

**PARRAMATTA FEMALE FACTORY FRIENDS INC.
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The Parramatta Female Factory - Augustus Earle 1826 – nla.pic-an 2818460 National Library of Australia (NLA)

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Next Meeting: Friday 21st December 2018. GENERAL MEETING at 1:30pm:
 followed by the PFFF Christmas party. Please note this meeting is is being held
 at the **Parramatta Female Factory site: 5 Fleet Street, North Parramatta.**

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Factory Friends,

Another year has rolled around and we are nearing Christmas again. It has been a fabulous year for the Friends and the last couple of months have been just as fruitful.

We had a wonderful *It's a Riot Day* again. This year I asked our Vice President Heidi to coordinate and it was a great success. Your Committee worked exceptionally hard and ensured everything ran like clockwork so thank you to Heidi, Pauline, Steve, Frank, Lyn, Kerry, Kerima-Gae, Ronda and Cate. Also thank you to members who helped on the day – Judith, Kaye, Beth, Max, Anne, and Paul. Of course all members who came were great ambassadors to the over 200 visitors.



The day included the usual tours, picnic, display and information tables, PFFF refreshments, with the addition of more information tables. A new item was the Story sharing by some of our member descendants. Getting to know individual stories gives real insight into the life of the factory and the women. It was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

There have been three big news items over the last month. The first is our new home. We have been given a temporary home at the Female Factory site, the Carpenter's building and storage in the Deadhouse. This will give us a new set of opportunities as well as a place to gather that we can call our own, at least for now, so 'watch this space'. We will let you know when we receive the keys (very soon) and the doors are open.

The second news item is the new plan for the northern curtilage of the heritage core of the North Parramatta Heritage Precinct which is the northern border of the factory footprint. This will be a student campus with governance from Health NSW and Sydney University. This is a better option than a developer run future. However it is with cautious optimism we approach this as we do not know at this stage what the campus development will look like or the final location of the light rail. Our advocacy for this aspect is still critical to the Female Factory preservation.

There is also an arts precinct concept put forward by the Western Sydney Chamber of Commerce which is something the Friends would like to see modified to include heritage. Our Museum of Australian Identity and National Resource Centre is still a very important option for the adaptive reuse of the Female Factory.

In advocacy terms, I commend you for keeping those petitions coming in. Let's aim for 2019 at Federal Parliament with our petition. We need at least 2,500 more signatures.

Finally, a warm welcome to new members *Wendy Atkins, Catherine Bridges, Sharon Burke, Jan Cherrie, Deborah Creed, Kevin Dodds, Helen Gibson, Bruce Gregory, Janeta James, Linda Kent, Lorraine Pavey, Cathy Shashkof and Julie Taylor.*

I hope to see you all in December at our Christmas Party and final meeting of the year.

All the best

Gay Hendriksen

President



NOTICEBOARD

- **FINAL MEETING DATE for 2018 is Friday 21st December.** Come and celebrate a memorable Bicentenary year and enjoy some Christmas cheer!
- Dates for your Diary in 2019 - see PFFF Calendar page 10.
- Following *Riot Day* and *Foundation Day*, 414 signatures have been added to the World Heritage Petition - so thank you to members, to all those extended networks - a special thank you to *Judith Newell* and the *Fellowship of First Fleeters*, and the *guides* at *Hambledon Cottage*. Please keep sending those sheets in everyone!



HISTORY CORNER - "AND THERE WILL BE DIVINE SERVICE AS USUAL..."
CHRISTMAS 1818

GOVERNMENT AND GENERAL ORDERS.
HEAD QUARTERS. PARRAMATTA,
 Saturday, 19th Dec. 1818.
FRIDAY Next, the 25th Instant, being Christmas Day, the same is to be observed as a Holiday throughout the Territory; and there will be Divine Service as usual at the several Churches throughout the Colony; the Government Gang of Artificers and Labourers mustering and attending Church the same as on Sunday.
 By Command of His Excellency the Governor,
H. C. ANTILL, Major of Brigade.

HANKINSON'S SALE and Commission Room. - The following GOODS are now open for inspection, and may be viewed any Day prior to that of Sale, which will be on Thursday next, at Ten o'Clock precisely, Ladies' handsome work boxes, dressing room glasses, pier ditto, dressing cases, writing desks, desert servers of cut glass, glass ware, broadcloths, kersey-mere, table cloths, chintz for furniture, prints, brown holland, dimity, gingham, silks, ladies' fancy handkerchiefs, stockings, gloves, locks of every description, brass beer cocks, latches, two foot rules, iron kettles and boilers, rod, bar, and other iron, tobacco, tea, sugar, cheese, fine old claret, rum, brandy, gin, a few damaged prints & blue gurrans. - Conditions will be made known at the time of Sale.
 N. B. - Some very superior Hams in fine preservation, well dried and smoked. - Also, Hoffman's confectionary; consisting of mince meat, rabin, raspberry jam, ditto brandy, candied lemon, citrons, cherry brandy, raspberry ditto; and jellies of all sorts.

And "SOME VERY SUPERIOR HAMS..." are available at Hankinson's!

Excerpts from the Sydney Gazette & New South Wales Advertiser (NSW 1803 - 1842) 19 Dec 1818, page 2.

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE YEARS ON... RIOT DAY 2018
PHOTOGRAPHY: LES HARVEY





Hardly a year of “conferencing” has been missed by *the Friends* and our P&DHS colleagues over the years. This year the *Annual NSW & ACT Family History Association* Conference was held at Batemans Bay.

The busiest day is always the Trade Fair, which is the first day of the Conference and an event not to be missed. It brings together any number of family history groups, professional and commercial organisations. It is an opportunity to socialise, share research, catch up with descendants and to simply see what is “out there” for the family historian.

Photograph: PFFF's Kerry, Beth and Anne with P&DHS's Brenda, Rhonda Jennifer and Enid - with kind permission: Ron Reese

RIOT DAY 2018 - 191st ANNIVERSARY OF 27th OCTOBER RIOT, 1827

by Heidi Brown

We were blessed with lovely weather and Riot Day went to plan (better I'd say!). We had approximately 210 people come and a considerable number stayed on for our first “Dedication” minute at the new Memorial Wall. We also had our talks from there. Ronda, Steve and I spoke, and were well received.



The success of these big days is built on the efforts of many people. The Committee, fabulous as always, but also others we couldn't do without; Beth and Anne for their display, the stall and wealth of knowledge, the wonderful Kerry Martin and Kaye Weaver on registration, Judith Newell for directing and rounding up visitors (some always need direction at the gate!), the catering helpers and every other *Friend* who came and assisted.

Photograph: Two likely rioters, Pauline & Lyn. Photograph by Angelo Velardo, courtesy: Parramatta Advertiser; from article published 25/11/18.

PARRAMATTA FOUNDATION DAY - SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER

by Stephen Bryant



Gary Carter, Lord Mayor Wilson, Town Crier Graham Keating, Lyn and Ronda



Cate, Lyn, Pauline, Max and Stephen.



A posy left on the Wall

At a Committee meeting prior to Riot Day, the possibility of the PFFF participating in Foundation Day at the Factory site which was being organised by City of Parramatta Council, was mentioned.

During Riot Day, some of us were introduced to Frankie Lee, a Senior Event Officer from COP. From this meeting a number of emails followed, resulting in a clear invitation to occupy a marquee, the aim being to get some further exposure for the PFFF and signatures on petitions, sell goods and provide some guided tours of the historic precinct.

The call went out via the Committee and the response was fantastic as usual...Anne with Wayne's help brought lots of display and sales items, supported by Pauline, Lyn, Max, Heidi, Cate and Ronda. Period dress was on display also!! Special thanks to Heidi, Ronda and Lyn for conducting tours...75 people in all took part. Frank Williams also joined me at the Information Desk where we signed up people for the tours and became general information experts about events elsewhere on the site during the day, including where the toilets were, and where the Parravision Talent Quest was!!

It seemed the day was an all-round success with Frankie Lee later advising over 2000 people came during the day. The Council seemed appreciative of our support. Thanks to everyone from PFFF, particularly those above for their assistance at short notice (apologies if I have missed anyone).

Part 2:

In this edition of the newsletter we continue delving into that treasure trove of information on life in the Parramatta Female Factory, *the Colonial Secretary's Correspondence*.

Two recent *finds* are concerned with rather curious requisitions with one purchase for the Factory Laundry, receiving a truly bureaucratic response.

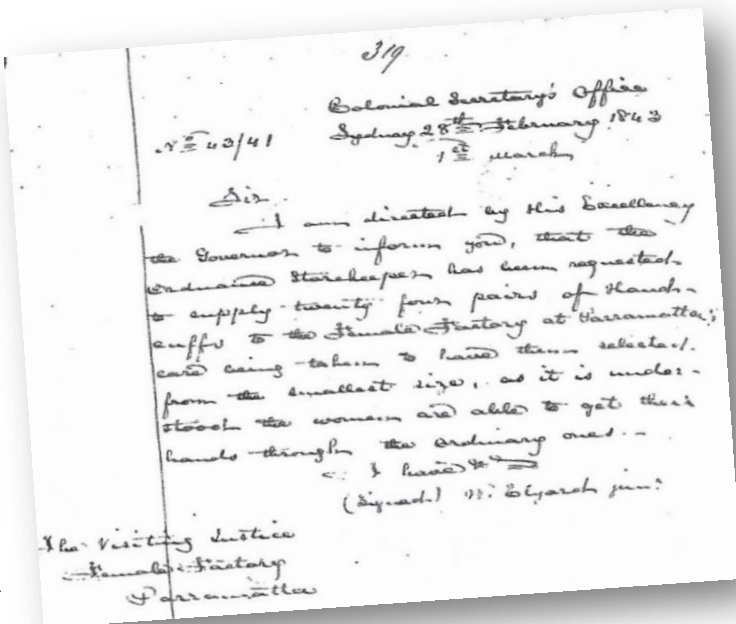
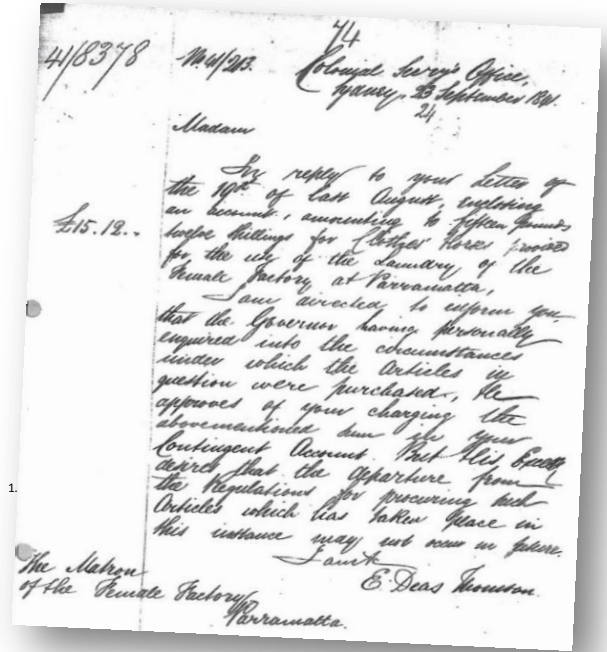
In a letter dated 23 September 1841 reference is made to the purchase of "clothes horses" * to the value of 15 pounds and 12 shillings - a sum the Colonial Secretary has approved but with a reminder that there is to be no departure from the "Regulations for procurement" in the future.

It seems that the articles had been purchased without prior approval. The Governor was not pleased.

Another find is a letter dated 1 March 1843 relating to the supply of handcuffs to the Factory.

It is interesting to note that twenty four pairs are asked for with the added comment that "care" be taken to ensure that the handcuffs are "selected from the smallest size".

The issue - small hands could wriggle out of *the ordinary ones*! One might wonder why sets of handcuffs were needed at the Factory and the circumstances for their use - additional punishment, restraint or for use in transit?



3. Factory Women - barefoot and at the tub

*A clothes horse (c1807) was also called a clothes rack, drying rack, drying stand, drying horse, clothes maiden, garment donkey, Frostick, airer and a winter dyke (a Scottish term) 4. The clothes horses used at the Factory laundry were most likely wooden and there may have been drying racks hung from a ceiling and operated with a pulley system also.

References:
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2. ibid
3. Extract from cartoon, *Ways and Means or the Last Shift* by Edward Winstanley c1844, Dixon, Library Mitchell Library, SLNSW
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Research by Anne Mathews. Additional notes: Ronda Gaffey



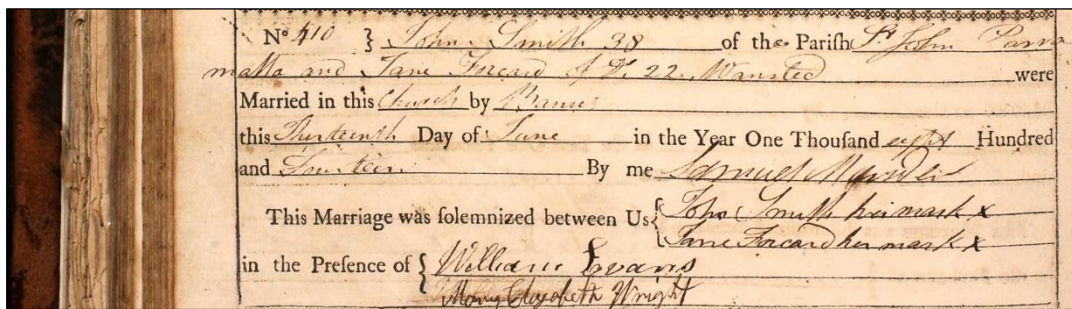
DESCENDANTS' CORNER - JANE FALKARD (Falkherd/Focard) 1785 – 1865
A FIRST FACTORY WOMAN from Gary J Carter - maternal 4 x great grandson

Jane Falkard was born in Suffolk, England in 1785. On 23 July 1812, she was tried at the Suffolk Assizes for the crime of larceny and was sentenced to seven years transportation. She was one of 119 convict women embarked the convict ship *Wanstead* which left England on 24 August, 1813.

The *Wanstead* arrived in Sydney Cove on 9 January 1814 with 117 female prisoners, two women having died on the voyage out - *Elizabeth Davies* and *Ann Simkins*, (both drowned). Twenty four of the women were under the age of 21. On 13 January 1814, sixty-eight of the *Wanstead* women were conveyed by water to Parramatta where they would have been employed at the Parramatta Factory (the room above the gaol). It is likely that Jane with her child Thomas (born 1813), would have been accommodated there as most women with children were ⁽¹⁾.

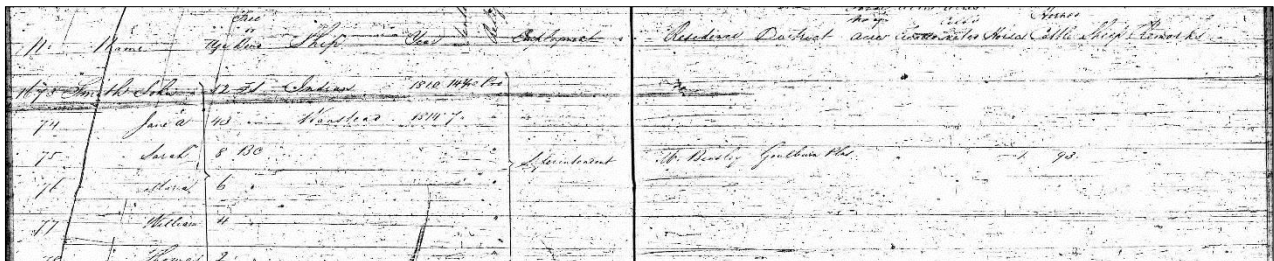
Jane's infant son Thomas died on 1 March 1814. Three months later on 13 June 1814, Jane married John Smith (*per Indian* 1810 - 14 years). They were married by the Rev. Samuel Marsden at St John's Church Parramatta. Both Jane and John signed the Parish Register with their "mark". Jane is noted as Jane *Focard* *per Wanstead*. Over the next 21 years, they had a family of nine children.

2.



In the NSW 1828 Census Jane and John are noted as living at *Goulburn Plains* NSW and with four young children "born in the colony". John is noted as aged 52 and Jane, 43.

3.



Jane died at Top Flat, Bungendore NSW in December 1865 aged 80 years and is buried in the Bungendore Cemetery. There is no headstone. John (aged 70), had died there in 1847. They had been married for 33 years. There are countless surnames for Jane and John's descendants. Like so many other Factory women, she was a true matriarch and an early pioneer woman.

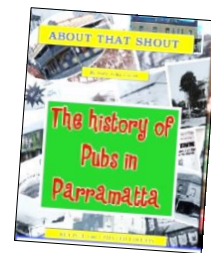
The Convict ship *Wanstead*:

Women from districts throughout England were embarked on the Wanstead in 1813. Four had also been convicted in Scotland - The Caledonian Mercury reported on 3 July 1813 that... 'Yesterday, Elizabeth Crosbie, Elizabeth Williams, Charlotte Patterson alias Scott and Margaret Smith alias Miller, convicts under sentence of transportation beyond the seas, were sent off ...from this city (Edinburgh) under a proper escort, for the hulks in the river Thames'. This is one of the few mentions of women being incarcerated in the hulks. Many women were also probably incarcerated in Newgate prison prior to boarding the Wanstead ...* ⁴

References:

- Jane Falkard - family history notes: Gary J Carter descendant. Photograph: Les Harvey
 - 1. A List of Women Prisoners from the *Wanstead* Transport sent to Parramatta 13 January 1814 - letter dated 15.01.14 Reel 6004 4/3493 p12, Colonial Secretary's Papers SARNSW quoted in *Our Girls* - unpublished work by Anne Mathews and Beth Mathews sourced from original papers SARNSW
 - 2. St John's Parramatta Parish Registers: Marriages 1790-1966 [database on-line]. Ancestry.com New South Wales; retrieved 6/11/18 - Jane's age is recorded as 22.
 - 3. 1828 New South Wales Census for Jane A Smith; Ancestry.com New South Wales; retrieved 6/11/18
 - 4. The convict ship *Wanstead* 1814: from https://jenniwilletts.com/convict_ship_wanstead_1814.htm retrieved 6/11/18
- *Elizabeth Williams who had been imprisoned on a hulk on the Thames, was listed as one of the *Wanstead* women being sent to Parramatta in 1814.

In the 16th century, as far as the people of Edinburgh were concerned, the world outside their city gates was no longer theirs and hence the name, the World’s End. Today that gate location is a well-known tourist pub ‘**The World’s End**’.



The true World’s End for British convicts and soldiers would have been the penal colonies at Sydney Cove and Parramatta. Strangely, in researching this book on the pubs of Parramatta, I didn't find any overwhelming negativity in the naming of the plethora of inns and pubs. There may have been a **Struggler**, which was possibly a misspelt **Straggler** (a sheep reference), but in general they were about hope (**The Hope and Anchor**); enterprise (**Woolpack**); sea voyagers (**The Jolly Sailor**); or just reminders of home (**The Rose, Thistle and Shamrock** or a **Royal Oak**). I don't believe it was the World’s End to most, I think it offered a fresh start, a place to hang a hat and to enjoy rum or a beer with a mate.

This publication is the second and revised edition providing an updated and more detailed addition to our knowledge and understanding of the history and development of Parramatta in its formative past and includes now the Pubs and Inns of North Parramatta. This book is so much more than an historic record of pubs in Parramatta for it provides a genuine insight and appreciation of the lives of folk, not always included in the mainstream of history, but who none the less contributed to the rich history of Parramatta. *

The book contains an account of past and present hotels and inns of Parramatta, from 1800 to the present 2018. It is not meant to be a work that comes under serious scrutiny from academia. It is compiled from written history, web related sources, and the listed references and accounts. The author’s grass root opinions and expressions are subjective. Hotel histories will always sway between the truth and the written words and memories of people and places. Read with an open mind and hope that it comes close to the truth.

Books are available from Gary - contact: garycarter2@bigpond.com or from Hambledon Cottage; the Parramatta Heritage Centre, Church Street Parramatta.

**Any number of Parramatta Factory women are part of this history - for example, Elizabeth Browning Owen (per Morley 1820) was the wife of Emanuel Marvin (per Fame 1821), Licensee of the Governor Bourke Inn in Church Street Parramatta (c 1834-7) .*

1. *Our Girls* -unpublished work by Anne Mathews and Beth Matthews sourced from original papers, SARNSW



STOP PRESS!!!

- For details of the **Urban Growth NSW** proposal for the development north of the Factory Precinct, follow the link: <https://www.ugdc.nsw.gov.au/growth-centres/parramatta-north/>

- **A “New” Home for the Friends in 2019!**

In 2019, *the Friends* temporary home at the Factory site will be the building in the far right hand corner of the Gipps Yard which was the Carpenter’s Shed.

In 2019, we are making slight changes to our Fridays and offering some new activities on the 3rd Friday of the month including *Research/Access* and tours - more information soon.

Also we are making slight changes to times for our bi-monthly meetings:

Guest Speaker 1:00 - 2:00pm

General Meeting 2pm - 3pm followed by afternoon tea.

Photograph Lyn Watkins: Committee members taking a peek inside our *new* home; Ronda, Pauline, Heidi, Lyn, Frank, Gay and Stephen



From the Editor: Thank you to all our contributors and a special welcome to “new” contributors, Vice President Heidi Brown (descendant of Matron Gordon), PFFF Tour co-ordinator Stephen Bryant (descendant of factory woman Catherine Bird) and member Gary Carter (descendant of factory women, Jane Falkard and Susan James).



AT THE BICENTENARY COMMEMORATIVE WALL
-LISTENING TO THE WOMEN'S STORIES & HEARING THEIR VOICES -



"For Catherine..."

2019	PFFF MEETINGS - EVENTS	& DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
January	Newsletter 18th Committee Meeting 26th Australia Day	26 th - Stall in Parramatta Park
February	PFF Site Tour 3 rd Friday PHP 11 th 15th General Meeting	1818 tenders out for the “new” factory at Parramatta. 1st 198th Anniversary - women transferred to the “new” factory 1821. Riots 3rd 1831, 7th 1833, 24th 1843
March	PFF Site Tour 3 rd Friday Newsletter 15th Committee	
April	PFF Site Tours 3 rd Friday PHP 8 th National Trust Festival 12th General Meeting - TBC (2nd Friday due to Easter 17th)	National Trust Festival 18 th April-19 th May <i>Theme: Connecting People, Places & the Past</i>
May	PFF Site Tour 3 rd Friday Newsletter 17th Committee	19th May NT Festival ends
June	PFF Site Tour 3 rd Friday PHP 17 th 21st General Meeting	
July	PFF Site Tour 3 rd Friday Newsletter 19th Committee	9th 201st Anniversary of Governor Macquarie laying the foundation stone for the “new” factory
August	PFF Site Tour 3 rd Friday PHP 12 th 16th AGM/General Meeting	
September	PFF Site Tours 3 rd Friday Newsletter 20th Committee 15th NSW & ACT Family History Conference - Hornsby	Wistaria Fete/Linnwood stalls- History Week - events/talks
October	PFF Site Tour 3 rd Friday PHP 14 th 18th General Meeting 25th RIOT DAY - 192 nd Anniversary	11th 1836 riot 27th 1827 riot 29th 1831 Riot
November	PFF Site Tour 3 rd Friday Newsletter 15th Committee	Parramatta Foundation Day
December	PFF Site Tour 3 rd Friday PHP 9 th 20th General Meeting & Christmas Party	