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### President's Report.

With the absence of our President, Mrs Beryl Lewis who is still overseas, there is no Report this month. No doubt she will have plenty to report on next month. Ed.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT - OCTOBER 1981.

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

NAME	SUBURB/TOWN	ANCESTOR(S)	TYPE
Miss Pamela BELLETTE	Pyramid Hill,Vic.	Jacob Bellett	Full
Mr.John F.F.Bridges	Orange,NSW.	Andrew Fishburn	Junior
Miss Elizabeth M.Bridges	"	"	Junior
Mrs.Rhonda G.COLMAN	Berowra.NSW	A Rope - E.Pulley	Full
Mr.Norman L.COLMAN	"		Assoc.Sp.
Mrs.Pamela D.CORMICK	Turramurra.N.S.W.	John Gowen	Full
Miss Carolyn N.CORMICK	" "	"	Junior
Miss Michelle H.CORMICK	" "	"	Junior
Master James R.CORMICK	" "	"	Junior
Mr. Craig S.DAWSON	Greenwick. NSW	J.Small-M.Parker	Full
Miss Sandra J.DAWSON	" "	" "	Full
Mr.Wilbur F.EVERINGHAM	Tullamore,NSW	Matthew Everingham	Full
Mrs. Jocelyn F.GIBSON	San Souci.NSW	Thomas Acres	Full
Mrs.Kerrie L.FRAME	Lilyfield,NSW	Thomas Acres	Full
Mrs.Theda M.KERZ	Nyngan,NSW	William Tunks	Full
Mr.Martin C.KERZ	Nyngan,NSW		Assoc.Sp.
Mrs.Phyllis M.LEWIS	Hebersham NSW	Matthew Everingham	Full
Mrs.Louisa F.McGUIRE	North Sydney,NSW	Thomas Acres	Full
Mr.Stephen F.Mc LENNAN	Revesby,NSW	James Ruse	Full
Mr.D'Arcy I.F.MORGAN	Springwood,NSW	H.Kable-S.Holmes	Full
Mrs.Lorraine F.VAUGHAN	Coogee,NSW	William Tunks	Full
Mr.Roger W.VAUGHAN	Coogee,NSW		Assoc.Sp.

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# Membership Report - October 1981 Continued.

NAME	SUBURB/TOWN	ANCESTOR(S)	TYPE
Miss Erica U.VAUGHAN	Coogee, NSW	William Tunks	Junior
Mrs. Ann M. WILLIAMS	Baulkham Hills, NSW	Thomas Acres	Full
Miss Megan WILLIAMS	Baulkham Hills, NSW	Thomas Acres	Junior

Membership Committee.

## MANY F.F.F. MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR MORE THAN THE ONE F.F. ANCESTOR REGISTERED

First Fleet ancestors of Fellowship members now number 106. About half of these First Fleeters "paired off" (either in legal marriages or otherwise) to start Australian-born families represented by F.F.F. members; the "paired" F.F. ancestors are as follows:-

ARNDELL, Thomas	X DALTON, Elizabeth
BAR ISFORD, John	X BARRISFORD, Hannah
BLOODWORTH, James	X BELLAMY, Sarah
CAVANAUGH, Owen	X DARNELL, Margaret
CHIPP, Thomas	X LANGLEY, Jane
COLLINS, David	X YEATS, Ann
DOUGLAS, William	X GROVES, Mary
DRING, William	X FORBES, Ann
EAGLETON, William	X DICKENSON, Mary
GARTH, Edward	X GARTH, Susannah
HERBERT, John	X ELLAM, Deborah
JOHNSTON, George	X ABRAHAMS, Esther
KABLE, Henry	X HOLMES, Susannah
LUCAS, Nathaniel	X GASCOIGNE, Olivia
McMANUS, James	X POOLE, Jane
NASH, William	X HAYNES, Maria
PARTRIDGE, Richard	X GREENWOOD, Mary
PEAT, Charles	X MULLENS, Ann
PUGH, Edward	X SMITH, Hannah
ROPE, Anthony	X PULLEY, Elizabeth
SHIERS, James	X SMITH, Mary
SHEWING, Phillip	X LANGLEY, Jane
(or SCHIVEN)	
SMALL, John	X PARKER, Mary
SPENCER, Thomas	X PHILLIPS, Mary
STANDFIELD, Daniel	X HARMSWORTH, Alice
WINTER, John	X SANDLIN, Ann

The Fellowship's Membership Register shows that, especially in the early years of the Fellowship, many members were recorded as having only one (the male) First Fleet ancestor whereas the ancestor spouse was also a First Fleeter. The reasons for this omission are not clear; they are probably that there was a reluctance to recognise a convict woman as an ancestor, or that there was a lack of knowledge on the part of the member, or that the matter was overlooked by the Membership Committee of the time. Such omission of the spouse's name applied to some 500 member-descendants of the following male First Fleeters:

KABLE, Henry	109	SHIERS, James	14
NASH, William	126	BLOODWORTH, James	9
SMALL, John	101	BARRISFORD, John	6
ARNDELL, Thomas	52	and,	
ROPE, Anthony	42	DOUGLAS, JOHNSTON, STANDFIELD,	
CAVANAUGH, Owen	22	and PEAT - 1 to 3 each.	

It has been suggested that some, if not all, of the 500 (approx.) members mentioned above might wish to have the omission of the First Fleeter spouse's name rectified in the Membership Register and on their Membership Certificate. Any such member should please contact the membership Committee by letter or by calling at the  
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F.F.F. office on any week-day excepting Monday (10am - 2pm) bringing your Membership Certificate with you.

There is also, as has been found out by several members recently, the possibility that some members are descended from an additional First Fleeter to that (or those) for which he or she was originally accepted for membership. This comes about through inter-marriage between later generations of First Fleeters. Any member who thinks this likely in his or her case should write or call at the F.F.F. office (on Tuesdays only) for discussion with the Membership Committee and the Archivist.

N. Jackson

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PLEASE NOTE : ALL UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS WILL NOT BE RECEIVING ANY MORE NEWSLETTERS. Please send remittance to The Treasure, P.O. Box 41 G.P.O. Sydney. 2001.

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Mr. G. Squires,  
"Longacre"  
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BOMRAL. N.S.W. 2576.

The Editor,  
NEWSLETTER,  
Fellowship of First Fleeters,  
G.P.O. Box 4441,  
Sydney, 2001.

Dear Sir,

Recently, I had the unpleasant duty of informing the Executive and the Graves Committee of the Fellowship that the headstone belonging to the grave of my First Fleet ancestor, Mary Phillips per "Charlotte" had been removed from its grave site and placed in a stack of other headstones in the cemetery of Christ Church, Longford, Tasmania. The Executive felt that my story demanded the widest possible circulation and has asked me to make this contribution to the NEWSLETTER.

The first reaction by all "First Fleeters", and especially those subject to the Heritage Act of N.S.W., will be: how could this happen? The answer is very simple: NOBODY WAS TOLD! I am currently wearing sackcloth and ashes and I feel that my penitence will be justified if I can prevent a similar occurrence by explaining how it all happened.

About ten years ago, I 'discovered' my ancestor and quickly located her burial place. I made a special trip to Tasmania and photographed the grave. Longford is a sleepy little town, bypassed by the modern motor-car, in which, seemingly, nothing has happened for the past 100 years, nor would be likely to happen in the course of the next century. Of course, I told all the family and gave the Fellowship a colour-slide of the grave, but did nothing else.

A little over two years ago, some of the family visited Tasmania and made the pilgrimage to Longford. They could not find the grave, but observed that a bull-dozer was busy making most of the cemetery smooth and level. This fact was reported to me and I immediately got in touch with a former contact in the Longford Historical Society. As soon as it was learnt that the grave of a member of the First Fleet was at risk, a curtain of silence descended over Longford, and the Longford Municipality or the Church

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Vestry. Eventually, I enlisted the aid of the National Trust in Launceston, who made enquiries and confirmed the worst. The local branch of the National Trust, formed after the headstone had been removed and so bore no responsibility, sent me a plan of the stacked head-stones and, unofficially, explained what had happened.

Christ Church cemetery is a large area in the centre of the town. Maintenance costs are constantly rising, whilst brigade insists on stringent precautions, because of the proximity of shops and houses. The local Church Vestry Committee thought that by stacking the headstones 'front to back' they would be better protected from the elements. From all points of view, it seemed a good idea to tidy the place up a bit. Those graves for which funds have been provided for their upkeep were exempted of course, but Mary Phillips had died 130 years ago and nobody knew how to contact the next-of-kin. It is pointless to ask if Mary's descendants would have come to her aid had they been asked! Everything was done with the best intentions; but sometimes you can't win. Recently I had a letter from a Longford resident, who tells me that the Longford children on their way to and from school, play leap-frog over the stacked headstones, resulting in more erosion of their surfaces than a century of pollution could do! So, nobody won really, except the local bush-fire brigade.

Well, this is not a fairy tale (how I wish it was), but it does have a moral - DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOUR FIRST FLEETER.

Yours faithfully,

G. SQUIRES.

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Forthcoming Stalls.

DON'T FORGET The Bush Music Club Festival to be held this coming weekend Friday night 23rd October to Sunday 25th October, at the Addison Road Community Centre at 142 Addison Rd. Marrickville - The Fellowship will have their stall on the Saturday and Sunday only. Please help swell the Fellowship Funds by providing goods to stock this stall (jams, sweets, novelties, etc., anything saleable) and not forgetting we will need helpers to man the stall.

Goods for sale may be left in the Fellowships rooms in the usual office hours or brought along to the stall at any time during the two days of the Festival. THANK YOU.

Heritag Week 1982. Heritag Week will be held from 22nd-28th March, 1982, at Observatory Hill. Unlike this year, we have plenty of notice, so we hope to have lots of support and contributions for our stall. We did very well this year at almost a moment's notice, so here's hoping for a good response, so that we can make piles of dollars for the F.F.F. Hopefully we will have many members to help sell all the goods. Don't forget it runs for a week. DON'T LEAVE IT TO THE FEW ILLING CORNERS.

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TUNKS FAMILY GET-TOGETHER.

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM TUNKS (MARINE- "SIRIUS" - FIRST FLEET) ARE INVITED TO A FAMILY GET-TOGETHER AT PARRAMATTA PARK ON SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER 1981. THE GATHERING WILL COMMENCE AT 11 AM BEHIND OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE, NEAR THE BATH HOUSE. BRING A PICNIC LUNCH. FOR ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE PHONE NAIDA JACKSON ON 982.8014 or HAZEL LIEBAU ON 428.3979.

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The following member's Newsletters have been returned to our office.  
Does anyone know the present addresses of the following:-

Mr. Timothy Hewitt  
P.O. Box 246,  
Armidale. 2350

Mr. Gregory S. Garth,  
2 Alderford Ave.  
Wantirna South. 3152 Victoria.

Mrs. Elaine Maidment,  
86 Alameda Way,  
Warriewood. 2102

Mrs. Eileen D. Smyth,  
Deptford Road,  
Granite Rock. 3875 Victoria.

Mrs. Denise Cunningham,  
29 Sorell Road,  
Eastwood. 2122.

Mr. Terry Funnell,  
11/73 Albert Avenue,  
Chatswood. 2067

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#### SPECIAL COMPETITION FOR HISTORICAL GROUPS.

Next year's Manly Colonial Day will be held at St. Patrick's College, Darley Road, Manly, on Saturday 30th January.

A feature of the Day will be a prize of an inscribed Silver Salver for the Most Authentic entry depicting early Colonial dress by a group or an individual. The winner will retain the prize, and there will be a special personal award for the successful entry.

Tickets for entry to the ground will be available from the Office for \$1.50. The grounds of the College will be open from 11 am to 9 pm. Judging of Colonial gear will be at 2.30 pm.

#### NAME BARS, SOUVENIR SPOONS Etc.

Name Bars are available from Mrs. Thelma Guy, Lot 14, Wallgrove Road, Horsley Park 2164, at the following rates:

Member's name and one First Fleeter's name	.....	\$2.75 each
" " " two " "	names.....	\$3.25 each
" " " three " "	names.....	\$3.75 each

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

Souvenir spoons, sugar spoons, cake forks, \$2.50 each.

Tea Caddies (spoons) and key rings, \$2.50 each

Car stickers, 75c each.

Packing and postage charge of 50c for each order. These items may also be bought from the Fellowship's Office.

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Start making plans for the party to attend The Fellowship's Annual Australia Day Dinner on Saturday 30th January, 1982.

Sir John Mason, British High Commissioner, will be our Guest Speaker. More details regarding this dinner in the next issue of the Newsletter.

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NOVEMBER LECTURE : Mrs Beatrice Bradley (First Fleeter and Historian),

"A Short History of the Milford Family and the  
Milford Diary", Board Room, Assembly Building  
Sydney.

The following article was sent to us by Monica Flint (No. 1396) and with the kind permission of the writer Dr. Boden and of the Editor of Canberra and District Historical Society Newsletter (Mrs. P. Wardle, we reprint for members interest.

### Lord Howe Island.

What does the name Lord Howe Island conjure up in your mind? Lieutenant Lidgbird Ball, 'Kentia' Palms, woodhens, or perhaps the nostalgic memory of Sandringham flying boats rising gracefully from the waters of Sydney Harbour bound for a sub-tropical paradise somewhere in the Pacific.

Those who have been fortunate enough to visit Lord Howe Island will surely agree that it would be hard to discover another place with the combination of scenic beauty and fascinating cultural and natural history which one finds on this tiny scrap of New South Wales about 800 km north east of Sydney.

Having recently enjoyed a holiday on Lord Howe Island I can strongly recommend a visit as the best way of escaping, albeit briefly, the chill of winds of a Canberra winter.

Lord Howe Island was discovered by Lieutenant Henry Lidgbird Ball, Commander of H.M.S. 'Supply' on 17th February 1788 during a voyage to found a penal settlement on Norfolk Island. (This island had been discovered on 10th October 1774 by Capt. James Cook aboard H.M.S. 'Resolution' on his second voyage to the Pacific.)

After leaving Lieutenant Philip Gidley King and his small party of staff and convicts on Norfolk Island, Lieutenant Ball sailed back to Sydney, landing on the way at Lord Howe Isl. on 13th March 1788 and taking possession of it in the name of His Britannic Majesty less than two months after the landing of the First Fleet at Port Jackson.

It is not surprising therefore that the people of Lord Howe Isl. and in particular members of the Historical Society, founded in 1977, feel their Island has a special role to play in the bicentenary celebrations in 1988.

During my visit in May two other important historical events were eagerly outlined to me by the enthusiastic President of the Lord Howe Island Historical Society Mr. Jim Dorman, on one of several visits to the fine new museum opened by the former Governor of N.S.W. Sir Roden Cutler in 1978.

The first event was planned for 1st June 1981 to commemorate the centenary of the Lord Howe Island Post Office. The L.H.I.H.S. observed the occasion with a special exhibition including early photographs and a commemorative stamped envelope marking the fiftieth anniversary of the historic visit by Francis Chichester (later knighted for his solo sea voyage around the world) who sought refuge on the waters of the Lord Howe Island lagoon en route from Norfolk Island to Sydney in his tiny Moth aircraft 'Madame Eliah' fortunately fitted with floats. (If you want to know more about this historic episode try to locate Francis Chichester's book, *The Lonely Sea and the Sky*.)

The second historic event will be celebrated in May next year to commemorate the first survey of the resources and prospects of Lord Howe Isl. carried out by a team of scientists led by the Colonial Secretary the Hon. J. Bowie Wilson in 1882.

Whilst it is obviously too late to visit Lord Howe Island for the first event there is plenty of time to plan for the second. If you do happen to plan a visit to Lord Howe Is. I strongly recommend that you obtain a copy of *Discovering Lord Howe Island* by Jean Edgecome and Isobel Bennet, preferably before you travel; if not, then as soon as you arrive. It is available from Mr. J. Dorman, Lord Howe Island Historical Society, Lord Howe Island for \$4.50 inc. postage. All sales benefit the Society. The book describes the Museum and some of its treasures which include records of the flying boat era, photographs of the 1882 expedition, and the Morse key on which the last message was sent from the island before

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direct telecommunications with the mainland became available in 1975. In addition to historical aspects the book is a valuable guide to walks, the way of life and the fascinating flora and fauna, including the endangered woodhen, and the long extinct giant horned turtle which has been adopted as the symbol of the Lord Howe Island Historical Society.

One other thing to remember is that nearly everyone rides a push-bike on the island. For those who have not yet adopted the habit in Canberra, Lord Howe Island is the place to learn. At \$10 a week it is good value for young and old alike. Not only will you return sun-tanned and refreshed but with confidence to tackle Canberra's cycle paths.

Robert Boden

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### FOOD PRODUCTION BY THE FIRST FLEETERS.

It has been said that "the two main preoccupations of man are, first, to earn his dinner, and second, to eat it". The first Australian community, 12,000 miles from its supply base, was faced with the task of establishing a food supply. There were no edible plants or animals, so the first Australian industry had to be farming. Three first fleeters who took the lead in establishing agriculture in N.S.W. were assisted by the reluctant labour of many other compulsory first fleeters.

Henry Dodd came to Australia a free man, the personal servant of Governor Phillip. Having been a farm hand in his home land he was given the task of establishing the first crops at Farm Cove on the present site of the Botanical Gardens. With the aid of convicts, he had a small area cleared, hoed and planted with corn. But the soil was poor, and the crop failed. Better land was found at Rose Hill, and a government farm was started. Dodd was placed in charge, and here he was able to achieve much better results. His Garden produced a 26lb cabbage, which was presented to the Governor for Christmas, 1789. Dodd also had a gift for managing his convict labourers, getting the best out of them without resort to too much punishment. Just before his untimely death in 1791, Dodd and his 100 convicts had cleared 200 acres, and had 88 acres under wheat, barley, oats and maize.

Another first fleeter who took a keen interest in farming was the colony's chaplain, the Rev. Richard Johnson. He had two areas under cultivation, one at Brickfield Hill and one at Canterbury Vale. Beside wheat, barley and vegetables, he was also growing citrus fruits, grapes and tobacco.

But it was an ex-convict, James Ruse, who first proved that a man and a wife could be self-supporting. He had been a farmer in his native Cornwall before being transported in the "Scarborough" for burglary. He was given some government help to set up a small farm at Rose Hill, and was promised a grant of 30 acres if he became self-supporting. With the aid of only the most basic tools, an axe, mattock, hoe and rake, and an industrious wife, he prepared his land, and sowed his seed by hand. The crop, also harvested by hand with a sickle, returned a good yield of wheat and maize. His kitchen garden was flourishing. As a reward for his success, he received the first grant of land in Australia - his deed for 30 acres at Rose Hill was issued on 30th March, 1791.

As a result of the labours of these men and women, the food problem was solved. The colony was able to supply most of its basic food requirements by 1802.

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Fees to be paid in respect of transactions under the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act, 1973 - effective from 1st July, 1981.

1. For furnishing a certified copy of a recording in a register kept under the Act or a certificate of result of search including the fee for search under any one name in respect of a period not exceeding 5 years. ....\$6.00
2. For furnishing a certificate extract from a recording in the register of adoptions (where the extract contains particulars additional to the name and date and place of birth of the child) including the fee for search under any one name in respect of a period not exceeding 5 years. ....\$6.00
3. For furnishing any other certified extract from a recording in any register or a certificate of result of search, including the fee for search under any one name in respect of a period not exceeding 5 years. ....\$4.00
4. Provided the full period of any search is nominated when an application in respect of items 1,2 or 3 is lodged, for continuation of search in the respective indexes to the registers of births, deaths or marriages under any one name in respect of each period of 10 years, or part thereof ....\$5.00
5. For search against any one name in the index of legitimations or in the index to the register of adoptions, including the fee for a certificate of result of any such search ....\$6.00
- 6.a For search against any one name in the registers of births, and the register of parentage information in respect of a period not exceeding 10 years pursuant to an application under section 48A (1) of the Act. ....\$6.00
- b For continuation of search under any one name in respect of each period of 10 years, or part thereof. ....\$5.00
7. For giving priority to a search or to the issue of a certified copy, extract or certificate of result of search - in addition to any other fee. ....\$5.00

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Ordinarily a certificate is despatched within one week of receipt of fees and sufficient information to locate the registration. Should a certificate be required urgently, priority will be given to the application on receipt of the normal fee together with the additional priority fee of \$5.00.

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