals – and why he or she failed so dismally to get Telstra to change their prefix three into a one?!
RW