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From the President

On Thursday 4th December, accompanied by Vice Presidents Roy Kable and Roderick Best, I was received by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales at Government House. He was delighted to receive from us, on your behalf, a set of books -- nine volumes of First Fleet Journals. These were presented to him, beautifully inscribed, as a token of esteem on his retirement, thanks to him as our Patron and to mark his record term of 15 years as Governor of New South Wales. I am sure we all wish His Excellency and Lady Cutler a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Our new Secretary, Mrs Anne Campbell, and her husband joined my husband and myself at Menzies Hotel, Sydney, on Friday 28th November to attend the 1788-1820 Association's annual Christmas Party. This is the first time we have been invited, and I am so pleased to see some of the groups coming together socially. We enjoyed a very friendly evening.

This will be the last opportunity to tell you of the arrangements for Australia Day 1981. Firstly, on Saturday 24th January our Annual Dinner will be held at the Wentworth Hotel, Sydney, at 7 pm. We are indeed fortunate to have as our Guest Speaker Dr David Armstrong, General Manager of the Australian Bicentennial Authority, so come along and hear about plans for 1988. Numbers are limited, so make your bookings early. On Sunday 25th January we will hold an Exhibition in cooperation with the Sydney Cove Re-development Authority at the Rocks. Mrs Elaida Jackson is in charge of this, and further information may be had by phoning her (982 8014). Offers of help will be gratefully received. Do play your part, if you live around Sydney; it is a wonderful opportunity to help. On Australia Day, Monday 26th January, as many Members as possible are asked to attend Government House (in costume if possible) where an Address of Loyalty will be presented to be forwarded to Her Majesty the Queen. We assemble outside the Gates at 9.15 am for the ceremony at 9.30 am.

We have received an invitation for Members to attend the Annual Service at St Philip's, Church Hill, on Sunday 1st February 1981 at 3 pm. This is always a lovely service and commemorates the first Christian Service held in Australia in 1788. Hope to see you there.

As this is the last Newsletter for the year I take this opportunity to extend best wishes to all for a very happy Christmas and hope the New Year will bring peace, happiness and good health to all.

Beryl Lewis.

Closing of Office

The Fellowship's office, Room 312, 3rd Floor, Assembly Building, cnr York and Margaret Streets, Sydney, will not be staffed for the fortnight or so of the Christmas and New Year holiday period. The Membership Committee meets for the first time in 1981 on Tuesday 5th January, and thereafter

on every successive Tuesday, while the first Friday opening is on the Friday of the same week, 9th January, and thereafter every Friday. On both Tuesdays and Fridays the office is open between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm, though sometimes the Membership Committee may stay a little longer.

Membership Report

The following new Members are welcomed into the Fellowship:

Mrs Marie Kathleen Tattam, Moree. (Caroline Laycock)
Mr Richard Porter, Balgowlah. (William Broughton)
Mrs Lynette Edith Stewart, Wagga Wagga. (William Douglas)
Miss June-Anne Baker (jnr) and Miss Jennifer Gaye Baker (jnr),
Tascott. (Thomas Lucas)
Mrs Pauline Donna Robson, Lakemba. (Anthony Rope - Elizabeth Pulley)
Mr Barry Norman Sharr, Wanniasa, A.C.T. (James Bloodworth -
Sarah Bellamy)
Mr Eric James Campbell, Miss Anne-Belinda Campbell and Miss Juliana Rose
Campbell, Wollstonecraft. (John Shortland Snr;
John Shortland Jnr).

Note: Caroline Laycock (convict on "Prince of Wales") is a new First Flocter.

Membership Committee.

First Fleet Journal Still Available

New Members may not be aware that the Fellowship used to produce a Journal containing interesting historical articles which, unfortunately, had to be discontinued because of high printing costs. Copies are still available of four editions of the Journal (apart from being kept for its historical content, the Journal could be very useful for school projects). Cost: 50c per copy, available from the Fellowship's office, Room 312, Assembly Building, cnr Margaret and York Streets, Sydney. An extra 40c per copy posted.

"Early Colonial Gardens"

"Early Colonial Gardens" was the last subject for our lecture this year, the speaker Mr James Broadbent, consultant for the National Trust. This was an unusual subject and a very interesting one.

Mr Broadbent said the kinds of plants that were brought to the early colony were mostly Cape bulbs, watsonias, ixias, etc; later, plumbagoes, clivias and oleanders.

They were now exotic flowers to the British, as these plants could only be grown in glasshouses in England.

As the earliest example of a colonial garden, Rouse Hill House is a most important garden. Built over a well with an old orchard, the main garden, simply laid with shrubberies, is a very basic no-nonsense garden. In those days orchards were laid out in square beds and vegetables were grown in the centre.

Maner (1840) has an old derelict garden. This house is a good example of a colonial garden.

Then styles in garden layout changed and moved away from formal gardens. This style flourished in Australia when ease with a foreign environment occurred. There was a certain hostility towards native landscape art first, which is noticeable looking at Rouse Hill House.

Mr Broadbent showed us slides of Fernhill (1838), where the trees were thinned, except for the popular Angophora (applogum), to make a formal avenue.

The views (or "vistas") were most important where you could suddenly

come across a spectacular view through trees and later glimpse a dam, always in an unusual angle or setting. Vistas or "surprises" were important, and people would drive along just to stop and admire the various scenes.

The famous gardener Thomas Shepherd lectured on landscaping, and he probably influenced the colonial gardens of the day with his many ideas. In the 1800's gardens often had bamboo flanking the entrance gates with exotic trees near the house.

Mrs Macquarie, a keen gardener, introduced the "picturesque" effect in gardens. Her Governor husband frequently wrote about his wife's love of and taste for English landscape gardens. He had many bulbs and plants sent from various ports for her garden.

The Gothic-styled Vaucluse House has a picturesque style of garden, with giant bamboo at the entrance. Luckily it has the original main shrubbery still intact.

Later a more relaxed Romantic style was introduced. The best survivor of Romantic gardens is at Bronte House, built in the 1840's, with the use of a natural rockery and rustic steps.

Mr Broadbent showed slides of many old homes and gardens. Garden Park in New South Wales was an important nursery in the 19th Century. Later the style was called "gardenesque" which tried to get back to horticulture. Garden beds were not so geometrical and formal. Thomas Litchell's Craigend is a principal "gardenesque" garden.

Mr Broadbent gave us an enthusiastic account of that garden, and we must admire the early settlers battling with our environment, making superb gardens.

In a letter to Capt. Tench, James Ruse of Experiment Farm, Parramatta, wrote:

"I have now one-and-a-half acres in wheat, half an acre in maize and a small garden. My land I prepare thus: having burnt the fallen timber and dug in the ashes and then hood it up, never doing more than eight or nine rods a day, by which means it was not like the Government farm just scratched over but properly done; my straw I mean to bury in pits and throw in with it everything which I think will rot and turn to manure. I have no person to help me at present but my wife, who I married in this country; she is industrious".

A true gardener if ever there was one!

We thank Mr Broadbent for coming to speak on such an interesting subject.

Sally Kalina.

Anybody Know Addresses?

Newsletter envelopes addressed as under have been returned. Does anyone know the present addresses of these members?

Mr S. W. Weaver,
4/2 East Esplanade,
Manly. 2095

Mrs D. Branch,
25 Hay Street,
Port Macquarie. 2444

Mr A. W. Small,
2/12 Rennison Street,
Beaumaris, Victoria. 3193

Mrs B. J. Pennell,
551 Luxford Road,
Shalvey. 2770

Mrs D. Upcroft,
35 Cook Street,
Baulkham Hills. 2153

Kroehnert Family Numbers

In the last Newsletter Joan Cox wrote that Miss Rhonda Kroehnert (Nathaniel Lucas - Olivia Gascoigne) had traced 900 descendants of Rudolf

and Matilda Krochnert. Mrs Cox's informant -- not Rhonda -- had given her this figure, but it should, in fact, have been 250; still, an exceptional effort on Rhonda's part. Ninety of the Krochnert family had attended the reunion at Woronora Dam.

Notes from the Library

A recent edition of the Journal of the Australian Jewish Historical Society (Vol. VIII Part 7 pp. 464-466) contained a review of "John Lang and the Forger's Wife" by Nancy Keesing. Besides reprinting some of early Australian literary works this book contains a biography which will be of some interest to Members.

The biography is of John George Lang, one of Australia's first native-born authors. Born on December 19, 1816, he was the son of Walter Lang and Elizabeth Lang (nee Harris). Elizabeth Harris was one of two daughters to John Harris, a convict who arrived aboard the "Scarborough" in the First Fleet. Prior to leaving the colony for England in 1801 John Harris gained some notoriety as reputedly Australia's first constable. He is not to be confused with Surgeon John Harris, also a First Fleeter.

John Harris's grandson was educated at William Cape's School, Sydney, and was a foundation pupil of Sydney College (later to be known as Sydney Grammar). From there he graduated to Cambridge and read for the Bar, returning to Australia in 1841. By this date his widowed mother had remarried, into the Underwood family, and he only remained in the colony for some five months. He travelled to India, where he established a legal practice and a reputation for being quarrelsome. He died in that country on August 20, 1864.

While this volume by Miss Keesing is not in the Library, the Journal containing the review is, and may be read by all visitors to the Fellowship Room.

AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVITIES

Annual Dinner

Date: Saturday 24th January 1981

Place: Ballroom, Wentworth Hotel, Sydney

Price: \$16 each

Tickets: Available from Miss Alice Clarke,
P.O. Box 328, Lane Cove, N.S.W. 2066

Note: Money and a stamped addressed envelope should accompany bookings.

Exhibition

Date: Sunday 25th January 1981

Place: The Rocks

Further information: Mrs Haida Jackson, phone
982 8014.

Address of Loyalty

Date: Monday 26th January 1981

Place: At Government House gates (assemble 9.15 am)

Note: Members to attend in costume if possible.

Ordering of Name Bars, Etc

Please note that Mrs Thelma Guy has recovered from heart surgery and is again looking after the Fellowship's badges, key rings, name bars and so on. Her address is now 10 Karingal Court, Eastwood, N.S.W. 2122.

Cost of name bars: With one First Fleeter's name, \$2-75; two names, \$3-25; three names, \$3-75. (Prices of badges, key rings, spoons, etc, were listed in the July 1980 Newsletter).

F.F.F. Members and Their F.F. Ancestors

At the end of October 1980 the register of members of the Fellowship of First Fleeters contained 1736 names, but of these, 53 individuals accepted as members in the first two years or so had failed to provide proof of origin from a "First Fleeter" and their memberships were rescinded, leaving 1683 members registered at this date.

During October 1980 Mr Thomas E. Silk became Member No. 1726, bringing with him a new "First Fleeter" ancestor (Thomas Chipp, Marine private on "Sirius") and raising the number of F.F. ancestors of our members to 100. Soon thereafter Mr John C. Norton became Member No. 1734 and also brought with him a new F.F. ancestor (Thomas Spencer, Marine private on "Scarborough").

The following table shows the rates of membership and F.F. ancestor growth from inauguration of the Fellowship in early 1968 to October 1980:

	<u>Members</u>	<u>F.F. Ancestors</u>
March 1968 - June 1969	717	45
July 1969 - June 1970	97	3
July 1970 - June 1971	40	2
July 1971 - June 1972	30	2
July 1972 - June 1973	92	7
July 1973 - June 1974	64	3
July 1974 - June 1975	33	3
July 1975 - June 1976	32	4
July 1976 - June 1977	61	5
July 1977 - June 1978	90	4
July 1978 - June 1979	123	13
July 1979 - June 1980	208	7
July 1980 - Oct. 1980 (4 mths.)	96	3

The remarkable response during the first two years of the Fellowship (814 members from 48 ancestors) was followed during the following six years by a substantial drop in interest (only 291 members and 21 new First Fleeters up to June 1976). However, since that time interest has revived at an ever-increasing rate (578 new members and 32 new ancestors to Oct. 1980) and already, in the first four months of the 1980/81 financial year, 96 new members have been registered.

Unfortunately, however, by no means all of the 1683 "registered" members are currently financial; it seems that maybe up to 70 per cent of those joining before 1977 are no longer interested. Reasons for the drop-out are doubtless diverse; a few due to deaths, but the most likely main causes would be young people nominated by parents or grandparents not being interested when they became responsible for annual subscriptions as adults or because of finding no attractive features of membership for young persons. Older members, no longer able to attend lectures and other functions, would also have lost interest; this could certainly apply to overseas, interstate and country members.

Some members have expressed interest in knowing how many members there are for each F.F. ancestor, and their requests have led to the preparation of the following lists.

Where a marriage or de-facto relationship existed between two F.F. ancestors, both male and female names are shown connected by X or /. In cases where First Fleeters' families became related in following generations, these integrations are shown by a +.

During the formative years of the Fellowship many new members were registered as descended from only one F.F. ancestor although both male and female progenitors of their families were "First Fleeters". Later, both F.F. ancestors were recorded as appropriate, but nothing has been done to remedy the earlier omissions although investigations are progressing to find out where anomalies exist and to remedy them.

Meanwhile, ancestorship as shown on the next pages is as recorded in Membership Register.

Numbers of F.F.F. Registered Members Descended from Each F.F. Ancestor

(1) ACRES, Thomas		3
(2) ARNDELL, Thomas	30	
" " X (4) DALTON, Elizabeth	3	
" " " " + FORBES, Ann	20	
" " DALTON, Elizabeth + FORBES, A. + TUMES, Wm	4	57
(3) BARRISFORD, John X (2) BARRISFORD, Hannah		6
(4) BAYLISS, John	15	
" " + WHITE, John	1	16
(5) BELLETT, Jacob	1	
" " + GARTH, Edward X GARTH, Susannah	6	7
(6) BLOODWORTH, James	9	
" " X BELLAMY, Sarah (3)	23	32
(7) BRADLEY, James + McMAHUS, James X POOLE, Jane ..		2
(8) BROUGHTON, William	66	
" " + HERBERT, John X ELLAM, Deborah	1	67
(9) CAVANOUGH, Owen	23	
" " X (5) DARNELL, Margaret	11	
" " " " + EVERINGHAM, James	3	36
(10) CHIPP, Thomas		1
(11) COLLING, David	1	
" " X (29) YEATES, Ann	1	2
(12) CROSS, John		6
(13) DAVEY, Thomas		1
(14) DEVINE, Philip		11
(15) DOUGLAS, William	3	
" " X (14) GROVES, Mary	8	11
(16) DRING, William X (9) FORBES, Ann		1
(17) DRUMMOND, John		1
(18) EGGLETON, William X (6) DICKENSON, Mary		4
(19) ELLIOTT (Trinby), Joseph		2
(20) EVERINGHAM, Matthew	191	
" " + CAVANOUGH, O. X DARNELL, H.	3	194
(21) FISHBURN, Andrew		41
(22) FORRESTER, Robert	5	
" " + FORBES, Ann	1	6
(23) GARTH, Edward	2	
" " X (11) GARTH, Susannah	3	
" " " " + BELLETT, Jacob	6	11
(24) GOODIN, Edward (with Squire, Small and Lucas later generations)		2
(25) HALFPENNY, Thomas		2
(26) HATTON, Joseph		40
(27) HERBERT, John ("Char") X (7) ELLAM, Deborah ..	14	
" " " " + BROUGHTON, Wm	1	15
(28) HERBERT, John ("Scar")		1
(29) HIBBS, Peter		8
(30) HUGHES, Hugh	3	
" " + TUMES, William	26	29
(31) HUMPHREY, Edward		1
(32) IRVINE (Irving), John		1
(33) JAMESON, Thomas		8
(34) JOHNSTON, George	2	
" " X (1) ABRAHAM, Esther	3	5
(35) KABLE, Henry	117	
" " X (16) HOLMES, Susannah	51	
" " " " + TUMES, William	3	171

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Numbers of F.F.F. Registered Members Descended from Each F.F. Ancestor
(Continued)

(36)	KILPACK, David	14	
"	" + ROBERTS, William	1	15
(37)	KING, Philip Gidley		36
(38)	LUCAS, Nathaniel X (12) GASCOIGNE, Olivia	56	
"	" " + SQUIRE, James	7	63
(39)	LUCAS, Thomas		26
(40)	McMANUS, James X (22) POOLS, Jane	1	
"	" " + BRADLEY, James	2	3
(41)	MEREDITH, Frederick	85	
"	" + SHEERS X SMITH + FRASER	1	86
(42)	MILES, Edward		5
(43)	MORRISBY, James		2
(44)	NASH, William	126	
"	" X (15) HAYNES, Maria	11	137
(45)	NICHOLS, John		3
(46)	PALMER, John		17
(47)	PARSONS, Henry		2
(48)	PARTRIDGE, Richard X (13) GREENWOOD, Mary		6
(49)	PEAT, Charles	1	
"	" X (19) BULLENS, Ann	9	10
(50)	PIGOTT, Samuel		14
(51)	PUGH, Edward X (25) SMITH, Hannah		4
(52)	RANDALL, John		1
(53)	RISDALE (Crowder), Thomas		1
(54)	ROBERTS, William	17	
"	" + KILPACK, David	1	18
(55)	ROPE, Anthony	42	
"	" X (23) PULLEY, Elizabeth	12	
"	" " + SUMMERS, John	15	69
(56)	RUSE, James		5
(57)	SALTmarsh, William (son m. dau. Mary Phillips X Stevens)		1
(58)	SHEERS, James	14	
"	" X SMITH, Mary (26)	3	
"	" " + MEREDITH, F + FRASER, E.	1	18
(59)	SHEWING (Scriven), Philip X LANGLEY, Jane (18)		8
(60)	SHORTLAND, John		1
(61)	SMALL, John	100	
"	" X PARKER, Mary (20)	84	
"	" " + SQUIRE	1	
"	" " + ROBERTS	1	186
(62)	SPENCER, Thomas X PHILLIPS, Mary (21)		1
(63)	SQUIRE, James	38	
"	" + LUCAS/GASCOIGNE	7	
"	" " + SMALL/PARKER + GOODIN	2	
"	" " + SMALL/PARKER	1	
"	" " + ROBERTS, Wm	1	49
(64)	STAN(D)FIELD, Daniel		2
(65)	SUMMERS, John + ROPE, Anthony X PULLEY, Elizabeth		15
(66)	TOINKS (Tunks), William	66	
"	" " + HUGHES, Hugh	26	
"	" " + ARNDELL, T. + FORBES, Ann	4	
"	" " + KABLE, H. X HOLMES, Susannah	3	99
(67)	UNDERWOOD, James		2
(68)	WESTLAKE, Edward		1
(69)	WHITE, John	2	
"	" + BAYLISS, John	1	3

Numbers of F.F.F. Registered Members Descended from Each F.F. Ancestor
(Continued)

(70) WINTER, John X SANDLIN, Ann (24)	1
(71) WRIGHT, James	4
(72) WRIGHT, Joseph	1

(Additional females not included in foregoing list)

(8) FLARTY, Phebe	2
(10) FRASER, Ellen	15
(17) JOHNSON, Catherine	1
(21) PHILLIPS, Mary (with SALTmarsh, 1, and SPENCER, 1)	2
(27) TURNER, Mary	8
" " + SMALL, John	<u>1</u> 9
(28) WATKINSON, Ellen	3

Note: The numbers in parentheses before or after a name indicate the position on separate alphabetical lists of male and female First Fleet ancestors; to date, 72 males and 29 females.

.. Lon Chalmers (H. Hughes + W. Tunks)
... (Membership Committee)
