

ZACHARIAH CLARK ~ 'OF WHOM THE LESS SAID THE BET

Zachariah Clark was a First Fleeter. He was not a con- such records exist. In the case of Zachariah we can estivict, nor a marine, nor a sailor. He was the agent of the mate that his birth occurred in about 1743, because in Fleet contractor, whose job was to see that the convicts 1803 he described himself as "an old man ... aged 60 were well provisioned. He stayed on in New South Wales years". His sisters were probably born during the followas Assistant Commissary, and was then transferred to ing decade. Norfolk Island as Deputy Commissary. A dissenter, a member of a London livery company, a family man, he did his job well.

And yet, while on Norfolk Island, a charge was laid against him for a crime that he did not commit. He was banished to a remote part of the island where he died. Later writers, when they mentioned him - if they mentioned him at all - did so in terms like these:

Zachariah Clark, of whom the less said the better.

Mr Zachariah Clark, who, at Norfolk Island ... drank

himself to death at the place. Zach. Clark had every opportunity of doing so, as he was the Commissary General there in 1804.

Thomas Hibbins, the alcoholic Deputy Judge-Advocate ... his promiscuous bride, Ann Clark, daughter of the incestuous Deputy Commissary, Zachariah Clark.

The recent steady flood of historically important source material onto the internet has allowed a long-overdue reevaluation of his life and fate.

Zachariah Clark was born at Bermondsey on the south bank of the Thames, just opposite the busy heart of London. At that time births were not registered by any government body, so church records of baptisms are used to estimate when births took place. But Zachariah and his four sisters (Elizabeth, Lydia, Mary and Sarah) were born into a family of Particular Baptists, part of the flock of the Reverend Doctor John Gill, who held that infant baptism was "part and pillar of popery". So, not surprisingly, no



Zachariah's father, also called Zachariah, was an important member of this community. There is some touching evidence of this in the 1746 will of Abigail Stockwell:

To Zach Clark five pound ... Pleas to let Mr Clark bury me ... i diser Mr Gill to spak from them words in Job wich I hav ofen spak of ... to the poor of Mr Gill five pound belong to the meeting house in horselidon ...

I hope you will excuse my trubleing of you becas I no the valle you have to Mr Gill and my frinds.

> Gill, whose meeting house was in nearby Horsleydown, was a prolific writer. Earlier in 1746 he had published the first volume of An Exposition of the New Testament, Zachariah's father was one of the subscribers.

> In 1765 Zachariah began an apprenticeship with Joshua Warne, a weaver in London. It was probably never intended that he should eventually follow that trade, but this was a path to becoming a member of a Livery Company and hence a citizen of London. (Zachariah's father was a member of the Worshipful Com-

pany of Patten-makers, insignia pictured this page, although he worked as a tidesman – a customs official who boarded merchant vessels to assess their cargo and secure payment of duties.) It would also have been a way of learning the basics of book-keeping, stock-taking and the other skills useful in any trade. And in any case, Joshua Warne was also a deacon at Dr Gill's Baptist meeting house. (to page 6)

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

This year's **Annual General Meeting** will be conducted on Zoom. You can attend from home. To do this, email your registration request to fffaus@optusnet.com.au and you will be sent

the receipt of invitation and the link you will need to join us on the day.

> FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The next Annual General Meeting Will be held by Zoom on Thursday 22nd October 2020 Commencing at 9.30am



As two of our Directors will be retiring from office at the AGM there will be **two vacancies** to fill. Nominations for Committee positions close on 14 October so please contact the President (02 4311 6254) to outline the reasons for your candidature so you can be sent the relevant forms via email.

It has been good to receive feedback from readers about our leading article, last issue, on the modern day relevance of **statues and memorials**. Keep them coming. Member **#3163 Alan Barton** of Longreach, a man of many and varied interests , had this to say:

Our Christian civilisation is under further attack as our enemies increasingly show their bravado. This is George Orwell's '1984' greeting us, but we must stand firm like our ANZACS behind truth, Christianity and real history. If we are unable to measure or compare our past with our present we cannot truly plan or guide our future. A tree cut off from its roots dies. **Statues and memorials** stand for historical events whether good or bad and they can educate us.

If we fail to make a stand here for our civilisation, traditions, Australia Day, etc, it will be harder next time if we surrender our civilised standards and spurn our Christian heritage and ancestors.

As the pandemic continues to play havoc with our everyday lives and particularly for the Fellowship the impact Covid-Safe restrictions have made on Chapter activities, your directors regretfully announce that our annual **Australia Day Luncheon will not be arranged for January 2021**. So there is no booking form included with this issue. We will let you know if an alternate or similar function can be held later in the year.

Earlier this year *Founders* (51.2, page 10) put out an earnest plea for **stories about FF ancestors** to be submitted by their descendants. We are pleased to announce that of the one hundred listed, nearly half of them have now been submitted or promised, many by non-descendant volunteers. This is astound-ingly good news. Some stories have already gone to the website and will appear in these pages eventually.

Concern has been expressed by some of our members about the poor quality of **source-referencing.** There have also been accusations of plagiarism. The directors plan to give all our potential writers some assistance with referencing skills and these will appear next issue. We know not everyone has an academic background but we still want to hear from you about your families.

Two of this issue's three FF stories are a departure from our usual line-up. Both are about 'private' travellers on the fleet, neither of whom was a convict, naval officer, seaman or marine. What's more, both of them were initially involved in the ordering, care and dispersal of supplies, and their paths crossed from time to time. Enjoy your reading. **Jon**

NATHANIEL LUCAS FAMILY MUSTER, NORFOLK ISLAND MARCH 2020

ia Gascoigne/Gaskin (Lady Penrhyn) travelled from Tasma- Point Hunter and others on Norfolk Island. nia, Victoria, NSW and Queensland to Norfolk Island in early March the year.



Both Nathaniel and Olivia arrived on Norfolk Island, as part of the first landing party on 6 March 1788, leaving Port Jackson aboard HM Supply 15 February 1788. They were cohabiting from 1788 on the Island, one of the many couples married there by Reverend Richard Johnson in November 1791.

The visitors attended the Foundation Day re-enactment ers' Tours. Thomas O'Briof the day when Nathaniel Lucas and Olivia Gascoigne first en descendants plan to arrived.

In 1798 Nathaniel, a carpenter and joiner, was appointed as the Overseer and Master Carpenter and as such was

Descendants of Nathaniel Lucas (Scarborough) and Oliv- responsible for the building of Windmills at Arthurs Vale,

Two of the highlights for this year's visitors were visits to all three lands owned by Nathaniel Lucas and also the Turtle Bay Burying Ground where the Lucas twins (died August 1792) are buried.

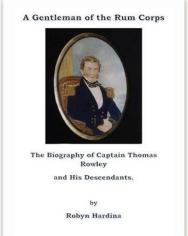
The family history Research Zone included a discovery of all the primary historical records relating to the Lucas family on Norfolk Island and beyond.

They all walked in the footsteps of their ancestors on the special tour of old Sydney Town 1st Settlement, today known as Kingston.

At the 1st Settlement Heritage Dinner Robyn Hardina launched her new book on Captain Thomas Rowley which included his life on Norfolk Island included his role as Commandant. The Lucas family is also featured in this book.

Nathaniel The Lucas Family Muster was hosted by historian Cathy Dunn & the Norfolk Island History Lovers Tour.

Cathy advises that she is happy to organise FF Family Group musters to fit in with her History Lovgather there for the Rev Johnson 1891 Marriages Commemorations in November 2021. CD



THE EYES OF THE LAND AND SEA~ New Sculpture at KAMAY NAT.PARK

Indigenous architects and artists are leading the redevelcentre, a café and educational programs.



Walbanga and Wadi Wadi woman Alison Page, whose opment of the Meeting Place Precinct in Kamay Botany sculpture The Eyes of the Land and Sea is part of the me-Bay, which will include an exhibition space at the visitor morial, said (James) Cook, 'a largely misunderstood figure', was no longer the 'bogyman' to her.

> 'He writes this beautiful quote about the Indigenous people being the happiest people he ever witnessed,' she said. 'This whole discussion about Country, you know Cook actually kind of got it. He would've appreciated the scientific practice, the agriculture that was going on here, if only he could see it.'

> Page-whose sculpture, created with Nik Lachajczak, symbolises the ribs of the Endeavour and the bones of a whale (a Gweagal totem) - said the state government was leading a 'phenomenal' change.

> Yugembir man Dillon Kombumerri, a principal architect with the Government Architect's office, is leading the push to have Aboriginal knowledge and values incorporated into the construction of urban environments so local Indigenous people are not just consulted but act as codesigners. (Sydney Morning Herald 13 .08.2020)

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WILLIAM BROUGHTON, ASSISTANT COMMISSARY-GENERAL

his uncle Captain Broughton. William arrived in Sydney Eliza Simpson. He apparently decided to send Elizabeth parently heard in London that the First Fleet Chaplain daughter embarked on the General Boyd, which was un-Richard Johnson had been allowed to engage a servant der charter to Simeon Lord and sailed from Port Jackson and he requested the same privilege for himself. This is on November 8 1809 with a cargo of timber, seal skins, how the nineteen year old William came to be sailing with the First Fleet. He was young, and I like to think he was ambitious and looking for an adventure, willing, honest and from a good naval family. It was an opportunity which he appreciated. With hard work and his strong sense of public duty, and despite some difficulties, he became a storekeeper, land owner and Deputy -General Commissary in Sydney, Norfolk Island and Van Diemen's Land and

a Magistrate at Appin and Airds, early settlements west of Wollongong.

Described in official letters of the time as 'well educated and a competent accountant' he was appointed to supervise the food rationing at Rose Hill in February 1789. His assistant at the Commissary was James Smith who was also responsible for assigning the day to day work for gangs of convicts. He had previously been granted some land at Parramatta and Concord, and later, in 1795, he and several others received a substantial land grant at the North Brush in the Field of Mars, now

known as Ryde and Eastwood. Soon afterwards he bought out the others and assumed full control of the property he named Chatham Farm after his birthplace. Incidentally, this area is close to where I lived for many years with my family before I moved to Albury. By 1800 William had 16 acres sown with wheat and 3 acres ready for planting maize, as well as grazing a collection of animals, 7 sheep, 3 goats, 3 pigs, and 2 horses.

During his time in Parramatta William met and formed a close relationship with Elizabeth Heathorn, also known as Ann Glossop, a young woman from Poole in Monmouthshire who had arrived in the colony in February 1792 on the Pitt, sentenced to 7 years transportation. They set up house together and their first daughter Mary Ann Broughton was born in 1793, followed by Sarah in 1799. In February 1800 Governor King appointed William as Acting Deputy Commissary for Norfolk Island and he and Elizabeth and their daughters arrived on the Island to take up the position in 1801. Three more children, William Henry, Rebecca and Betsy were born on Norfolk Island before the family returned home via a short time spent in Van Diemen's Land.

Back in Sydney Town there was talk that the newly ap-



Born in November 1768, William Broughton was the son pointed Governor, Lachlan Macquarie, would act against of Henry and Sarah Broughton of Chatham in Kent. His couples engaged in illicit relationships. William may have father died when he was young and he was brought up by had some thoughts about marriage with a young widow Cove on January 26 1788 on the Charlotte, as the personal Heathorn and their youngest child Betsy back to England servant of surgeon John White. Prior to sailing, White ap- where their eldest daughter was at school. Mother and coal and oil bound for the Cape of Good Hope.

> Their first port of call was Whangaroa in the North Island of New Zealand where they were to load Kauri spars. However, while the ship was at anchor in the harbour, there was a vicious surprise attack by a group of angry Maori warriors. Elizabeth Heathorn, along with the crew and most of the passengers died in what was later known

> > as the Boyd Massacre. Little Betsy was apparently protected by a kindly Maori and was very lucky to survive until she was rescued by Alexander Berry. In 1812, after a series of adventures including time spent in Peru, she was eventually reunited with her father in Sydney three years later.

> > Meanwhile back in Sydney William had been appointed as a Magistrate in 1809, and the following year on December 8 1810 The Sydney Gazette reported his marriage 'By Rev Mr Marsden at St John's Church Parramatta on Tuesday last, Wil-

liam Broughton Esq. Acting Commissary to Mrs Simpson widow of the late Captain Roger Simpson.' William was aged 42 and Eliza Charlotte was 27. They were married by special licence granted by Governor Macquarie. They probably lived in Windsor after their marriage with their combined family of four, Eliza's son Edward Simpson then aged 6 and William's motherless children Sarah 11, William Henry 8, and Rebecca 6. William's eldest daughter Mary Ann was still at school in England. I imagine Eliza would have been very busy with her new husband and four children and the added joy of the birth of their first son James Gordon Broughton the following year.

Former St Luke's Cemetery, Liverpool 1821-1958



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Macquarie, William was granted one thousand acres at above department in New South Wales. Appin. In Macquarie's Journal of his tours of the Cow Pastures in 1815 he wrote 'we proceeded by a short but rough road to the farm of William Broughton which he has been pleased to name Lachlan Vale. Here he is building a long one-storey weather board house with two wings on a very lofty eminence commanding a very extensive prospect. He has cleared a considerable portion of his farm and has some fine-looking fields of wheat growing looking healthy and promising'. I have a convict- made brick salvaged with permission from the bull-dozed ruins of William's house.

A great strain was being put on the Commissary stores with the increasing numbers of convicts arriving in the colony. Governor Macquarie claimed he too was 'bewildered' by the prospect of having to feed and house the two thousand six hundred convicts arriving within six months. William's health was said to be deteriorating. There was a sale of furniture from his York St Sydney house which was then leased out. In December 1820 he was too ill to attend the official naming of Campbelltown and he was represented in Governor Macquarie's official party by his young daughter Betsy. Sadly William and Eliza had only been married for eleven years when he died at Lachlan Vale on July 22 1821 aged fifty three.

His grave in St Luke's Cemetery Liverpool is inscribed

Sacred to the memory of Acting Assistant Commissary-General Broughton Who departed this life July 20th 1821,

Appointed Commissary General in 1814 by Governor Aged 53 years, Having faithfully served 33 years in the

His will made in 1813 mentioned bequests to his mother and brother and stressed that all his children were to receive equal shares of his estate.

It was said that as a colonial officer 'he stood out among the motley officials of the day' and Governor Macquarie described him as having been a faithful, honest and useful official for thirty years.

Written by #8990 Kate Macpherson, a great great great granddaughter of William and Eliza Broughton, who states: My connection is through William's second family with Eliza Charlotte Simpson. Their daughter Francis Matilda married Dr Benjamin Clayton from Windsor near Sydney. The Clayton's son Benjamin, who inherited his father's property Baltinglass at Murrumburrah, married Marianne Mackey Garland from Lochinvar near Maitland. Their second daughter Aileen Clayton married Kenneth Mackenzie of Bundanon at Nowra and their eldest child was my mother Jean Mackenzie.

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Stuart Hamilton Hume: Beyond the Borders.

FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS ~ A COVID-SAFE PROJECT

What will you do with all those family photographs in the ies from their frames or albums. bottom drawer that you have inherited? You know who the people are, but do your children? What will happen to the photos when you fall off the twig? With Covid-19 around us, you now have time to label them and create a Family Tree Album that future generations will enjoy.

have an album that starts with my ancestors in Britain and traces the family with images, page by page, to my grandchildren. There are photos of people, homes, possessions and documents such as birth certificates and short interesting letters.

Being computer savvy, I have scanned old photos and tion. documents, photographed heirlooms and collected Internet images for inclusion in the album. I have had to limit ancestors to those in direct line and their spouses. As my wife and I are the hub, there are all immediate families my parents and my wife's parents. So the album has the separate histories of four families. I needed to put the images into order using computer folders for each family and generation, rather than physically sorting them. This was much easier and safer than removing the fragile cop-

Next was the editing process. I have Adobe Photoshop that can alter exposure, repair colour, cover scratches, and remove cobwebs from old transparencies. Also, the image can be set to the desired print size. Most importantly, Photoshop can add a text window to the bottom of the The solution is time-consuming but rewarding. I now image, allowing a title and short explanation. All right, Photoshop is expensive but there are alternatives like Paint.Net that are free and almost as good. Try them.

> The schema is flexible for each generation. For example, I have included several images of the heritage-listed family home through its progressive decay to its recent renova-

> I now have a family album that my children comprehend and appreciate. It is an interesting, orderly, graphical presentation of the family tree with informative snippets along the way.

If you would like to use the idea but need help technically, please contact me at tompsons@bigpond.net.au.

#7787 Malcolm Tompson

(from page 1) From 1766 Zachariah's sisters started to get married and in 1773 Zachariah married Hannah Tolley, the daughter of Benjamin Tolley and Hannah Everingham. The paperwork associated with these weddings shows that Zachariah's father died somewhere in this period, so the 'Zachariah Clark' who subscribed to Dr Gill's A Body of Doctrinal Divinity published in 1769 might have been either.

George Hanover Square, a very fashionable venue for **Richards** junior. Since Richards could not make the journey weddings. The baptism records of their children show that himself, Zachariah Clark was chosen to be his agent on the they were living at Grange Walk, Bermondsey, and that voyage. More than that, in a letter in February 1787 to the Zachariah was a coal merchant. Their daughter Ann, who Navy Board, Richards proposed that appears later on in this story, was born on 11 March 1778.

In 1776 Zachariah completed his apprenticeship. In the following year he was admitted to the Worshipful Company of Drapers and be-

came entitled to wear their livery.

In about 1781 Zachariah joined His Majesty's Cutter Rambler as a clerk. He later wrote that he 'was absolutely on board at the time she upset at the Nore, by which



Drapers' Company, Coat of Arms

the Captain, Pilot, Master's Mate and about half the Crew were drowned and had a very narrow escape that fate myself.' A contemporary account dates this event to Monday, 10 October 1785. The vessel was on patrol at the mouth of the Thames and 'were preparing for anchoring, when, in jibbing, a sudden squall came on, and the main sheet fast, the vessel overset in an instant, and soon sunk to the bottom. A Yarmouth herring-boat seeing the cutter overset, made sail towards her, and arrived time enough to pick up thirty-two men and a lad ...'

In the following year Zachariah subscribed to another publication – the poem The Fallen Cottage by Thomas Clio Rickman. (Rickman had been raised as a Quaker, and was a bookseller, reformer, and publisher of political pamphlets. On his death in 1834 he was buried at Bunhill Fields, the final resting place of dissenters including John Gill, William Blake, John Bunyan, Daniel Defoe and Zachariah's mother-in-law, Hannah Tolley née Everingham, who had died in 1777. Zachariah was listed as a subscriber among 'Names received too late for Alphabetical Arrangement' but he redeemed his tardiness by subscribing to four copies.

In the poem a cottage represents a supposedly lost age of simplicity and sincerity, with the fall brought on by the fashion and luxury based on foreign travel and commerce. Over the next few years these lines may have taken on a personal significance:

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Thus heaven directs its ways, and throws o'er dark Futurity a veil, kind to conceal What to foreknow would cause us endless pain, Would extinguish the gay gleams of hope That, with alluring prospect, draw us on, To bear from day to day life's pressive burthen.

Around this time plans were being made for the First Fleet to transport convicts to Botany Bay in New South Zachariah and Hannah married at the church of St Wales. The contractor chosen for the Fleet was William

> Mr Zachariah Clark, who goes out as my Agent to superintend the Victualling etc of the Marines and Convicts on shore there ... remain there to transact and fulfill every part of my Contract, agreeable to my Agreement with your Honourable Board.

The Navy Board approved this 'reasonable' request. It is said that Richards was an evangelical Christian as was his friend, Sir Charles Middleton, the Comptroller of the Navy, and that their views ensured that the First Fleet was relatively humane and well provisioned. Richards was from Walworth, and would no doubt have known Zachariah Clark, the non-conformist from nearby Bermondsey.

Knowing that he would be staying in the new settlement, Zachariah obtained a letter of introduction from a London firm of wine merchants to their affiliate company in Tenerife, the Fleet's first port of call.



Permit us to introduce to you the Bearer Mr Zachariah Clark who goes by one of the ships destined for Botany Bay. We request you will be pleased to furnish him with whatever supplies of wine etc that he may want, taking his bill on Mr Will. Richards of this City for the amount.

When the fleet reached the Cape of Good Hope, Zachariah was kept busy ensuring the provisions for the last leg of the journey. The log of the Prince of Wales noted on 30 October 1787:

At 10 am the agent [Lieutenant John Shortland] and Mr Clark came on Board to survey the provisions; condemned 5 casks oatmeal and 191 neat pounds cheese.

Zachariah now transferred from the Scarborough to the Alexander, which was to be part of a small advance party to prepare a site at Botany Bay for the arrival of the main fleet. The log of the Alexander noted on 20 November 1787:

Clear pleasant weather. Employed in shifting the Marine Officers, it being the intention of dividing the fleet. Came on board us Lieutenant Shortland and Mr. Clark Agent for Mr. Richards. A signal for the ships to make more sail.

Thus Zachariah Clark, in his role as the contractor's agent, was one of the first to arrive in New South Wales.

Zachariah acted as the agent for William Richards in the new settlement until late February 1788, when the contract ran out. He was then appointed assistant to the commissary. Governor Phillip explained in a letter to Lord Sydney:

As it is, my Lord, impossible for the Commissary to attend to the issuing of provisions without some person of confidence to assist and to be charged with the details, I have appointed the person who was charged with the victualling the convicts from England.

While in this position he fell under suspicion. David Collins, in his account of the colony in NSW, tells us that, in December 1789

... among the various business which came before the magistrates at their weekly meetings, was one which occupied much of their time and attention. The convicts who were employed about the provision store informed the commissary, by letter, that from certain circumstances, they had reason to accuse Mr. Zachariah Clark, his assistant, of embezzling the public provisions. A complaint of such a nature, as well on account of its importance to the settlement, as of its consequence to the person accused, called for an immediate enquiry; and the judge-advocate and Captain Hunter lost no time in bringing forward the necessary investigation. The convicts charged Mr. Clark with having made at different times, and applied to his own use, a considerable over-draught of every species of provisions, and of the liquor which was in store. A dread of these circumstances being one day discovered by others, when the blame of concealment might involve them in a suspicion of participation, induced an assistant of his own, Matthew James Everingham, who them to step forward with the charge.

The suspicious appearances, however, were accounted for by Mr. Clark much to the satisfaction of the magistrates under whose consideration they came. He stated, that expecting to be employed in this country, he had brought out with him large quantities of provisions, wine, rum, draught and bottled porter, all of which he generally kept at the store; that when parties have applied to him for provisions or spirits at an hour when the store was shut, he had frequently

supplied them from his own case, or stock which he had for present use in his tent or in his house, and afterwards repaid himself from the store; and that being ill with the scurvy for several months after his arrival, he did not use any salt provisions, which gave him a considerable credit for such articles at the store: from all which circumstances the convicts who accused him might, as they were unknown to them, be induced to imagine that he was taking up more than his ration from time to time.

With Mr. Clark's ample and public acquittal from this accusation, a commendation equally public was given to the convicts, who, noticing the apparent overdraught of spirits and provisions, and ignorant at the same time of the causes which occasioned it, had taken measures to have it explained.

From the peculiarity of our situation, there was a sort of sacredness about our store; and its preservation pure and undefiled was deemed as necessary as the chastity of Caesar's wife. With us, it would not bear even suspicion.

Collins also related a story about Zachariah and a dog. In June 1790

... an instance of sagacity in a dog occurred on the arrival of the Scarborough, too remarkable to pass unnoticed; Mr. Marshall, the master of the ship, on quitting Port Jackson in May 1788, left a Newfoundland dog with Mr. Clark ... which he had brought from England. On the return of his old master, Hector swam off to the ship, and getting on board, recognised him, and manifested, in every manner suitable to his nature, his Joy at seeing him; nor could the animal be persuaded to quit him again, accompanying him always when he went on shore, and returning with him on board.

There is another

circumstance worth noting. Soon after taking on his duties as assistant at the commissary, Zachariah took on



had been transported in the First Fleet for trying to sell two stolen books. We know that Zachariah's mother-inlaw had been Hannah Tolley née Everingham. It is also interesting that in 1790, at the church of St George Hanover Square in London, Zachariah's eldest daughter, Harriett Clark, married John Highfield, with one of the witnesses being a Thomas Everingham. This raises the possibility, which does not seem to have been yet established, that when Zachariah took on Matthew Everingham as an assistant, he was actually taking one of his wife's relatives under his wing. (continued on page 8)

land as its Deputy Commissary. He later outlined his du- sailing orders." ties.

have to victual the people three times a week with daughter, Ann Clark: fresh pork purchased, and my attendance is also daily required during the working hours of the different artificers to give out or exchange their tools, there being no other person can open the store door having no free man ... In making out my different vouchers, I have four sets to compleat – the Lieut Governor sends one to the Governor in Chief, besides one set he keeps, I also send one set to the Commissary, besides eight years a Publick Accountant.

In 1799 Zachariah returned to England for a few years on leave. While there he wrote to the authorities successfully seeking an increase in pay, and expressing his willingness

(from page 7) In 1793 Zachariah was sent to Norfolk Is- to return to Norfolk Island "by one of the ships now under

Also in 1799 Zachariah's father-in-law Benjamin Tolley I am not only accountable for the whole charge of died, aged 92. He was living over the river in Avery Farm stores, provisions and grain on Norfolk Island, but Row, Pimlico, and in his will left the property to his grand-

> I give and bequeath unto ... Ann Clark, spinster the sum of fifty pounds of ... Bank Annuities, and also all my estate and interest of and in my leasehold house No 3 in Avery Farm Row aforesaid, to be paid, transferred and assigned to her on her attaining the age of twenty one years ...

Editors Note: Did a man of such background and mine to the Auditors having been made for the last training really sink to the levels of the vilification bestowed on him as mentioned at the beginning of this tale? To find out you will need to read about Zachariah's return to Australia in the second part of **#7892.1 John Martin's** gripping account in the next issue of Founders.

FF WILLIAM BUTLER, 1767-1837, Convict on SCARBOROUGH

building in Gray's Inn Lane London.

William said he had been offered a pot of beer and sixpence by 'a tall man' if he and Goodwin would help him with the load, 'he asked us to give him a spell'. The pair ing their load on their shoulders, thought this activity was ment occurred besuspicious and reported them to a watchman on duty. tween Smith and Cul-After a struggle the young men were taken into custody.

On Wednesday 7 July 1784, William and Andrew appeared in the Justice Hall of the Old Bailey Courthouse, and at their trial were found guilty and sentenced to 7 years transportation. They were transferred to the Censor hulk at Woolwich on 6 September 1784, giving his age as 17 and Andrew as 19 years old. They were employed labouring on the Thames docks for the next three years. They were transferred in early 1787 to Portsmouth for embarkation on Scarborough on 27 February 1787

At Port Jackson on 30 April 1788, William was one of four men, the others were William Abbott, Rob Bails (Convict Alexander) and William Hubbard (Convict Scarborough), accused of theft of provisions from James McDonaugh (Convict Alexander). The latter said 'he did not know why suspicion had fallen on the prisoners' who said they had been busy all evening bringing shingles. William Aires/

William Butler was born about 1767 in London and at Ayres (Convict Friendship), and Davis Richard (Convict age 17 in 1784, as a former seaman, together with An- Scarborough) also gave evidence. Ayres said that he heard drew Goodwin (Convict Scarborough) cut 200 pounds of noises during the night ten days earlier, and found that a lead, to the value of twenty shillings in June 1784, from a week's ration of beef and pork for the three men was missing from the tent, although no one was seen. They were nevertheless found guilty and ordered to pay for the missing food

On 22 May, Butler and William Power/Poore (Convict was captured in Theobald's Road. William claimed that he Charlotte) gave evidence to Captain David Collins in the had a sick mother to provide for and 'I have been long out examination of James Bryan Cullen (Convict Scarborough), of work' He well might have been part of a large number who was charged with being insolent to Sergeant Thomas of seamen who were unemployed at the end of the war **Smith/Smyth** (Marine Scarborough). Smith and the prisonwith America. A witness, Thomas Warton, saw them carry- er Cullen also gave evidence. On Monday 19 May, an argu-

> len over the felling of а tree, with Smith claiming that the tree had been marked for Captain Tench for building barracks, and Cullen that it had been marked for making shingles. Collins remanded Cullen for further examination.

> > Convicts from the Justitia hulk work by the Thames near Woolwich. (Photo, National Maritime Museum, London)



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Hunter and Mr Alt sitting. James Bryan Cullen was charged both lived and married. with behaving in a very insolent and threatening manner to Sergeant Thomas of the marines on the morning of Tuesday 22 May. Again Sergeant Thomas, Private John Wilkins (Marine Lady Penrhyn), Private James McManus (Marine Charlotte), William Butler and the prisoner Cullen gave evidence. Cullen was found guilty and sentenced to receive five and twenty lashes for having made use of some improper words to Sergeant Smith.

On Sunday 13 March 1791 there were two weddings at Rosehill- Matthew James Everingham (Convict Scarborough) married Elizabeth Rymes (Convict Neptune 1790) and William Butler now aged 24 married Jane Ann Forbes (Convict Lady Juliana-1790)- noted as only being 14 y/o upon embarkation in 1789. The witnesses to both ceremonies were Thomas Barnsley (Convict Neptune-1790) and Peter Stewart (Marine Private Friendship)

They settled at Prospect Hill, 4 miles to the westward of Parramatta, on a 50 acre grant on 18th July 1791, where William farmed in partnership with 32 y/o George Lisk (Convict Scarborough)-30 acres. Others who gained land grants were John Silverhorn (Convict Alexander)-30 acres, Thomas Martin (Convict Charlotte)-30 acres, John Nicholls (Convict Scarborough)-30 acres, William Parish (Convict

Alexander)-60 acres, William Kilby (Convict Alexander)-60 acres and Edward Pugh (Convict Friendship)-70 acres.

Watkin Tench noted when he visited them on 5 December that they had four acres cultivated, and that Butler had been allowed to settle, though not out of his time, so he could work his farm in his leisure hours. As his term would have been expired in July 1791 perhaps he was al-



Marine Captain-Lieutenant-Watkin Tench

lowed to take up the grant a few weeks early.

A daughter Ann was born on 11 February and baptised on Sunday 4 March 1792 at Parramatta. A son William was born on 3 October 1793, and baptised on 10 November at

Donations received for House Upkeep

Albrecht M, Bercene J, Bracey N L, Cowburn D, De Bono P, Eggleton M, Francis M, Golden D A, Hitchcock B, Houstone M, Little I E, Rees E J, Webb G, Yeomans D.

Thank you all for your welcome contributions which have been put to good use for upkeep and refurbishments at his death in 1984 were donated to the ANU library. First Fleet House .

Five days later on 27 May, the bench of magistrates Parramatta. Some of those researching this family say that met, with Judge Advocate (Captain David Collins), Captain both these children died in infancy, but others that they

> In July 1795, William's wife Jane, now aged 20 years, 'fell into the fire while preparing their breakfast, and received such injuries that she shortly after expired'. Jane was buried at Parramatta on 20 July 1795.

> In September 1799, seven affidavits were sworn before Richard Atkins in his capacity as magistrate on 24 and 25 September in the matter of two missing natives and the charge being prepared against Edward Powell (Convict Lady Juliana), Simon Freebody (Convict Surprize), James Metcalf (Convict Royal Admiral), William Timms (Convict Admiral Barrington) and William Butler. All signatories of the affidavits entered into 30 pounds recognisances to appear in court to give evidence.

> The case was heard on 17 October where, Powell, Freebody, Metcalf, Timms and William Butler for wantonly killing two natives began, and continued until the court dissolved the next day. The court was unanimous that the accused were guilty but there was a difference of opinion about the sentence. The case was therefore reserved 'until the sense of His Majesty's Ministers at home is known on the subject'

> William continued farming at Prospect Hill with Lisk in 1800 and looking after his two young children but by 1806 he was a self-employed carpenter. In 1814 he was listed as a shipwright.

> William married Elizabeth Higgins on 22 May 1815 at St Phillips Sydney.

> In the 1822 and 1825 Musters William is shown as a landholder in the Parramatta district. In the 1822 Muster he is recorded as 'Butter' with 17 acres sown in grain and 9 in orchard, vegetables and garden. He also owned 30 hogs and held 4 bushels of wheat and 40 of maize

> William, noted as aged 66 years and a shipwright, died in January 1837 at Sydney Hospital and was buried on 4 January 1837 from St Phillips, probably in the Old Sydney Burial Ground Compiled by John Boyd 2020

Sources:

-The Founders of Australia by Mollie Gillen p 61 -Sydney Cove 1788 to 1800 in 5 Volumes by John Cobley

MEMBERS' MESSAGE BOARD

Grateful thanks to long-term member #1273.1 Reg Norris of Scone, NSW, who kindly donated his copy of Cornstalks 1788 to the lady who lost her house and possessions in the bushfire. Reg also wrote to let **#7892 John Martin** know that Mr Arch Gray, the writer of the ADB article about Matthew Everingham, retired to Scone and helped Reg with his FFF research. Mr Gray's research papers after

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BOOK REVIEW: PLAYING THEIR PART, VICE-REGAL CONSORTS OF NSW

sense of nostalgia and deeply felt pleasure, particularly if ter of a bachelor governor, was for ever the subject of getting there was part of the daily adventure. Your review- scandalous gossip by Sydney's high society matrons. One er was one such, and in 1949, for this ten year-old the Lady spoke out strongly against women's suffrage while walk down to Sydney's Mosman Bay and the trip to her successor-but-one was the inaugural president of the school above the historic Rocks area at Sydney Cove in National Council of Women. one of the Lady ferries made the perfect start to the day's learning.

It never occurred to me at the time to query the naming of the ferries. Now, reading the recently published book by the Royal Australian Historical Society on the Vice-Regal consorts of New South Wales, I have the answer to the question I never asked.

For about 100 years from the the 1890s there were about twenty Lady ferries on registered harbour runs and about half of these were named after the much admired and hard working spouses of the then male state governors.

The three editors of *Playing their Part*, Joy Hughes, Carol Liston and Christine

the communities they served.

The book begins with a Foreword by the current consort, **Dennis Wilson**, husband of 39th governor, Her Excellency women who had gone before'.

The Royal Australian Historical Society has this to say in introducing their excellent publication: 'The consort is the companion to the governor, a position usually filled by the governor's wife (or more recently the governor's husband), daughter or sister. This is not an official role and it with or without children, noble or commoner, all consorts about those they have known so well: Helen, Lady Cutler, eign, empire or nation. These brief biographies will add to Sinclair, Mrs Jacqueline Samuels and Sir Nicholas Shehadour understanding of the changing roles filled by these ie. women (and one man) over more than two hundred years'.

entertain the reader of the vignettes chosen by the essay- dex. Available from RAHS History House 133 Macquarie St ists to highlight their characters. One Lady arrived from Sydney for \$35 pick up, or \$50 posted. England to take up her role with nine children and had

School days, for some, can be looked back on with a another four during her term. Another, the unmarried sis-

None of the consorts in the days of the first settlement

were First Fleeters themselves so any descendants of vice-regal unions have only been able to become members of the fellowship through links with the offspring of the FF governors themselves, whether de facto-Sydney and Norfolk King—or legitimate, Phillip Parker King and his sister Anna Maria.

The book makes no detailed mention of the interim 'governors', nor of their spouses, some of whom also arrived on the First Fleet. The descendants of their children of course may have taken authentic membership of the Fellowship and some of them are no doubt reading this account today.

The links between the Fellowship and

Wright, have invited 22 contributors to research and pre- the consorts of all New South Wales governors since our sent their essays on over 40 consorts who have served beginnings in 1968 have been strengthened over the years from 1788 to 2019. This is a wonderful compendium of with Vice-Regal patronage happily accepted covering the those in public office, most of whom were never trained terms of six of the seven governors since then. Many will for their roles but took on their unexpected responsibili- remember or may have taken part in the loyalty ceremoties with diligence and fervour, endearing themselves to nies conducted by the Fellowship and on these occasions there was always opportunities to meet with the consorts themselves.

Our annual luncheons for Australia Day and other state the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC, and is followed occasions have allowed members to share in fellowship by a Preface by his predecessor Her Excellency Mrs Linda with our governors and their spouses and rich and lasting Hurley who on coming into her untravelled role in 2014 friendships have followed. These links have been especialstated that her mission was to unearth 'the history of the ly significant when two of our governors, Sir David Martin and Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair indicated that they descended from 1788 arrivals themselves. Sir David's ancestors were FF George Johnston and Esther Abrahams, while Rear Admiral Peter descends from FF William Broughton.

Members of the Fellowship, while no doubt enjoying the comes with no job description, nor salary. Young or old, book as a whole, will be particular drawn to the chapters found themselves supporting spouse and family, sover- Faye, Lady Rowland, Suzanne, Lady Martin, Mrs Shirley

Playing Their Part is beautifully presented, in soft cover, and copiously illustrated throughout its 252 glossy pages. The personal and community interests of the consorts There are nearly 30 pages of Reference Notes and an in-WJF





OUR CHAPTERS IN ACTION

ALBURY-WODONGA DISTRICT – Both sides of the Murray River. Venue: usually at Albury Library/Museum, Kiewa St. Albury, monthly meetings, third Saturday at 10:00 for 10.30 am. Next Meetings: Unlikely during stringent border closures. Next Event: Contact: Mary Chalmers-Borella 6025 3283

ARTHUR PHILLIP - Milsons Point to Brooklyn and across to all northern beaches.

Venue: Meeting Room, Old Gordon Public School. 799 Pacific MORETON - South East Queensland. Highway, Gordon – monthly meetings, third Friday at 10.30 . Next Meetings: ; 16 October, Cancelled; 20 November: No speaker; 18 December: General meeting. Next Events: 18 December: Christmas Party. Contact: Judith O'Shea 9797 0240

BOTANY BAY - Southern Sydney, from Cooks River to Waterfall and west to Liverpool

Venue: Our Lady of Fatima Church, 825 Forest Rd, Peakhurst. Bimonthly on third Tuesday 10.30am. Next Meetings: 20 October: Margaret Binder, Topic TBA. Next Events: 17 November: Outing to Kurnell, BYO Lunch; 8 December Christmas Lunch, Venue TBA. Contact: Carol Macklin 0415376434

CANBERRA – ACT, Queanbeyan and surrounds.

Venue: Various locations in Canberra. We recently held our AGM and afternoon tea, and our Annual Lunch at the Southern Cross Yacht Club. Next Meeting: There will be a Christmas Party in December - details to be announced. Contact: Toni Pike 041 041 2778

CENTRAL COAST - From Lake Macquarie to Broken Bay, highlands to coast.

Venue: Usually Point Clare Community Hall, but not until 2021 meet monthly, second Saturday at 10 am for 10.30. Next Meetings: 10 October: at Woodbury Park, Wyong; 14 November, at Goodaywang Reserve, Pont Clare. Next Event: 12 December: Christmas BYO Barbecue, Venue TBA. Contact: Jon Fearon SOUTH COAST – Engadine to Burrill Lake. 43116254

DERWENT - Southern Tasmania

Venue: Bi-monthly, 11am, first Saturday at Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Sandy Bay. Next Meetings and Events. Nothing planned until restrictions lifted Contact: Paul Dobber 0401566080

EASTERN FARMS - Ryde, Eastwood, Parramatta, Kings Langley, Pennant Hills and surrounds.

Venue: The Hall at Brush Farm House, 19 Lawson St. Eastwood monthly meetings, first Saturday from 10am Next Meetings: 3 October: Cancelled; 7 November: Cancelled; Next Event: 5 December: Cancelled. For any changes to the above, members will be notified by email. Contact: Jennifer Follers 97991161

HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN --Western Sydney, Penrith to Windsor, Blue Mountains.

Venue: Windsor Library, Penrith Library and Springwood. Presbyterian Church --Bi-monthly, third Saturday, 11 am. Next Meetings: 17 October: Cancelled Next Events: 19 December: Christmas gathering , TBA or check with www.fffhnc.com Contact: William Hempel 0410950101

HUNTER VALLEY – Hunter Region, Newcastle and surrounds.

Venue: Teralba Community Hall Supper Room, 15 Anzac Pde Teralba – bi-monthly meetings, usually third Monday from 10am — 12.30pm. Next Meetings: 19 October: Cancelled, but may be replaced by a picnic get-together Next Event: Contact: Kerry Neinert 49615083

MID NORTH COAST -- Taree and Surrounds, Bulahdelah to Kempsev.

Venue: Presbyterian Church, 76 Albert Street, Taree, Bi-monthly on 4th Tuesday at 2pm. Next Meeting: Next Events: Small group social gatherings by postcode areas for morning tea or picnic. Note, A Christmas event was listed for late November. Check with Heather if it is still scheduled. **Contact:** Heather Bath 0427018566

Venue: St. Augustine's Anglican Church Hall, Hamilton – bi-monthly meetings, at 10 am on an available 2nd Saturday. Next Meetings: 10 October: Morning Tea picnic meeting at Carindale Recreation Reserve , BYO and a chair, Speaker, Julie Webb, Writers' Prize entry. Next Event: 5 December: Venue and date for meeting and Christmas Lunch TBA. Contact: Robin McCarthy 0412305501

NORTH COAST – Nambucca Heads, Dorrigo, Boambee to McLean.

Venue: Either at various halls or at members' homes, Bi-monthly, usually first Sunday at 10.30am. Next Meeting: 1 October, at Lawrence Hall, Speaker TBA; AGM. Contact: Robyn Condliffe 66533615

NORTHERN RIVERS – Lismore and surrounds.

Venue: Ballina Cherry Street Sports and Bowling Club - bi-monthly meetings, fourth Sunday at 11.30am followed by lunch; Next Meeting: 22 November, Christmas Lunch. Contact: Roddy Jordan 6687 5339

NORTH WEST – Tamworth and surrounds.

Venue: Various locations - bi-monthly meetings, usually first Saturday at 1.30pm Next Meetings: (in Family History Rooms) 3 October, Mike Cashman, Local historian. Next Events: 5 December, 12 noon: BYO Lunch at First Fleet Garden, Wallabadah. Contact: Janet McLean 0438465529 for details.

Venue: Scribbly Gum Room, Ribbonwood Centre, 93-109 Princes Highway, Dapto - monthly except. Jan, May and Dec. - first Tuesday at 10am - 1pm. Next Meetings: 6 October: (Probably by Zoom) AGM and Jacqui Price. An Indian Wedding. Next Events: Contact: Rob Ratcliffe 42321842

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS – Mittagong, Moss Vale and surrounds.

Venue: Mittagong Community Centre - bi-monthly - second Wednesday at 10.30am (\$5 Admission Fee waived due to numbers cap of 20 during Covid-19 restrictions). Next Meeting: 14 October: AGM. Contact: Wendy Selman 48624849

SWAN RIVER – Perth, Fremantle and surrounds.

Venue: 16 Inwood Place Murdoch, bi-monthly, usually first Saturday, at 2pm. Next Meetings: 3 October: TBA; 5 December: TBA. Next Event: Contact: Toni Mahony 0892717630

PLEASE NOTE: Some of the events on this page may be deferred or cancelled. Please check with your committee contacts for the latest news.

Karys Fearon, Chapter Liaison Officer

EDITOR'S NOTE: Closing date for this page for the next issue is 23 November 2020

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS		DEATHS
Ordinary and Pensioner Members THOMAS ARNDELL/ WILLIAM DRING/ ANN FORBES #9060 Pamela Dagwell THOMAS ARNDELL/ELIZABETH BURLEY (BURLEIGH)/WILLIAM TUNKS/JAMES OGDEN #9061 Jayne Elizabeth Blackshaw #9062 Maxwell Jordan Ferrer #9063 Sally Taylor Jayne Hewitt JOSEPH WRIGHT #9064 Monica Catherine Wallace HENRY HACKING #9066 Edith Joan Irwin ROBERT FORRESTER #9067 Kristine Smith JOHN McCARTHY/ANN BEARDSLEY #9070 Peter Nelson Willett WILLIAM HAMBLY/MARY SPRINGHAM #9071 Charles Ambrose Jones	Ordinary and Pensioner Members MATTHEW EVERINGHAM #9072 Brenda Mabel Bradford ELIZABETH COLE #9073 Lex Raymond Swayn JOHN HERBERT/DEBORAH ELLEM #9074 Brenda May Lesueur JAMES FREEMAN #9075 Deborah Valda Czislowski JOHN BARRISFORD/HANNAH BARRIS- FORD #9076 Joan Elizabeth Jones. Junior Members JOSEPH WRIGHT #9065 Mackenzie Jade Wallis JOHN CROSS #9068 Lachlan Alexander Mackenzie Cameron #9069 Augustus Gladstone Levi Camer- on Associate Members #8783.1 Edmund Motherway #8997.1 Jan Grant	 WILLIAM FRASER/ELLEN REDCHESTER #8159 John Henry Morgan of Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, died on 26.10.2019. John and his wife Joan joined the Fellowship in 2012 as members of the Albury-Wodonga Chapter. ASSOCIATE #185.1 Betty-Anne White of Tamworth, New South Wales, died on 16.07.2020 after a short but intensive fight against bowel cancer. Betty-Anne was 79. She and her hus- band Warren were founding members of the Fellowship and together were instrumental in inaugurating the North-West Chapter. HENRY KABLE/SUSANNAH HOLMES #7512 Anthony Huntley of Arcadia Vale, New South Wales, died on 28.07.2020, aged 73. Tony had been a member of Hunter Val- ley Chapter since joining the Fellowship in 2008.
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Have you recently tried to contact the Fellowship, *Founders* or the President by email and been frustrated at not getting any response? If so, please send again. **President Jon Fearon** apologises that due to unresolved issues with his home computers not all messages are getting through. If there is still silence from this end it might be worth ringing him on 02 4311 6254 if the matter is urgent.



We are excited to announce the completion of a major project destined for the FFF Website. Life member **#7163 John Boyd** has dedicated his lockdown time to our **Illustrated Graves Project** which has been long in the planning. To see how it works go to our site, click on the *Gravesite Plaques* page and you will see a table showing all 123 plaque dedications that have been conducted since 1976. So far for 22 of these the new material been downloaded. The rest will be added by our webmaster **#7715 Bob Rickards** as his time and health allows. By clicking one of the images in the final column you will be taken to the cemetery, the headstones, some more information and a link to the First Fleeter's story itself. Thank you John, Bob and former plaques director, **#7046.1 Ray Keating,** for your creativity and collective contributions that have made this possible.

ASSOCIATE

FRIEND

#1364.1 Brian Bennett of Northmead, New South Wales, died on 14.09.2020. Brian along with his wife Elaine, life member and leader of the FFF membership team, had been a member of the Fellowship for over 40 years and will be sadly missed.

#F52 Suzanne Constance Turner of Tam-

worth, New South Wales, died on 28.07.20,

aged 82. Suzanne joined North West Chap-

ter on October 2007 as a friend, with links to FF William Broughton. Having a love of his-

tory and a career in nursing, she was instru-

mental in not only researching the history of Tamworth Hospital but also setting up the

hospital museum in 2017. Suzanne was in-

volved in many community groups and was

awarded 2017 Tamworth Citizen of the Year.

SAMUEL PIGOTT

#8956 Terrence Alexander Cameron of Little Mountain, Queensland, died earlier this year. Terry had been a member of the Fellowship for just over a year.

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