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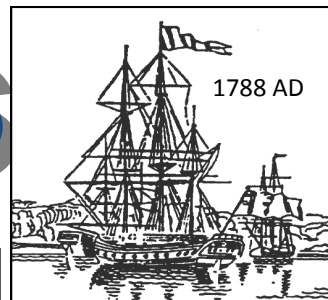
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To live on in the hearts and minds
of descendants is never to die



SINKING OF HMS SIRIUS – 225th ANNIVERSARY

A Report from Robyn Stanford, Tour Organiser.

Forty-five descendants of Norfolk Island First Fleeters and friends flew to Norfolk Island to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the 19th March 1790 midday sinking of *HMS Sirius*. As well as descendants of **Peter Hibbs**, in whose name the trip was organised as a reunion, members of our travel group were descended from **James Bryan Cullen, Matthew Everingham, Anne Forbes, James Morrisby, Edward Risby & James Williams**.



KerrieAnne Christian

The Progressive Dinner on the night of our arrival, with a different course prepared by each host and every one delicious, was a wonderful way to begin our trip.

Most of what we did I had discussed with **Debbie Steven** from the Norfolk Island Travel Centre beginning late

2013. Sadly Debbie broke her shoulder early in 2014 and she was off five months. **Megan Evans** ably took over in her place. Debbie came back on board for a couple of days a week earlier this year and is gradually working to get back to full time. Meeting Debbie again at the airport was like meeting a long lost friend. **Rebecca Christian** was also there and handed out information and gifts for all. Those of us who had paid for the Optional Package had nine events, including bus trips, tag-along trips, various lunches & dinners with informative talks given by **Lisa McCoy** of the Kingston & Arthur's Vale Historical Area. I had chosen to do five other events & Ken four. He had a break while I joined a **Cathy Dunn's** workshop on **Ships Masters & Land Grants**.

Our Welcome Function at the South Pacific Hotel was held

on the Monday evening as some of the group had arrived on Saturday and others even on the Monday afternoon. **Graeme Henderson & Myra Stanbury**, members of the team who had helped in raising the relics from the *Sirius*, were the guest speakers at this function and we all enjoyed a wonderful fish fry, salads & desserts and tea or coffee.

A special request had been to have a tour with the historian, **Arthur Evans** who has a massive knowledge about the island. Taking in the waterfront of Kingston, Point Hunter, where he pointed out examples of volcanic rock & the solitary Lone Pine noted by Captain Cook on his second voyage Arthur also gave a comprehensive talk on the workings of the Lime Kilns, and the Salt House with its nearby rock-hewn water tub.

As part of his tour we were driven back to his house where a light lunch of sandwiches and scones with various jams and cream, tea & coffee were served. Arthur had cut a couple of leaves from the flax plants in his garden and let them hang on the bus while we had our refreshments. Later, after taking the flax leaves he took us for a short walk through a dense forest that he said was completely natural and similar to what the First Fleeters had found on their arrival. Following Arthur into his workshop he gave a demonstration of just how the flax leaves are used to make rope or cloth

Moving on to another section of the workshop, Arthur demonstrated how wooden shingles were made. A pile was mounting up getting ready to re-shingle his house. He said he will need 30 000. Finally we moved into his private museum where he had the straw bonnet that his grandmother had worn at the age of three when the Pitcairn people came to Norfolk Island in June 1856 after its closure as a penal colony in 1855. Queen Victoria had given the Pitcairn people Norfolk Island as their island was becoming overcrowded. Other artifacts in the museum included a picture of *HMS Sirius* in full sail in 1787 and also a report written by **Jacob Nagle**, an American seaman on *HMS Sirius*.

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Arthur Evans

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Ian Palmer



The last two months have been a time of growth and expansion for the Fellowship. On the 14th April the Mid North Coast Chapter was established at Taree following a meeting of members and other interested people. The lead up to the inaugural gathering attracted much interest from stories in local papers and an interview on radio by Fellowship member Pauline Walker. Around 80 people attended on the day and with this level of interest the new chapter was off to a flying start.

On the 9th May another get-together of Fellowship members and other folk, this time at historic Windsor, saw the launch of the Hawkesbury – Nepean Chapter. Directors Sharon and Bob Lamb recently moved to the area and with the help of William and Pamela Hempel set about placing notices in local papers to advertise the prospective launch. On the day around 80 people attended the meeting.

Fellowship chapters are now established in 18 separate locations and members have the opportunity to meet, exchange information, research and enjoy the camaraderie of folk who share a common interest in genealogy and history. With over 50% of Fellowship members belonging to chapters it is obvious that our overall membership also sees great value in chapter membership.

EDITORIAL

We have many exciting activities to report on this issue with several members contributing stories and pictures about their time on Norfolk Island to commemorate the sinking, 225 years ago, of *HMS Sirius*. A selection of these is included. A handsome new plaque now adorns the 'Vernalls' wall at Kingston and reflects a renewed interest in heritage by officialdom there.

Two separate tours were on at the same time and activities were shared by the visiting First Fleeters. *Founders* has made no attempt to classify them separately. Cathy Dunn's new CD-Rom was launched on Norfolk and is reviewed on page 10.

As President Ian has remarked, above, two new chapters have begun and we cover the inauguration of **Mid North Coast Chapter** this time. Using skilful detective work **Marilyn Long** has finally solved the Edward Beckford/Edward Smith conundrum, and **Michael Flynn** provides us with a comprehensive update on his revision of Mollie Gillen's work, *Founders of Australia*. At the same time he names six more First Fleeters and for those of you who read *Founders* on line you can enlarge **John Campbell's** letter to his parents and read the original for yourself.

JON

So, where did they step ashore and plant the flag?

Beside the **Customs House** ? Or near **Bethel Lane**? John Campbell knew! See page 9



Loftus Street, Sydney



Bethel Steps, Circular Quay West

(from page 1) Various tours of their own choice were then taken by the visitors on the Monday afternoon

The morning of Tuesday 17th saw us on a **Tag-a-long Tour** led by a Norfolk Island Museums guide, an informative talk that left our afternoon free. In the evening Ken and I took in the **Sound & Light show**. I had done this in 2013 at the Foundation celebrations but thought Ken should see it also this time. The next afternoon, Wednesday, we had a **First Fleet Descendants Forum**, held at the Paradise Hotel, where we descendants recalled what we knew of our ancestor. The forum was followed by the **HMS Sirius Research Dinner**.

Many were anxious to find just where the land grant of our ancestor, Peter Hibbs was situated. I had been told it could be seen from the back verandah of the RSL Club. **Alan Woodbury**, a Hibbs descendant and member of the Swan River Chapter said he reckoned **The Bottle House** would be just about centre.

On Wednesday 18th we went for a drive to find it as it has become a major tourist attraction. Turning into Hemus St we continued & came to a gateway framed by the sculpture of 2 large bottles. Proceeding through this gateway we were in the garden of the Bottle House. **Robert Tofts**, who now lives there, invited us in and to be comfortable & relax. He in fact was having his lunch. I said I was a descendant of Peter Hibbs and I asked him if his property was on Peters grant. He agreed it was, indeed, and he had only 2 acres approximately in the centre of the Grant No. 54. There had been subdivision further down into the valley and a right of way had been formed through his land to allow the access to this new estate. Robert was most hospitable and when I noticed the large guava tree outside his door he got a container and filled it with large juicy guavas. You see these bushes alongside the roadsides to pick at will.

Before leaving the house Robert recounted the history of the house -- it dates from the 1950s -- explaining how it had become part of his family after he bought it in 1999. Unfortunately, I was on my way to the workshop with Cathy Dunn and we couldn't spend much time with Robert but would like to catch up with him if we ever go to Norfolk Island again.



Robyn Stanford with Robert Tofts

Already it was Thursday 19th March and the **Anniversary Day** tour of the Sirius Museum, meeting there at 10.30am. The tour was followed by the **Anniversary Luncheon & entertainment** on the lawns of the Kingston area. One dignitary that I caught up with at this event was **Lisle Snell**, whom I had met in 2013 when he was a bus driver and took us on a tour. In 2013 Norfolk Island had Administration elections and Lisle was voted in as the Chief Minister.

Meanwhile during the week the seas came up quite rough due to the Cyclone that devastated Vanuatu. I would think the waves down at Kingston would have been similar to those that the Sirius came up against 225 years ago. At Cascade on the northern side of the island waves were washing up and way over the pier giving locals and visitors some great video footage. Locals were saying they had been there all their life and hadn't seen anything like it.

To top off our trip the Cargo ship arrived at Cascade Pier on the 20th, the day we were to leave. After packing up quickly many took off over to Cascade to see the ship unloading goods for collection by a fleet of small trucks lined up for just that purpose. The cargo is carried on a tender boat that



Cyclonic waves at Cascade

is towed by a motorboat. The tender boat has a sweep man on the back to help steer it. As two boats are unloading and heading back to the main ship two other loaded boats appear and head for the pier. All sorts were being unloaded that day and later up in the town we saw one of the little trucks arrive at the shopping mall with a load of SOFT TOILET paper.

I must not forget to tell about the honesty stalls that you come across as you travel around the island usually selling fruit, vegetables and eggs. One such was set up each morning in Burnt Pine township with potatoes, bananas and guavas that were well and truly in season. All items were priced and a large tin was in the box with a note attached saying 'Please put money in the tin'. Can you imagine that being the way to buy things in your town?

#7725 Robyn Stanford.

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FRANCIS GROSE - SOLDIER & GOVERNOR - Part 3

Major Commandant of the NSW Corps

Grose's activities from 1783 to 1789 are not known though he did maintain regular contact with **Henry Phipps** whom he addressed as "My Lord". Phipps was actively pursuing his political career and by 1789 was an advisor to **William Pitt**, the Prime Minister who relied upon Phipps' advice on military matters. Thus it was no surprise when in June 1789 Major Grose was plucked from obscurity to recruit and command the newly commissioned New South Wales Corps to serve in the convict colony at Botany Bay.

Grose was a very ambitious officer and immediately upon being given the above posting tried to get a promotion to Lt. Colonel. His ambition was of course to be promoted to the rank of Colonel as it is from that rank that the general officers were drawn. In the British army of those times an officer could purchase every rank up to and including that of Lt. Colonel but the promotion to Colonel was an appointment. For example, the great **Duke of Wellington** in his military career purchased every rank from ensign to Lt. Colonel at which stage at age 25 he took part in his first military action in the war with France. His previous postings had been as an aide to a general and various postings in several regiments to attain promotion through lieutenant, captain and major.

Grose was not from a family with that sort of money and he had only ever purchased his first rank of Ensign in the 52nd regiment. Failing being promoted he diligently applied himself to the posting as Major Commandant of the NSW Corps. His previous experience as a war veteran and as a recruiting officer with the 85th and 96th regiments made him an obvious choice for the posting. It was during this time that he displayed the type of leadership which was to be the hallmark of his career. He was fiercely protective of his soldiers and also of those for whom he was responsible.

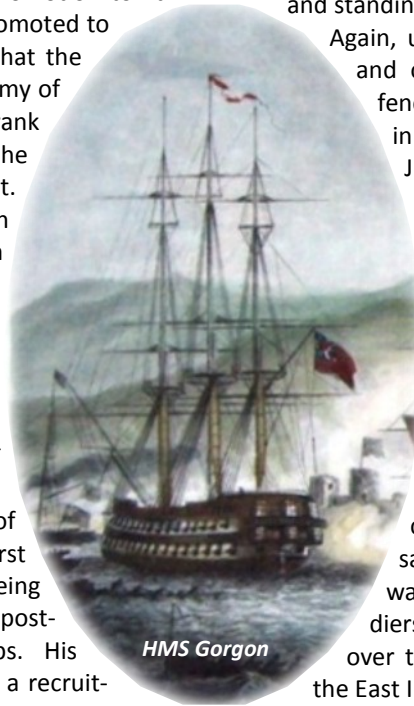
In 1790 he had an altercation with the Royal Navy Captain of

the *Gorgon* who claimed that the soldiers of the NSW Corps had mutinied whilst the vessel was awaiting departure to NSW. Grose personally investigated the matter and determined that the soldiers had in fact declined to assist the sailors because of a slight to one of their soldiers for a seeming indiscretion. It was in reality a difference of the type of discipline in that Royal Navy petty officers would expect instant obedience to an order which was often accompanied by a blow with a cane or the knot end of a rope. Grose vigorously defended his soldiers and such was his authority probably because of his association with Phipps that the ship's captain was replaced. It was a brave defence of his soldiers but it would have badly damaged Grose's reputation and standing with the Royal Navy.

Again, upon his arrival at Sydney Cove with his wife and only child **Francis**, Grose maintained his defence or support for his soldiers in two instances in which he challenged the ruling authorities. In July 1792 he was found guilty of defamation by magistrates **Atkins** and **Reverend Johnson** over his comments regarding the swindling of his soldiers by the captain and first mate of the *Atlantic*. The penalty was only 1/- against the claim of £740 but he suffered the indignity of having his word challenged in court, that is, he was labelled a liar. In October that same year he and the officers of the NSW Corps hired the *Britannia* to sail to South Africa to purchase food, clothing and other necessities for his soldiers. That voyage was not sanctioned by **Governor Phillip** but again Grose was more concerned with the welfare of his soldiers and disregarded Phillip's advice and concerns over the possible contravention of the authority of the East India Company.

That was Grose's style of leadership. He would always align himself with his soldiers and was not concerned with challenging the status quo on their behalf. He would do so again in Sydney in 1793 and 1794 and then later in Ireland following the 1798 insurrection and massacre of the mainly Catholic rebels at Vinegar Hill.

Stephen Cunneen



HMS Gorgon

On Cathy Dunn's HISTORY LOVERS' TOUR of Norfolk Island .

My ancestor, Joseph Wright, was not on *HMS Sirius*, but it was a joy to find him on the First Fleet Wall at the Museum. Cathy Dunn did an excellent job of presenting Norfolk Island History and research at the RSL Club, arranging other activities as well. It was wonderful to see some of the descendants of the *Sirius* telling stories and being involved in the island activities. One of the

activities was the Sound and Light Show. A tour bus drove us down to Kingston. While on the bus they had a pre-recorded voice telling the stories of convict days. Travelling to Bloody Bridge, descendants would be dressed up in convict clothing, acting out the story about the

death of a convict work-gang overseer. The story and acting really showed us how hard life was.

I never knew much about Mutiny on the *Bounty*. Thanks again to the descendants who acted out the story, now I can go home knowing its truth. So many stories of hardship have been told. Even going through the old part of the cemetery, reading the headstones you can only imagine how life was. I must not forget the ghost tour, travelling again down to Kingston. **Liz McCoy** dressed in old clothing telling tales as we wandered the old ruins, with torches in our hands, hoping to see the unexplained.

On Thursday 19th March 2015 was the *HMS Sirius* 225th Anniversary luncheon which was held down at Kingston. Stories about the people of the *Sirius*, how they survived with bare essentials. A fantastic lunch, with entertainment. To top off the afternoon, **Paul Bonner-Jones** wrote and performed a song with children from the local school. It was fantastic to see how many local people came together to put on a wonderful afternoon. So many fine memories of a special place where descendants are keeping their history part of their lives.

#7457 Lyn Potts



Lyn Potts

WELCOME TO OUR 17TH CHAPTER

When **#7055 Pauline Walker**, a founding member and prime mover of Central Coast Chapter, moved to Wingham on the Mid North Coast of NSW early in 2014 she was keen to monitor interest in the area's having its own Chapter. **Jon Fearon**, Chapter Development Officer wrote to all Fellowship members in the relevant area, seeking interest and requesting that they contact him. The initial response was encouraging so Pauline was invited to advertise the possibility of a chapter in the media. She submitted a story to the local newspaper which featured as a half-page item in the area-wide free press. Radio and television ran interviews with Pauline and made announcements while others learnt by word of mouth.



Helen Hansen, Malcolm Thompson,
Beverley Williams, Pauline Walker

The response to Pauline's enthusiasm was overwhelming with over 40 people acknowledging the invitation and indicating they would attend an afternoon meeting at Taree Library on the 14th April to consider setting up a chapter. Jon and **Karys Fearon**, who were to chair and minute the meeting, were to gauge the mood of the gathering before proceeding with chapter formation.

There was, however, a last minute hitch. The evening before, the Library notified Pauline that her numbers were too large for their 30 person meeting room and that another venue would be needed. On the meeting morning the local ABC radio station announced a change of venue and the library displayed signs accordingly, redirecting everyone to the nearby St John's Anglican Church Hall.

People started arriving at 13.30 for a 14.00 start but due to the change of venue, the enormous response and the need to register the attendance, the meeting finally started at 14.20. Over 80 people turned up and enthusiasm was high. As is usual on such occasions many brought their documentation and family histories and some of the latter were added to the display table. There were 11 apologies noted.

Jon Fearon began the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for coming and especially Pauline for her hard work in making the community aware of the Fellowship and the possibility of a chapter forming in the area.

Jon asked for First Fleet connections and many names were given from the floor, not only from well known and well-represented lines in the Fellowship but also from the lesser known. A later check of registrations showed 46 First Fleeters represented with 6 current members in attendance. The majority of the others indicated strong interest in becoming members. There were some historians interested in the Fellowship rather than being a descendant. Jon also asked for home places of those attending. Some came from as far north as Port Macquarie and some from south of Forster. Over 30 were from the Wingham-Taree region. Apparently over 18 locations were represented.

Jon explained that the meeting could go one of two ways – set the date at a future time for an inaugural meeting or actually

formalise the launch of the chapter immediately. If the latter case were to be chosen it would be necessary to elect an interim committee with authority amongst other things to set up a bank account after a Board decision confirming the Chapter's existence at the forthcoming Directors' meeting which was to be held on the Saturday following

Before making a decision, an extensive question and answer time followed with Jon explaining the workings of the Fellowship, how to establish FF descent, how to become a member, associate or friend, annual fees, meeting procedures and regularity and insurance cover. Despite their being over 80 people in the room this was a very interactive and valuable time with many perceptive questions asked and answered.

It was then not too long before a motion was put that a chapter be formed at a future date in the Taree area. Worthwhile discussion followed and when it was realised that chapters are required to hold their Annual General Meetings in July or August each year the motion was amended and passed, 60 to 0, by a show of hands *that a new chapter of the Fellowship of First Fleeters, based in the Taree area, be established immediately, with an interim committee elected until the AGM when the full committee would be formally elected.*

Jon then advised that the meeting could go ahead and elect that committee. **#7787 Malcolm Thompson** was elected President, **#2296 Beverley Williams** as Secretary, **#8464 Helen Hansen** as Treasurer and **#7055 Pauline Walker** as Membership Officer. Pauline accepted the position with the proviso that it be offered to **#4613 Glenda Smith**, one of the apologies today. Pauline then requested that she would rather work as Publicity Officer because she does not have e-mail. The committee was welcomed with acclamation.

The name of the chapter was quickly decided upon after some suggestions were made from the floor --Taree, Manning Valley, John Oxley, Mid North Coast--and briefly discussed. A motion to name the chapter Fellowship of First Fleeters **Mid North Coast Chapter** was carried unanimously and with acclamation.

A few other items were briefly discussed and these included an e-mail address list, a website and the compilation of an initial contact list. A final decision on regular meeting venues and frequency was happily deferred until an AGM planned for the 21st July to allow time for the processing of new membership applications.

With no other business to be completed or questions being asked, the meeting was thanked for their attendance and invited to take part in the afternoon tea prepared and provided by Pauline. A donation box was available to help defray expenses.



The gathering at Taree

EDWARD SMITH *SCARBOROUGH* 1788 AND EDWARD BECKFORD – DIED 2ND JUNE 1851

The case for their being the same person

Edward Smith was a convict on *Scarborough* in 1788. He had been tried and sentenced to seven years transportation at the Old Bailey on 15 September 1784. His crime was theft and grand larceny of a cambric handkerchief and he was apprehended at Bow Church door and the handkerchief found in the graveyard⁽¹⁾.

It is possible his mother was Elizabeth Beckford who was on the *Lady Penrhyn* and died during the journey on 12th July 1787 aged about 70. She had two appearances before the Old Bailey court and on her second appearance in a 25 February 1784 trial⁽²⁾ for grand larceny she stated in her defence “I came out that day, I heard my boy was come from the sea, and I came to the Minister at St. Giles’s to get his register”. This appears to indicate he was a sailor/seaman.

Edward was sent to Norfolk Island on the *Golden Grove* in October 1788 and was one of four young single men ‘used to the sea’ mentioned in a letter by David Blackburn requesting that they be kept on board the ship to help unload stores⁽³⁾.

On a table of Occupations of Norfolk Island Residents with land grants at 1794 Edward Smith is listed as a Sailor⁽⁴⁾.

Catherine Johnson was a 17 year old convict on *Prince of Wales* who was sent to Norfolk Island on the *Supply* in March 1789. Whilst on Norfolk Island she had two children – a daughter Elizabeth and son William. By June 1808 Elizabeth Johnson was calling herself Beckford likely indicating Edward Beckford was her father.

Catherine and her two children returned to Port Jackson on the *Daedalus* in November 1794 and Edward Smith on the *Fancy* in March 1795.

The Colonial Secretary Correspondence (CSC) 1788-1825 gives the earliest indication that Edward Smith and Edward Beckford were the same person. In the CSC Index there are two entries – SMITH, Edward, (Sawyer and mariner) see BECKFORD, Edward, and BECKFORD, Edward or SMITH. The first entry I can find for Edward as Beckford is from the CSC for 1802 March 26 showing him as a crew member on the brig *Norfolk* in Otaheite (Tahiti). He signs the document with his mark X⁽⁵⁾.

In the 1801 Muster he is Edward Smith⁽⁶⁾ ex *Scarborough*, Sydney, Ticket #320, sentence expired.

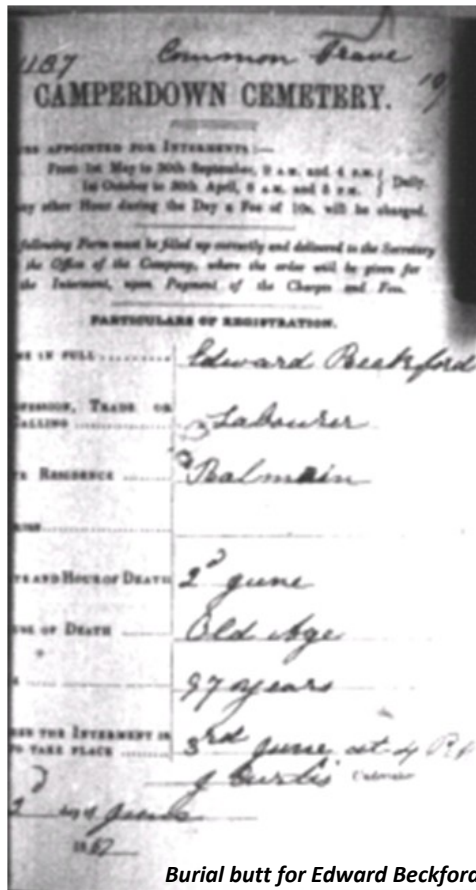
Between 1801 (Smith) and 1802 (Beckford) there is no record of an Edward Beckford arriving in the Colony, and from 1802 he is generally Edward Beckford.

In the 1806 Muster he is Edward Beckford⁽⁷⁾, no ship named, CE, Sealing, in Kable’s employ. He was still connected to Kable in 1812 when there was Bill of Sale 7343 from Henry Kable Sr to Joseph Underwood for seal skins on Macquarie Island in the possession of Edward Beckford⁽⁸⁾.

The name Beckford is a rare one in early records of the Colony and only appears early for Edward Beckford and Elizabeth Beckford, daughter of Catherine Johnson likely born on Norfolk Island 1790-1791.

There is only one Edward Beckford in early records and all references to Edward Beckford relate to him as a mariner/sealer/crew/master of a ship.

Elizabeth Beckford is mentioned in the NSW BDM Records as the mother of two children baptised 5 June 1808 and 20 August 1809 at St Phillips. (The father was James Ceronio an Italian American mariner from Philadelphia and the two children died in Calcutta in 1839 and 1850 – a fascinating story!). Also in NSW BDM records Elizabeth Beckford is witness in 1809 at the marriage of Margaret Forrester (daughter of Robert, *Scarborough* 1788) and Richard Ridge and the second witness was Tristram Moore, partner of Catherine Johnson. These same two were also witnesses in 1810 at the marriage of Ann Johnson and John Harpol/Harpool⁽⁹⁾ who was on a list of names with Edward Beckford about to leave the Colony on the Schooner *Elizabeth and Mary*⁽¹⁰⁾. The name E Beckford appears on the cover of a February 1810 Memorial from Catherine Johnson to Governor Macquarie requesting that her lease or grant of 1809 be re-granted⁽¹¹⁾. E Beckford was Elizabeth whose name appears on the same list of grants and leases as Catherine Johnson’s in the Sydney Gazette in 1809⁽¹²⁾. Life events of Edward Beckford, Elizabeth Beckford and Catherine Johnson seemed to cross at various times.



Burial butt for Edward Beckford

There are references to Edward Beckford in the Colonial Secretary Correspondence in relation to seafaring, and The Sydney Gazette records his extensive seafaring in almost continual departures from the Colony on various ships. He worked on a number of ships and became the Master on some. This ties in with earlier references to the seamanship of Edward Smith. Some references include both names Smith and Beckford.

By 1821 Edward Beckford was working for Thomas Street, Master and owner of the *Sinbad*⁽¹³⁾. This record shows him as ‘Edward Smith or Beckford’ amongst ‘free seamen, crew of the *Sinbad* Schooner’.

In the 1823 Muster is Edward Beckford, C, *Scarborough*, 1788, Life, Govt Servant to Thomas Street⁽¹⁴⁾.

A record of 14 April 1823 is for an Affidavit by ‘Edward Smith alias Beckford, Mariner’ re ‘the loss of his Certificate of Freedom at Port Dalrymple given number 59/983’ about 18 months prior⁽¹⁵⁾. It was signed by Edward Beckford X his mark (as was the 26 March 1802 document). The cover of the Affidavit has ‘983 Edward Smith alias Beckford 1823’. Below the signatures on the Affidavit is written in a different hand ‘Cert c given No 59/983’. In the top left corner is ‘983’ which is not a page number as there is a 9 in the top right corner for the page.

On Thursday 17th April 1823 a Public Notice in The Sydney Gazette states 'The undermentioned Persons have obtained Certificates, Conditional Pardons, or Tickets of Leave, during the last Week: - '.

Under Certificates is 'Scarborough.....Edward Smith, duplicate;'⁽⁶⁾. The 14 April 1823 Affidavit and this 17 April 1823 item combined provide evidence that Edward Smith *Scarborough* 1788 and Edward Beckford were the same person, supported by many other references linking Edward Smith and Edward Beckford. There was no Edward Smith on later voyages of the *Scarborough*.

Edward Smith alias Beckford sailed into the 1830s. NSW BDM records show he was buried 3 June 1851, Parish of Camperdown, Beckford Edward Age 97 Abode Balmain⁽¹⁷⁾. His age was probably a little lower. The burial butt⁽¹⁸⁾ shows he was buried in a common grave at Camperdown Cemetery at 4pm on 3rd June 1851 by J Curtis Undertaker. Camperdown is now the cemetery of St Stephens at Newtown and the common graves are under the adjoining park.

7348 MARILYN LONG

—FF Catherine Johnson, *Prince of Wales*.

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MORE FROM THE 19 MARCH 2015 NORFOLK ISLAND COMMEMORATION

A Pictorial Report from #4608 Warwick Risby

I have recently returned from a most successfully organised trip to Norfolk Island and my notes and photos follow.

Three distant cousins of FF **Edward Risby** who was on *Sirius* to Norfolk Island in 1791 finally met. In the photo we are **Wendy Selman** (Southern Highlands Chapter), **Warwick Risby** (Derwent Chapter) and **Robyn Fletcher** (Morton Chapter), all descendants of Edward Risby. Robyn and Warwick are also descendants of FF convict **James Morrisby**.

The photo of Warwick (me) with the Administrator **Hon Gary Hardgrave** and **Mrs Lorraine Hardgrave** at the *SIRIUS* monument ashore from the wreck site was taken on Anniversary Day. The bricks were brought from Captain Arthur Phillip's house in England. We enjoyed the many tours on NI including Night of a Convict and the progressive dinners.



Wendy Selman, Warwick Risby and Robyn Fletcher

A highlight of the tour was to hear keynote speaker **Graeme Henderson**, *Sirius Expeditions* Leader and Ms **Myra Stanbury**, *Sirius Expeditions* Registrar and Curator's presentations. They have worked for many years on diving and retrieving items from the wreck, which is why Graeme entitled one of his talks *Norfolk Island's Worst Nightmare* and went on to put the argument for



Warwick Risby with Hon Gary and Mrs Lorraine Hardgrave

why the *Sirius* is Australia's most important shipwreck.

The *Sirius* Museum is well displayed under Curator **Lisa Richards**. Tour guides on Norfolk Island now wish to change the names of the

settlements, removing First and Second Settlements and naming the four distinct periods: Polynesian-Colonial-Penal and Pitcairn. We First Fleet descendants of course are all from the COLONIAL Settlement.

High seas resulting from the edge of Cyclone Pam provided photo opportunities to see Cascade jetty disappear under the waves.

#4608 Warwick Risby



SIX MORE FIRST FLEETERS FOUND

Historian Michael Flynn reports on the progress of his revision of Dr Mollie Gillen's work: *Founders, a Biographical Dictionary of the First Fleet*.

The names of First Fleeters appeared in print for the first time in the book *The voyage of Governor Phillip to Botany Bay* (1789). It listed the colony's civil and military officers and included an appendix titled 'A list of convicts sent to New South Wales in 1787'. It did not name ordinary seamen, marines, women and children, listed convicts who did not sail, missed others who did, got the numbers wrong and contained errors and discrepancies.

Determining who actually sailed on the fleet would be a challenge for posterity. The real process of finding, indexing and analysing surviving documents was begun by the Sydney genealogist **Herbert John Rumsey** (1866-1956) who published the first significant First Fleet biographical dictionary, titled *Pioneers of Sydney Cove* (1937). It included brief biographies of officers, seamen, marines, wives and children, and, to the horror of some, convicts.

In 1970, the Sydney physician **John Cobley** published *The Crimes of the First Fleet convicts*, comprising an alphabetical listing of each convict with meticulously referenced details of their crimes and trials. In 1981 **Don Chapman** published *1788, the people of the First Fleet*, a biographical dictionary drawing on the earlier Australian research of **T D Mutch** and **Vernon Goodin**.

Around the beginning of the 1970s **Mollie Gillen née Woolnough** (1908-2009) made a decision to write a biography of her First Fleet convict ancestor **John Small**. This soon evolved into an ambitious plan for a biographical dictionary of the First Fleet that would surpass all previous efforts.

Dr Gillen was a Sydneysider with a passion for history. After graduating with an Arts degree from the University of Sydney in 1930 she travelled to London, married a Canadian and became a journalist in Ottawa and Toronto on *Chatelaine*, Canada's *Women's Weekly*. She published nine books, the best known of which were *The Wheel of Things* (a biography of Lucy Maud Montgomery, author of *Anne of Green Gables*), *Royal Duke* and the *Prince and his lady* and the last, *The Founders of Australia: a biographical dictionary of the First Fleet* (1989).

Founders was a study of 1373 people landed alive in January 1788 whose names could be identified. About half (732) were convicts, 189 of them women. The free half comprised 245 marines, 90 officials, wives and children of marines and convicts, about 170 naval seamen on the fleet's two naval vessels *Sirius* and *Supply* and roughly 240 merchant seamen crewing the nine private transports and storeships. The names of only 136 of the merchant seamen were ascertained.

The last of the merchant ships left Sydney by November 1788, leaving about 1260 people who would establish the colony, including the naval seamen. Of these, 222 were adult women and

34 were children of both sexes.

Dr Gillen built on Cobley's rigorous work, but took it to the next level, reconstructing details of the careers of naval officers and seamen on *Sirius* and *Supply*, and of the marines. Most importantly, she located in Treasury papers, crucial records not accessed by Cobley: the colony's two victualling lists compiled in 1787 and 1788, both highly accurate records of who sailed and who landed, made for the purpose of accounting for government expenditure on rations, listing each person (except merchant and naval crews). She also made an exhaustive study of records of convicts received on hulks from gaols and embarked on the transports, all meticulously recorded in Treasury Department accounts. Using these new sources she cleared up many of the confusions and discrepancies surrounding numbers and identities.

Between 1987 and the beginning of 1989 I worked closely with Dr Gillen as a researcher employed by the Library of Australian History publishers to assist her with the Australian end of the research, tracing the lives of First Fleeters in the colony. I was in my late twenties living in Sydney, Dr Gillen was living in London and turned eighty in Australia's Bicentennial year of 1988, her mind still sharp as a tack. On a weekly basis she would send me

new drafts of biographies of First Fleeters (by post, in a world without email or internet which now seems increasingly antique). It was an apprenticeship in basic empirical historical research. The golden rule was, I learned, to explain the inferences you draw from the records clearly. Keep detailed references so you can double check your own work, allowing others who come after you to check your research

and understand the basis of your conclusions and inferences.

I began a similar Second Fleet project as a Master of Arts thesis for the University of Sydney (published as *The Second Fleet: Britain's Grim Convict Armada of 1790*, 1993). This involved researching 1,200+ Second Fleet convicts in British archives, locating rolls of parchment court records, often covered in a thick 200 year old layer of filthy coal dust. Some had never been unrolled. Undoing the dirty string would reveal fading but clean trial documents.

The 21st century has seen an explosive growth of digital access to records. Matching and analysing data is still a complex task requiring detailed knowledge of the Georgian period and its legal and government processes. Old skills of citation and referencing remain important in a sea of online information.

Much new information about First Fleeters is emerging. For example, the journal of **Arthur Bowes Smyth**, a surgeon on the First Fleet transport *Lady Penrhyn*, survives in three copies, one in the Mitchell Library in Sydney, one in the National Library in Canberra, and one in the British Library in London. The Sydney version was published in 1979. Dr Gillen checked the London and Sydney versions and found them to be identical. She did not check the Canberra version, assuming it would also be identical.



'The landing of the convicts at Botany Bay', engraving from Watkin Tench, A Narrative of the Expedition to Botany Bay (1789). NSW State Library

Around 2010 the Sydney and Canberra versions were digitised and made available online. On scrutinising both versions, it soon became evident to me that the messy Canberra version containing doodles and fanciful drawings by the surgeon was the original. All three contain the names of women convicts and children embarked on *Lady Penrhyn*. The Sydney and London versions are both copies made by Smyth containing sloppy errors; names are missing from the original crew list, and a problematic list of names is added of children born on the voyage. He undoubtedly added these births from memory, up to two years later, but this was not realised when the journal was published in 1979. It gave rise to confusion and uncertainty among descendants over the identity of children born on the voyage. For example, it attributed to the convict **Elizabeth Dalton** alias Burleigh (afterwards wife of **Surgeon Arndell**) the birth of a child named John Burleigh (actually a daughter).

The most dramatic discovery in the original journal was the names of six previously unknown crew members on *Lady Penrhyn*. These can now be added to the roll of First Fleeters: **John Campbell**, **Joseph Duncan**, **Abraham Green**, **James Knowland**, **Daniel McDonald** and **William Palmer**.

By a quirk of history, a letter from one of these previously unknown First Fleeters on *Lady Penrhyn* has survived. Sent by the young seaman **John Campbell** to his parents in Scotland in 1789, it has lain in obscurity since 1954, first in the Australian Museum and then in the Mitchell Library. Once again the Bowes Smyth journal sowed confusion. The published version left Campbell's name off the crew list. He is, however, listed as a crewman on the original journal in Canberra. He did not appear in *Founders* because Dr Gillen had not seen this version. The letter, digitised c2010, can be readily viewed at: <http://acmssearch.sl.nsw.gov.au/search/itemDetailPaged.cgi?itemID=442905> (see endnote)

Dr Gillen died in Canada in January 2009 at the age of 100. In 2007 I visited her in a Toronto nursing home and promised I would put into effect the plan we had discussed in the 1990s, when her sight began to fail, forcing her to give up the idea of a revised version of *Founders*. I would revise *Founders*, adding my own new research. Since 2010 I have been revising and rewriting the First Fleet biographies, working around a full time job, which slows progress and makes it difficult to set a date for completion. To reach the standards of Copley and Gillen the project has to be governed by the adage, that if a thing's worth doing, it's worth doing well. With so much to find, the research is exhilarating. Each revision of a biography of a convict, marine, seamen (whether the lowest convict or most exalted officer) adds new information from online sources. A further six merchant seamen from *Prince of Wales*, **Alexander** and **Scarborough** have also been identified in London archival sources and will be added in due course. The size of the 1989 biographical dictionary is on track to expand to three volumes.

The original edition of *Founders* had no room for references. Dr Gillen left thousands of them, written on index cards smaller than a business card, cut by hand from thin recycled cardboard:

an older generation's version of data management. The sudden death of her husband, publishing constraints, blindness and the ageing process made it impossible for her to realise her vision of detailed and fully referenced biographies. The internet now provides the opportunity of placing the old references along with new ones on a website with explanatory notes which readers of a published book will be able to consult.

The publisher of Dr Gillen's *Founders*, Library of Australia History, has transformed itself into a non-profit project known as the Biographical Database of Australia (or BDA: www.bda-online.org.au). It will act as publisher for the new edition of *Founders*. The database can be searched free, but a \$30 subscription provides access to nearly a million record transcripts and indexes that are being progressively linked to create a biographical profile of each person in the colony in the form of a timeline of references. BDA now contains convict, muster, census, baptism, marriage and burial records for most of the NSW population 1788-1828+, for Norfolk Island and Tasmania 1802-1811, 160,000 Colonial Secretary records 1788-1825, military biographies 1788-1815, 7,000 user-contributed ABGR biographies, 10,000 Sydney burials and inscriptions 1819-1888 and much more.

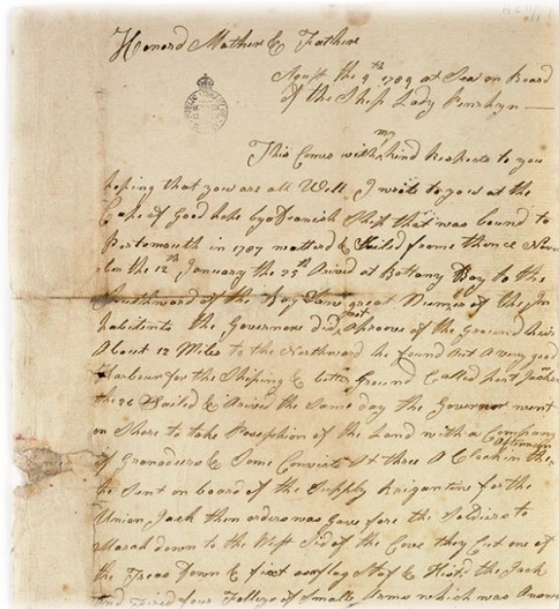
A First Fleet dataset has now been added, based on the biographical appendix published in *Founders* in 1989 and linked to transcripts of convict indents, along with many other sources on BDA which can be used to trace family relationships and solve genealogical riddles, including identifying children for whom baptisms records are missing and for problematic spelling.

Many Catholic records on BDA have been indexed online for the first time. For example, the 1824 burial record **Thomas Akers** (or Acres per *Charlotte*) has been located on a Catholic burial register soon to be added to BDA. Convicts on indents who did not actually arrive are labelled as such. Soldiers not appearing in musters and census records have been added from army pay-lists. Descendants are encouraged to check their ancestors on BDA and advise of any corrections or new information.

Just under half of those 1373 First Fleeters who stayed in 1788 left the colony in later years. A little over half, with names like **Bellette**, **Cavenough**, **Everingham**, **Jamison**, **Johnston**, **Kable**, **Lucas**, **Small** and **Tunks** ended their days in Australia and left numerous descendants nationwide. Hundreds of thousands more descend through female lines. The number of First Fleeters with a known posterity is surprisingly small. Just 191 or 14% of the 1373 landed

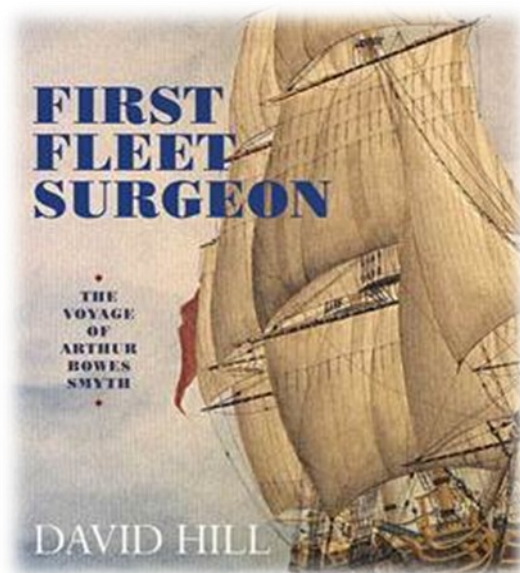
alive have living descendants registered with the Fellowship of First Fleeters. Of those just 62 (4.5%) were women, mostly convicts. Why two thirds of the convict women, most of childbearing age, left no apparent posterity is one of the mysteries of the First Fleet which the new *Founders* will explore through further analysis of newly collected data.

Endnote:- This letter contains the only reference to Phillip's landing and flag raising ceremony on 26 January 1788 taking place on the west side of Sydney Cove, suggesting that the memorial erected near Customs House in 1907 is in the wrong place and should be on the other side of the cove, at Bethel Lane behind the Overseas Passenger Terminal.



John Campbell's letter

NEW THIS YEAR - BOOKS AND MORE



FIRST FLEET SURGEON. The Voyage of Arthur Bowes Smyth

This is a magnificently produced and lavishly illustrated presentation of carefully chosen extracts from the original Bowes Smyth journal which is held, and surely one of its greatest treasures, at the National Library of Australia.

The author, **David Hill**, has worked with the NLA publication and design team to produce an outstanding commemoration of two years in the life of the surgeon on Lady Penrhyn. In four sections the journal covers Bowes Smyth's time on the ship in Portsmouth before sailing, on the voyage out, three months at Sydney Cove and then, most fascinating of all, the long voyage back to England.

As ship's surgeon, Bowes Smyth was neither convict nor a member of the governing class so he was free to comment on everything from early justice and administration to onboard feuds, from disease to weather conditions, from punishments to rebellions.

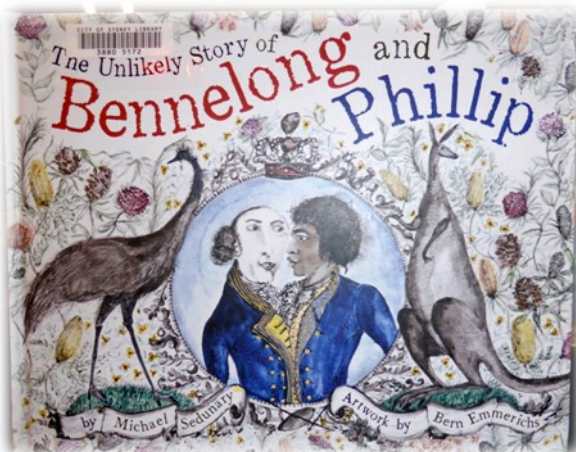
David Hill has selected wisely to bring out a range of topics and incidents, and each chapter begins with a facsimile page of the journal and its transcription opposite. Included are feature pages giving background to the life and times, and these too are wonderfully enhanced by illustrated archival material. An ideal addition to every chapter library.

HMS SIRIUS - HER FINAL VOYAGE

In this publication, South Coast NSW historian, **Cathy Dunn** tells the remarkable story of the *HMS Sirius* shipwreck and stranded crew, plus the first two generations of convicts and marines, their life on Norfolk Island, NSW and Tasmania in the early days of the colony. Included are land grants, shipping, as well as cross-references to names mentioned in other primary records, such as victualling books, population returns, land grants and shipping records along with journals and diaries, letters, musters, church records, population returns and much more.

Cathy's painstaking and extensive research saves the family historian countless hours of investigation to find the cited primary records much needed to accurately verify & enrich the narratives of our First Fleeters. The research, while on CD-ROM, is presented in an easy to read traditional book format. It is illustrated with images by First Fleet Artists along with photos of the surviving headstones of people from *HMS Sirius* on Norfolk Island and other locations.

The CD would be valuable resource for Chapter Libraries, for descendants of the *Sirius* on that ill-fated journey as well as for Australian History enthusiasts and is available direct from Cathy Dunn at PO Box 52, Milton NSW 2538 for \$40 which includes postage.



The Unlikely Story of BENNELONG and PHILLIP.

An experienced children's author, **Michael Sedunary**, and a renowned ceramic artist, **Bern Emmerichs**, have combined to produce an outstanding picture book telling the true story of a friendship that crosses cultures in the early days of settlement at Sydney Cove.

Aimed at the upper primary level with its relaxed, friendly, racy and yet historically accurate style the book's imaginative, striking illustrations will appeal to younger and older readers alike.

The second in a growing series depicting the formative years of the colony and published by Berbay Books, the book tackles issues such as culture clash and the vicissitudes of true friendship in a warm and helpful way. As an author Michael is a born storyteller and the accompanying almost revolutionary artwork makes this book ideal for school and home alike.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS – Mittagong, Moss Vale and surrounds.

Venue: Mittagong Community Centre – bi-monthly – second Wednesday at 10.30am \$5 Admission. **Next Meetings:** 10 June: Dr Christine Wright, *Waterloo Veterans in Australia*. 12 August AGM, Chris Thompson, *Berrima March 1841*. **Next Events:** **Contact:** Wendy Selman 48624849

SWAN RIVER – Perth, Fremantle and surrounds.

Next Meeting: 8 August: 2pm at 256 Stirling St, Perth: AGM Speaker *TBA*. **Next Event:** 4 July, Vintage Train Ride and dinner, at Dwellingup. **Contact:** Jodi Gratton 0893845944

Karys Fearon, Chapter Liaison Officer

Our Eighteen Chapters in Action

ALBURY-WODONGA DISTRICT – *Both sides of the Murray River.*

Venue: Albury Library/Museum, Kiewa St. Albury –bi-monthly meetings, odd months, third Saturday at 10am for 10.15

Next Meeting: 18 July: AGM. **Next Event:** **Contact:** Val Heel 0357282613

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

Venue: Meeting Room, Old Gordon Public School. 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon – monthly meetings, third Friday at 10.30 . **Next Meetings:** 19 June: Pat O'Brien and Dorothy Warwick, *The history of Postcards*; 17 July: AGM and Library Day, no speaker. **Next Event:** 21 August: 5th Anniversary luncheon. **Contact:** Jane Ann Tainsh 94885453

CANBERRA – *ACT, Queanbeyan and surrounds.*

Venue: Various locations in Canberra. **Next Meeting:** 1 August: 2.00 pm at Unit 106, 15 Coranderrk St Canberra City, AGM. **Next Event:** 29 August: Annual Luncheon. **Contact:** Geoff Cameron 62514095

CENTRAL COAST – *Gosford, Tuggerah Lake, Wyong, Budgewoi and surrounds.*

Venue: Wyong RSL Club, – monthly meetings, second Saturday at 10am for 10.30. **Next Meetings:** 13 June: Jon Fearon, *Manorial Records*; 11 July: AGM, *Members' stories, FF 1st generation*; 8 August: David Swinfield, *FF Frederick Meredith*. **Contact:** Jon Fearon 43231849

DERWENT - *Southern Tasmania*

Venue: Bi-monthly, 11am, first Saturday at Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Sandy Bay. **Next Meetings:** 6 June: Roger McNiece, *History of Currency*; 1 August: AGM, Dr Dianne Snowden, *Digitised Linc Records*. **Next Event:** 25 July: Christmas in July at Hope and Anchor Hotel, Early Colonial Meal. **Contact:** Cecily Dougan 0362311256

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:** 6 June:, Dr Austin Mack, *75th Anniversary of Battle of Britain*; 4 July: Brian Powyer, *Governor Arthur Phillip, from Spy to General*; 1 August: TBA.

Contact: Robin Palmer 98714102

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

Venue: Tebbutt Room, Public Library, 300 George St, Windsor -- monthly, second Saturday, 11 am. **Next Meetings:** 13 June: Jean Stewart, *John Small and Mary Parker*; 11 July: TBA; 8 August: AGM, Theresa Ewan, *Topic TBA*. **Next Event:** **Contact:** William Hempel 47303527

HUNTER VALLEY – *Hunter Region, Newcastle and surrounds.*

Venue: Adamstown Senior Citizens' Hall, 153A Brunner Road, Adamstown – bi-monthly meetings, usually third Monday from 10am — 12.30pm. **Next Meetings:** 15 June: (8th birthday) Delma Burns, *FF Jane Langley*; 17 August: (Soup and Damper) AGM, Jon and Karys Fearon, *First Fleet House*. **Next Event:** **Contact:** Raymond Green 49641328

LACHLAN MACQUARIE – *Orange, Bathurst, Parkes, Dubbo, White Rock, Cowra, Kelso.*

Venue: Kinross-Wolaroi Library, Orange. **Next Meeting:** Saturday 15 August, 12 noon, Soup and Damper Lunch and AGM, Judy Dwyer 63658234 or 0428 173213 or dyr.tara@bigpond.com (RSVP by 13th.)

MID NORTH COAST -- *Taree and Surrounds, Bulahdelah to Kempsey.*

Venue: Presbyterian Church, 76 Albert St, Taree. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 21 July, 2.00 pm, AGM. Speaker from Port Macquarie Historical Society, *Penal Days of Port Macquarie*. **Contact:** Bev Williams 65598912

MORETON – *South East Queensland.*

Venue: St. Augustine's Anglican Church Hall, Hamilton – bi-monthly meetings, on an available Saturday. **Next Meetings:** 13 June: Dawn Montgomery, *The Huguenots*; 8 August: AGM, Julie Webb, *Report on her visit to Gallipoli and the Western Front* **Next Event:** 24 June, 10am, Visit to Victoria Barracks, Petrie Terrace. **Contact:** Don Cornford 0457466020

NEW ENGLAND – *Armidale to Glen Innes and surrounds.*

Venue: Various locations – five times per year, **Next Meeting:** 12 noon at Anglican Parish Centre, Armidale. 1 August: AGM, Speaker and topic TBA. **Next Event:** **Contact:** Wal Whalley 67723499

NORTH COAST – *Boambee, Coffs Harbour, Dorrigo to Woolgoolga.*

Venue: Varies, Bi-monthly meetings, usually first Sunday at 11.30am. **Next Meeting:** 2 August, at Home of Pat and Col Robertson, 21 Queen Street Woolgoolga ,AGM. **Next Event:** **Contact:** Robyn Condliffe 66533615

NORTHERN RIVERS – *Lismore and surrounds.*

Venue: Various locations - bi-monthly meetings, fourth Sunday at 11.30am; **Next Meeting:** 26 July: at 43 Temple St, Ballina, AGM, followed by lunch and a visit to the Ballina Maritime Museum. **Contact:** Margaret Soward 66863597

NORTH WEST – *Tamworth and surrounds.*

Venue: Various locations – bi-monthly meetings, usually first Saturday at 1.30pm **Next Meetings:** both at Uniting Church Hall, Marius St, 6 June: Sybil Small: *The Smalls and their FF Connections*. 1 August: AGM. **Next Event:** **Contact:** Diana Harband 67652122

SOUTH COAST – *Engadine to Burrill Lake.*

Venue: Laurel Room, Ribbonwood Centre, 93-109 Princes Highway, Dapto – monthly meetings except. Jan, May and Dec. – first Tuesday at 10am - 1pm **Next Meetings:** 2 June: University of Wollongong Students; 7 July: AGM Margaret Shannon, *WW1 Theme*; 4 August: Winter Warm Day and 14th Birthday, Alan Clark, *South Coast Waratahs*. **Next Event:** **Contact:** Warwick Grace 42727013

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Ordinary and Pensioner Members

THOMAS HEADINGTON
#8453 Carolyn Joan Eddington Reed
THOMAS ARNDELL/ELIZABETH BURLEIGH
#8454 James Maxwell Brodie
JOSEPH WRIGHT
#8455 Joy Elizabeth Shepherd
THOMAS CHIPP/JANE LANGLEY
#8456 Patricia Ann Kernahan
#8466 Rhonda Florence Clark
JAMES BRYAN CULLEN
#8457 Ruth Genevieve Binny
THOMAS LUCAS
#8458 Josephine Mary Polmeer
WILLIAM NASH/MARIA HAYNES
#8459 Michael Harrison Gait
JOSEPH WRIGHT
#8460 Kathleen Anne Forrest
SAMUEL PIGOTT
#8461 Margaret Kaye Bushell
THOMAS KIDNER
#8462 Rosemary Carolyn Dobber
MARY ALLEN
#8463 Roslyn Nahrelle Mackenzie
WILLIAM ROBERTS
#8465 Christine Joy Roberts
MATTHEW EVERINGHAM
#8467 Julie May Bushell
WILLIAM WHITING
#8469 Christine Anne Jordan
#8470 Joy Wilma Fife
#8471 Mark Roddy Christopher Jordan
#8472 Andrew Roddy Christopher Jordan
#8473 Katrina Joy Honeyman

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ANTHONY ROPE/ELIZABETH PULLEY
#8464 Irene Helen Hansen
#8468 Joyce Violet May Varapodio
ANDREW FISHBURN
#8478 Gwenneth Muriel Masterton
JOHN SMALL/MARY PARKER
#8479 Leesa Elizabeth Robinson
#8482 Miriam Ruth Wood
#8483 Jolyon Jeffrey Wood
JAMES McMANUS/JAMES BRADLEY/JANE POOLE
#8480 Heather Frances Bath
JOHN ALEXANDER HERBERT
#8481 David Leslie Goodyer
JOHN RANDALL
#8484 Terrence Henry Flowers
ANDREW GOODWIN/LYDIA MUNRO
#8486 Theresa Ellen Ewan
ESTHER ABRAHAMS
#8487 Beryl Grace Howe.
Student Member
EDWARD GOODIN
#8485 Christopher Duncan Bugden
Junior Member
WILLIAM WHITING
#8474 Kayleigh Renae Jordan
#8475 Matthew William Mark Jordan
#8476 Lincoln Henry Thomas Jordan
#8477 Asher Margaret Jordan
Associates
#8288.1 Carl Francis Bliim
#8462.1 Paul Dobber
#Friends
#F151 Ruth Betty Polson
#F152 Margaret Shaw

BIRTHS

JOHN HERBERT/DEBORAH ELLAM
Mikayla Jessie Sait, daughter and first child of Colin Sait and Jessica Clare Booker. Born 24.01.2015. First great grandchild of #3956 Elsie Cuthbert of North Ryde, New South Wales.

DEATHS

JOHN SMALL/MARY PARKER
#8314 Bruce Reginald Davis, of Woombah, New South Wales, died on 07.02.2015. Bruce was a member of North Coast Chapter.
JAMES SHIERS/MARY SMITH
#5794 Ronald Archie Frasa, of Maroochydore, Queensland, a regional member of Moreton Chapter and of the Fellowship for 26 years, died on 18.02.2015. He was aged 89.
JOHN SUMMERS/ANTHONY ROPE/ELIZABETH PULLEY
#1433 Barbara Joan Bushell, of East Maitland, New South Wales, and a member for over 34 years, died on 16.04.2015.
JAMES BLOODWORTH/SARAH BELLAMY
#7538 Harold Anthony (Tony) Bloodworth, of Burpengary, Queensland, died on 20.10.2014. Tony was the foundation Vice President of Moreton Chapter.
WILLIAM TUNKS
#1416 Cynthia Curry of Castle Hill, New South Wales, and a member for over 36 years, died on 11.01.2015. She was aged 91.
JOHN SMALL/MARY PARKER
#1706 Helen Rundell of Brighton, Victoria, a Fellowship member for 35 years, died on 03.03.2015 at the age of 81.
JOHN BARRISFORD/HANNAH BARRISFORD
#6947 Graham Leigh Hall of Rangeview, Victoria, died on 01.04.2015 aged 90.
PHILIP GIDLEY KING
#7382 Joanne M Crossing of Tamworth, New South Wales, died on 09.05.2015 after a two-year battle with cancer. Jo was a long-serving, vibrant and hard working secretary of North West Chapter and will be sorely missed.



When it was reported that our plaque, unveiled by the Administrator, **Hon Peter Coleman** in 1980, on the side of **Thomas Headington's** headstone on Norfolk Island had been removed by 'persons unknown' the island authorities advised the Fellowship in 2013 to have a new one made and it would be reinstalled. The plaque was duly made and it is pictured below.

New 2015 heritage guidelines now state that our plaque may not be replaced into the same position, nor may it be installed on a plinth beside the headstone. Thomas's descendants will be as disappointed as the Board is with this news and will be anxious to hear the outcome of the Fellowship's continuing negotiations.

The headstone verse reads:

DEAR WIFE DO NOT GRIEVE
NOR CHILDREN SHED A TEAR
FOR I AM GONE TO HEAVEN ABOVE
TO MEET SWEET ANGELS THERE



Footnote: Recent photographic research has identified a second FF headstone on Norfolk Island, that of **William Francis** who died on 23rd January 1804.

UNION FLAG AT THE MASTHEAD

The perfect way to celebrate the **Sailing of the Fleet**. Central Coast cruised Brisbane Water on 9th May with the chapter flag aloft, courtesy of the Master of *MV Lady Kendall*.



Your Contributions

The Editor will be pleased to have your items and stories for Founders 46/4, by **Monday 13 July**, preferably as e-mailed attachments.