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From the President - August

Because of the cold weather July and August are always the quietest months of the year. Nevertheless the various committees have been as busy as usual.

The Lecture for July was fascinating - the speaker was Sister Catherine O'Carrigan, historian for St Vincent's Hospital, her subject "19th Century Australian-born Medical Men". Mrs Kalina's summary will appear in a coming Newsletter. Some country members have suggested we tape our lectures and allow them to borrow the tapes in order to share in these excellent lectures. Unfortunately this is not possible as the Lecturers, for the most part, will not agree. Therefore Mrs Kalina's excellent reports are the best we can do.

It was a great pleasure for me to be a Guest Speaker for Beecroft Red Cross at their 54th Annual General Meeting and also at the 11th Birthday Dinner of the Macquarie Town Evening View Club at Liverpool during the past month. New members are gained by these "Guest Spots" and much interest in the Fellowship aroused.

Many members will be sad to learn of the death of Archdeacon Goodwin of St Philips, Church Hill, Sydney. Though not a First Fleeter, he was very conscious of the links between his Church and the Fellowship of First Fleeters. The Annual Pilgrimage in February each year became a Service to look forward to under his guidance. The words on Sir Christopher Wren's tomb in St Paul's Cathedral, London, suit the late Archdeacon just as well. "If you seek his monument, look around you". I represented the Fellowship at his Funeral Service on 7th July.

When ordering badges and souvenirs will members please note that 50c postage must be added for each.

Beryl Lewis.

Governor Phillip's Birthday

Governor Phillip's birthday this year falls on a Sunday - 11th October. The usual wreath-laying ceremony will be held at the memorial fountain in the Botanical Gardens, Sydney (opposite the State Library), at 11 am on that day. Members are asked to bring a picnic lunch and make this a real family day.

Membership Report - August 1981

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new members:--

NAME	SUBURB/TOWN	ANCESTORS	TYPE
Mrs Fernie L. BLADE	Forster	Thomas Arndell	Full
		+ Ann Forbes	
Mrs Christine J. BRAY	Oyster Bay	Thomas Arndell	Full
		+ Ann Forbes	
Mr Gary D. BRAY	" "	(As above)	Full
Mr Ian G. BRAY	" "	"	Full
Miss Kerry L. BRAY	" "	"	Junior
Mrs Julie A. CULLENWARD	Bourke	Ann Forbes +	Full
		Robert Forrester	
Miss Wendy FRAZER	Winston Hills	Nathaniel Lucas -	Junior
		Olivia Gascoigne	
Miss Melinda G. FRAZER	(As above)	(As above)	Junior
Miss Amanda FRAZER	"	"	Junior
Mr Clive S. GRIFFITHS	Wodonga, Vic.	John Palmer	Full
Mr George Wm. C. GRIFFITHS	Penrith	John Palmer	Full
Mr Rodney C. GRIFFITHS	Strathpine, Q'land.	"	Full
Mr Ian C. GRIFFITHS	Inverell	"	Full
Mr Bruce A. LAMROCK	Newport Beach	James Bloodworth	Full
		- Sarah Bellamy	
Mrs Heather M. HARDAKER	Warrawee	William Tunks	Full
Mr Richard C. HARDAKER	"	"	Full
Mr David R. HARDAKER	"	"	Full
Mrs Jane MAYNE	Kyle Bay	Eleanor Frazer	Full
Miss Danika V. MAYNE	"	"	Junior
Master Anton P. MAYNE	"	"	Junior
Mr Peter M. MULLINS	Winston Hills	Andrew Fishburn	Full
Miss Donna A. MULLINS	"	"	Junior
Master Scott M. MULLINS	"	"	Junior
Mr Paul N. MULLINS	"	"	Full
Mrs Robyn PORTER	North Parramatta	Nathaniel Lucas -	Full
		Olivia Gascoigne	
Mrs Neta L. PRIOR	Green Point	Matthew Everingham	Full
Mr John S. SMITH	Buderim, Qld.	Matthew Everingham	Full
Mr David L. WARLTERS	Summer Hill	Frederick Meredith	Full

Associate spouses:

Mrs Sadie M. HOGG, wife of Richard E. HOGG.

Mr Thomas W. PRIOR, husband of Neta L. PRIOR.

Unless otherwise stated, cities, towns and suburbs listed above are in New South Wales.

Membership Committee.

June Lecture

The June lecture had a change of speakers, as Mr Max Gosewinckel was laid low with a dreaded Sydney virus, and Mr Len Werman kindly came to the rescue with a most interesting lecture, "The Trails of Old Sydney".

Mr Werman, a lecturer for Masonic Lodges, has a brilliant memory, never using notes, and always gives an entertaining lecture.

The June lecture was equally entertaining. It was about colourful characters who came on the convict ships. Some became solid citizens,

such as Mary Reibey; others continued their life of crime in the colony.

One particular story, incredible but true, was about Isaac Solomon (or Ikey), a skilled pickpocket, who, at 14, was charged with stealing a purse. The trial was at the Old Bailey, and Solomon was later on the hulk Zealand for three years. After release he worked for an uncle, became a jeweller and an established dealer in stolen goods.

Solomon married a barmaid, Anne, who was also involved with organised crime. Storm clouds developed again when police raided his house and uncovered £1400-worth of stolen goods. Isaac found himself before the Judge again, and his future was very bleak; though he must have had very good friends, as they helped him escape in a get-away coach after producing a writ of habeas corpus.

His wife Anne was not so lucky. Her home was raided, too, and she was found to have stolen goods in her possession. She was later transported, and arrived at Hobart, Tasmania, while her sons went to Sydney (they were not charged, but came out to the colonies). Meanwhile Isaac, safe in America, heard of Anne's deportation to Hobart and set sail for Hobart himself as a free settler to find her.

Many people were astounded to see him, and he blatantly lived in the same house with his wife, who worked as a servant. The Governor for a while was powerless to charge him, but in 1830 orders were sent from Britain for Solomon to be deported, and he was returned to England. Only to be returned in 1831, after a trial, to Australia!

His wife Anne, possibly tired of his comings and goings, was now living with another man and only one of his children, his daughter Sarah, had any affection for her father, and lived with him. Later Anne and Isaac had a reconciliation and, with their feuds over, lived out their torrid lives together until Isaac's death in 1850.

Solomon's life was similar to a Dickens tale, and being a true story is even more fascinating. He was buried in the old Jewish cemetery, the eighth person to be buried there.

Everyone enjoyed the lecture, with only one criticism - it wasn't long enough! Mr Werman made the characters of the early colony come to life, and we could have listened all evening to his relating of their life stories. We thank him for coming on such short notice, and we also look forward to having Mr Gosewinckel as a guest speaker early next year.

Sally Kalina.

Notes from the Library

A recent publication is a collection of speeches and short articles of Emeritus Professor G. M. H. Clark. Besides being an excursion with one of Australia's most renowned historians through the past and present of Australian society, it also reprints his article on "The origin of the convicts transported to Eastern Australia 1787-1852". Although first read as a paper in 1951, it still deserves reading by those approaching their convict ancestry for the first time.

Professor Clark puts all First Fleeters in their place by talking of this "negligible minority" who arrived before the French Revolution and the Industrial and Agrarian Revolutions. As such, "The First Fleet and its immediate successors were the rejects of the old order in Europe" and accordingly, so he argues, had minimal impact in a world immeasurably altered by the Revolutions.

The conclusion to his debunking of oft-held theories of convict origins should also be seriously considered: "The convicts in the main were recruited from the criminal classes of Great Britain and Ireland, that these criminals were part of the working classes, and that the majority

of them came from the towns ... Features of the behaviour and values of these criminals....were their pride in their criminal record, their chronic opposition to physical labour, their loyalty to and affection for each other, and their conception of Australia as their sole chance of redemption".

Invariably provocative, never dull, "Occasional Writings and Speeches" by Manning Clark is not in the Fellowship's Library but should be found in local libraries or quality bookstores. The first volume of his "A History of Australia" is to be found in the Fellowship's Library.

Name Bars

If members wish to get a Name Bar to wear at the Australia Day Dinner or Celebrations, please order now, as the closer to Christmas the longer the delay.

Please send your order to Mrs T. Guy, Lot 14, Wallgrove Road, Horsley Park 2164.

Member's name and one First Fleeter's name	\$2-75 each
" " " two " " s	\$3-25 each
" " " three " " s	\$3-75 each

On blue or black background, please add 50c for packing and postage.

Souvenir spoons, sugar spoons, cake forks are now \$2-50 each (previously \$2 each).

Tea caddies (spoons) and key rings, still \$2-50 each.

Car stickers, 75c each.

Packing and postage charge of 50c for each order. Or name bars, etc, may be bought at the Fellowship's office.

Publications Available

Journals (4 editions only), 50c each plus postage. Four sets, postage 80c in New South Wales, 90c interstate.

First Fleet Book, \$4-50 (posted \$5).

Compiling Your Family History, \$3 (postage 50c).

First Fleet Lists, \$2 each (50c postage).

The Journal of Philip Gidley King: Lieutenant R.N. 1787-1790. (One copy only available).

The Mills Brothers of Port Fairy. (Two copies only).

They Came by a Road, by Viv. Kable. \$5-50, posted. (Of special interest to the Kable family).

Annual Fees

It would appear that quite inadvertently a few members have received outdated subscription forms. Would all members please check before forwarding fees that they have a 1981-82 form? Those who have already used the old form will be receiving a letter from our Hon. Secretary.

"The House that Were Built"

It was recently my privilege to read this book, belonging to a friend. I found it the most remarkable Family History - the research and meticulous care contained in its pages, the photographs which spell out the passing of time, mainly through pictured fashion (notably wedding groups) and the unique way each "branch and twig" of the family has been recorded. To any member contemplating writing a Family History, or those just interested in genealogy, I commend this book. "The House that Were Built", by Eric Were, printed by Lutheran Publishing House, Adelaide. Copies available from the author (\$14) at 116 Hancock Rd., St Agnes, S.A. 5097. (The foreword of the book to appear in the next Newsletter).

Beryl Lewis.

Coming Event

Sept. 16: Annual General Meeting, 4th Floor, Assembly Building, Jamison Street, at 7.30 pm. *****