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From the President.

On Saturday afternoon 11th April I attended the Waldron Mc Carthy , Memorial Lecture for the Hurstville Historical Society at the Civic Centre Hurstville. This year the Speaker was Mr. Keith Johnson, President of the Society of Australian Genealogists - his subject "Study in Genealogy". This was an extremely interesting lecture and as it is an annual event I commend it to all members in future years. A beautiful afternoon tea was served by the Society, who I'm sure were delighted with the large assemblage.

Herald Square is Sydney's newest pedestrian precinct - a gift to the City by the Fairfax Group to celebrate their 150th Anniversary. The centrepiece is a very large sculpture representing the four seasons with a stream either side symbolic of the Tank Stream. The sculpture, Stephen Walker, has placed great emphasis on the flora and fauna that would have been in this area in the early days of the colony. I deemed it a great honour to be a guest at the official opening by the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman Douglas Sutherland, and also at luncheon on board the John Cadman Floating Restaurant. It was a glorious day and the Harbour at its magnificent best.

I was guest speaker at luncheon at the British Ex-Services Club, Sydney, on Tuesday 28th April. As usual my address led to many questions relating to the Fellowship and hopefully made another group aware of our objectives.

I took a few days rest towards the end of the month and it was a delight to stay with a fellow member, Mrs. Mary Hughes, at her beautiful home at Bensville on the New South Wales Central Coast. Ours is a friendship truly based on the Fellowship of First Fleeters, for we met for the first time on the trip to Norfolk Island in March last year. I sincerely hope other members have similar experiences and make lasting friendships as a result of their membership.

Please remember that our usual lecture night on Wednesday 20th May, at members request, will take the form of a "Discussion Night". Do come along and put forward your views and ideas. Further nights of this type will depend on results in May. Don't miss this opportunity and I look forward to meeting as many as possible on that night. Supper is served after the meeting.

Beryl Lewis.

APRIL LECTURE EVENING.

The April Lecture Evening was on an interesting subject - "Edmund Blacket his Life, and His Church Buildings 1817 - 1883". The Speaker, a husband and wife team, Bev and John McClymont, Lecturers for Historical Societies.

They made the talented architect come to life, and we felt we knew the humble Edmund Blacket after the most interesting lecture.

The lecture began with Blacket and his wife Sarah, a young couple travelling across the world to escape parental disapproval of their marriage, and they were the new type of Australian immigrant that was replacing the former convict transportees to the colony of New South Wales, they arrived in Sydney Cove in 1842

Edmund Blacket's task ahead of him was to find work. He formerly worked as a surveyor and had learnt basic training in Building. He wrote letters to important people, including Charles Nicholson, Thomas Sutcliffe Mort and William Grant Broughton, the recently ordained Bishop of Australia, who was to start the shy and modest Edmund Blacket on a career of great, if quiet, brilliance. By January 1843 he had been appointed valuator to Bourke Ward of the City. The official notice in the Sydney Morning Herald, misspelled his name as Mr. Blackett - this happened throughout his life.

On 18th January 1843, he delivered to Bishop Broughton the design of his first Australian building, a church for Patrick Plains. Building techniques were simple compared to modern methods, allowing an intelligent man to master them with comparative ease. He had a great enthusiasm for Architecture, and was delighted when Bishop Broughton commissioned him to design a church. Patrick Plains was the general area of Singleton in the Hunter River Valley, and this church was to become All Saints, Singleton.

For Forty years from 1843 - 1883 Blacket worked as Colonial Architect, designing churches and the magnificent buildings of Sydney University, houses and banks. But his most well known works are his churches. He could design a church for a meagre budget or a lavish one. Here are a few of his wonderful church buildings -

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| St. Philips | (Church Hill) |
| St. Johns | (Gordon) |
| All Saints | (Woollahra) |
| St. Thomas' | (North Sydney) |
| St. Peter's | (delightful Gothic church Watson's Bay) |
| St. Stephen | (Newtown) |
| Holy Trinity | (Berrima) |
| St. Mark's | (Picton) |
| and many more. | |

On Friday 9th February 1883, Edmund Blacket did not arrive at his office, his long - enduring friendships and his richly crowded life was over.

A plaque on the wall in the south-west corner of St. Andrews Cathedral says the ashes are near by. And so there are laid Edmund Blacket and his much loved wife Sarah - with a whole cathedral of his design for their tombstone.

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Mr & Mrs. Mc Clymont gave so much to their favourite subject, showing beautiful slides of the wonderful Blacket Buildings. Mrs Thea Row (Hosking) gave the responding vote of thanks and said "you could hear every word, and the speakers were so professional and entertaining".

We all heartily agreed,
Thank you Bev. & John Mc Clymont for an outstanding
lecture.

Sally Kalina.

- INVITATION -

The following invitation has been received by the President, any members and their friends who wish to attend, please ring 709.8974. We hope to arrange a F.F.F. table.

"The Women's Pioneer Society of Australasia request the pleasure of the company of members of your organisation at their
COMMEMORATION OF WOMEN PIONEERS, PRESENTATION
DINNER AND BALL,
to be held in the Holme Building of the University
of Sydney.
The date 5th June 1981, 7 for 8. Presentation 8P.M.
Dress is Formal or Period. The cost \$25 a single

We do hope you will be able to be with us on this occasion.
Please reply by 20th May, 1981.

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BOOKCASE.

We are still in need of a bookcase! Does any member have a bookcase they have no further use? As our library is expanding we urgently need more storage. Please phone Mrs. Beryl Lewis on 709-8974 or Mrs Anne Campbell on 437.6656.

Publications and Souvenirs Available.

Journals (4 editions only), 50c each plus 40c postage. Four sets, postage 80c in NSW, 90c interstate.
First Fleet Book, \$4.50 (posted \$5.).
Compiling your Family History, \$3. (postage 50c).
First Fleet Lists, \$2. ea (50c postage).
Teaspoons, sugar spoons, cake forks, \$2. ea. Tea Caddy spoons, key rings, \$2.50 ea., Car stickers, 75c ea.
We also have 2 only "The Journal of Philip Gidley King: Lieutenant, R.N
*****1787-1790.

Coming Events.

Wednesday 20th May - Discussion Night.

Wednesday 17th June - Mr. Max Gosewinkel - "Early Sydney."

Membership Report.

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new Members of the Fellowship of First Fleeters:

NAME	SUBURB/TOWN	ANCESTOR	TYPE
Miss Agnes AKERS	Dee Why	Thos. Acres	Full
Mr. Reginald BALDWIN	Box Hill N.Vic.	"	Full
Mrs Barbara DRADY	Penrith N.S.W.	Anthony Rope- Elizabeth Pulley	Senior
Mrs. Phyllis KING	Punchbowl N.S.W.	John Cross	Senior
Mrs. Irene LEHANE	Ryde N.S.W.	THos. Acres	Senior
Mr. Keith LEHANE	Woollahra	"	Full
Mrs. Lillian MILLIGAN	Airport W.Vic	Nathanial Lucas- Olivia Gascoigne	Full
Mr. James MILNE	Newcastle N.S.W.	Anthony Rope- Elizabeth Pulley	Full
Mr. Edwin MORRISBY	Wollstonecraft N.S.W.	James Morrisby	Full
Mrs. Faye OLESEN	Crows Nest N.S.W.	Thomas Acre	Full
Miss Catherine NEWELL	Bathurst N.S.W.	Owen Cavanough- Margaret Darnell	Junior
Master Adam OLESEN	Crows Nest N.S.W.	Thomas Acres	Junior
Miss Lisa OLESEN	Crows Nest N.S.W.	"	Junior
Mr. Trevor SMITH	Coorparoo Qld.	William Roberts	Full
Mrs. Wilga SMITH	Lalor Park N.S.W.	John Cross	Full
Miss. Nerida SMITH	"	"	Junior
Mrs. Zelia THORNTON	Wavell Hghts, Qld.	M. Everingham	Full
Mr. Neville DOUGLASS	Lidcombe, N.S.W.	William Douglas- Mary Groves	Full
Mrs. Janice STAAS	Davidson, N.S.W.	Thomas Acres	Full
Mr. Ronald CHIPPS	Roseville N.S.W.	William Tunks	Full

Membership Committee.

The following is a list of those who have been admitted to the Fellowship as "Associate (Spouse) Members" from July 1980 to April 1981

Associate's Name	Member's Name/Number	F.F. Ancestor(s)
Mrs Valda H. Allen	Mr. Donald T. Allen (1792)	John Nichols
Mrs. Penelope Butler	Mr. Geoffrey Butler (1653)	Garth-Garth + Billett
Mr. Raymond J. Crane	Mrs Constance Crane (1680)	J. Small-M Parker
Mrs. Jess Devine	Mr. Frank A. Devine (1720)	Philip Devine
Mr. Ernest Farlow	Mrs. Betty Farlow (1790)	J. Small-M Parker
Mr. Keith Frazer	Mrs. Anne Frazer (1783)	N Lucas- O. Gascoigne

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Associate's Name	Members Name/Number	F.F. Ancestor(s)
Mrs N.M. Garth	Mr. Edward G. Garth (1774)	Garth-Garth+ Billett
Mrs. Kerry L. Garth	Mr. Gregory Garth (1776)	" "
Mrs. Kay Harman	Mr. Robert L. Harman (1697)	John Cross
Mrs. J net Knight	Mr. Dennis P. Knight (1715)	M. Everingham
Mrs Myrtle F. Lucas	Mr. Frank N. Lucas (1764)	N. Lucas- O. Gascoigne
Mr. Edmund Muller	Mrs. Iris M Muller (1648)	Peter Hibbs
Mrs - Packer	Mr. Francis G. Packer (1652)	William Roberts
Mrs. Kay Purnell	Mr. Anthony B. Purnell (1798)	John Nichols
Mrs. Helen Silk	Mr. Thomas E. Silk (1726)	Thomas Chipp
Mr. Sydney Stone	Mrs. Milly L. Stone (1766)	J. Small-M. Parker
Mr. David J. Turtle	Mrs. Lorraine Turtle (1691)	J. Hatton
Mrs. Patricia A. Waters	Mr. Allan R. Waters (1645)	N. Lucas-O. Gascoigne
Mrs. - Webb	Mr. Thomas Webb (1760)	M Phillips- T. Spencer
Mr. Phillip L. Waters	Mrs. Mary M. Waters (1646)	N. Lucas- O. Gascoigne
Mrs. Betty Milne	Mr. James Milne (1806)	A. Rope-E. Pulley
Mrs. Valerie Douglass	Mr. Neville Douglass (1821)	W. Douglas- M. Groves
Mr. Anthony Staas	Mrs. Janice Staas (1822)	Thomas Acres
Mrs Florence Chipps	Mr. Ronald Chips (1823)	William Tunks

Membership Committee.

ANTHONY ROPE AND ELIZABETH PULLEY.

Anthony Rope was charged At Chelmsford, Essex on 7th March, 1785 for burglary, by breaking and entering the house of Robt. Gosling and stealing 2 cotton gowns, 1 petticoat and shoes, a mans hat and coins, value 35 shillings. He was sentenced to 7 years and transportation. He sailed on the "Alexander" on the First Fleet.

Elizabeth Pulley or (Powley) spinster aged 26, was sentenced at Thetford, Norfolk on the 17th March 1783. She had burgled the dwelling house of a widow, Elizabeth Minns on 24th December, 1782, and stole 10lbs. of cheese, raisins, bacon, 24 ozs butter, 7 lbs flour also 2 rolls of worsted. No doubt the food was to have been Xmas dinner. For this crime Elizabeth was "to hang by the neck till she be dead." She was reprieved and sentenced to 7 years and transportation. She sailed on the "Friendship" but was transferred to the "Prince of Wales" at the Cape, with other women convicts and their places taken by sheep, bought for the colony.

On arrival at Sydney Cove, Elizabeth Pulley and Anthony Rope were married on the 19th May 1788, John Summers and Elizabeth Mason witnesses to the marriage.

As a celebration to the event, a supper party was held in the Rope's tent. The guests were Joseph Hatton, Elizabeth Mason, Frances Williams, Robert Ryan, James Price and Samuel Day. They all had "sea pie containing fresh meat, "a welcome change from the usual ration of salt pork.

On the 30th May, Capt. David Collins examined Joseph Hatton about the disappearance of a goat belonging to Lt. Johnston. He heard evidence from Hatton, Frances Williams, Elizabeth Mason and Ann Warburton. He committed James Price, Anthony and Elizabeth Rope and Samuel Day for trial.

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On Monday 2nd June, the Criminal court sat and James Price and Elizabeth and Anthony Rope were charged with stealing the goat's flesh.

After evidence was given by a number of others, it appears the goat was found dead as though an animal had killed it, and being still quite fresh, they took the liberty of making pie for the wedding dinner. All the accused were acquitted and the papers were signed by Capt. Collins.

On Sunday 2nd November, 1788, Robert the first son of Anthony and Elizabeth was christened. In February 1789, Anthony Rope and John Summers were ordered 25 lashes for not doing their work and in March 1791 Rope received 25 lashes for buying stolen shoes.

On Sunday 31st July, 1791, their daughter Mary was christened. In January 1792 they settled on land at the Ponds, 2 miles north east of Parramatta. Their farm is now the Catholic College on Kissing Point Road. Another daughter Elizabeth was born in 1794, John 1795, Sarah 1798, William 1805 (whose birth does not appear to be registered) and Elizabeth Ann 1808.

The Rope family did not stay long at the Ponds, and in 1805 Anthony Rope is a free settler renting 48 acres from James Badgery on the Nepean. In 1806 his name is on an address of welcome to Governor Bligh from the Hawkesbury settlers.

They continued to farm and were still in the district of Evan on the 1828 census with 11 acres all under cultivation and 5 cattle.

Elizabeth died on the 9th August 1837 aged 80 years, and Anthony died on the 22nd April 1843. His age is given as 89. They were both buried at Castlereagh.

Compiled by Mary Hope-Caten

NOTICE.

The National Trust are holding a RALLY for a public enquiry into the Cumberland Stadium proposal. This rally is to be held in PARRAMATTA PARK on Sunday 17th May at 2 P.M.

Our Hon. Editor, Mrs. Joan Ross and her husband Keith, are on a holiday in Japan - we all wish them a happy and enjoyable holiday.

We are very honoured to hear that the new First Fleeters Book, has been accepted by the Mitchell Library to be sold by them. This is very rarely done.
