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Welcome to the
Autumn – 2012 issue of
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Upcoming Events

Please contact the Events Co-ordinator, Mark Koens on 0408170789 or 02 46556586 for further information.

21st – 22nd April
Ironfest

4th May
Friday Night Social
Seringatam Commemoration Dinner
Kwality Curries Camden

Saturday 30th June
Waterloo Committee meeting

Sunday 22nd July
AGM Venue 4 Broughton St Camden

Saturday 4th
ANNC Conference

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th September
73rd School of the Soldier weekend

Saturday 1st – Sunday 2nd October
Taminick Military Encampment

Friday 26th Sunday 28th October
Ecole Militaire
Host Unit: La Legion Irlandaise

Sunday 2nd December
Final committee meeting of the year
Waterloo committee meeting
Regency Afternoon tea party, cricket, croquet, tea and sherry.



Lachlan Macquarie's Journal

March

Saturday 7th. March !

It rained all this day and last night incessantly and extremely heavy, which occasions some apprehension of an inundation of the River Hawkesbury – which at this crisis will prove a great Calamity to the Settlers and Country in general. —

Tuesday 10th.March 1812 !

It continued to rain most violently since Saturday last to this day inclusive (– excepting for a short interval on Sunday forenoon) which occasions great apprehensions of a Flood of the Hawkesbury. —

Friday 13th. March !

—I received Letters from Mr. Cox J.P. at Windsor reporting that the River has risen 12 Feet above its usual Height within the last few days and that there are Nine Feet [...] Water over Mr. Thompson's Bridge on the South Creek; but that there is, as yet, no apprehension of an inundation of the River. —

Saturday 14th April Sunday !

Recd. a report from Mr. Cox to say that all apprehensions of a Flood have vanished, and that the Rise of the Waters of the River Hawkesbury has greatly fallen.

5th. April 1812 !

— Discontinued this day wearing mourning for our dear departed Mother, having worn them above six months! —

Friday 10th. April !

Lieut. Primrose of the 73d. Regt. (Nephew of Lt. Col: OConnell) was this day convicted of having stolen a £6. Store Receipt from Margaret Murrell, the kept mistress of Mr. Robt. Campbell; and his Brother officers in consequence insisted on his quitting the Regt. which he has accordingly done !
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Wedy. 22d. April 1812 !!!

— I had a long conversation this day with Doctor Redfern respecting my dearest Elizabeth's present state of Health; the particulars of which I have fully explained to him, and he appears to be inclined to think that she is Pregnant; from the circumstance of her not having a return of her usual Femenine [sic] Complaint for six weeks past –; it being this day Six weeks she was last attacked with it – and being now Five weeks and two days in perfect good health and free from a return of the Complaint alluded to. — At the same

time Dr. Redfern seems to think that it is as yet impossible to pronounce decidedly whether Mrs. M. is Pregnant or not – but that a Fortnight or at farthest three weeks more must remove every doubt on the subject. — He recommends that she should take no Exercise in the Carriage or on Horseback, while she is in her present state, and keep herself as quiet – and as free from any fear or alarm as possible ! —

Tuesday. 28. [A]pl. 1812

— I paid a Visit to Parramatta early this morning (leaving Mrs. M. at Home) accompanied by Mr. Meehan & Lt. Jo. Maclaine in the Carriage, going thither before Breakfast and returning to Dinner. —

May Saturday 2d. May!

Mrs. M. was slightly taken ill and threatened with a miscarriage this morning!

Sunday 10th. May!

Mrs. M. was taken very ill on her getting out of her Bed at 7, O'Clock this morning and threatened still more strongly than before with a miscarriage; a considerable discharge having commenced with Slight Labour Pains, attended with a good deal of Fever. — She continued extremely unwell in this way till Wednesday night the 13th. Inst. at 11, O'Clock, when she passed a small Foetus with a large quantity of thick dark Coagulated Blood, and thus unhappily miscarried – having most assuredly been Pregnant, and now Eight weeks is gone with Child. — On Thursday morning the Discharge still continued – but abated towards the Evening; – but still continued in a smaller degree all the following day of Friday the 15th. May.

...Saturday the 16th. May

– Mrs. M. took some opening medicine early in the morning; in consequence of being Feverish and having had a bad restless night. — In the forenoon she passed what is called "the after Birth" – a large mass of Coagulated Blood, which gave her great pain and left her very weak. —

Monday 25th. May!

— Hitherto Mrs. M. has been in poor health, and afflicted with debility and a good deal of Fever –

restless at night – and troubled with still a slight Discharge up to this day inclusive – when it entirely ceased. — This is no less than Five Miscarriages that poor Mrs. M. has had since the Birth of our Angelic dear Baby Jane Jarvis whom we had the misfortune to lose at Perth in Novr. [sic] 1809! —

See:

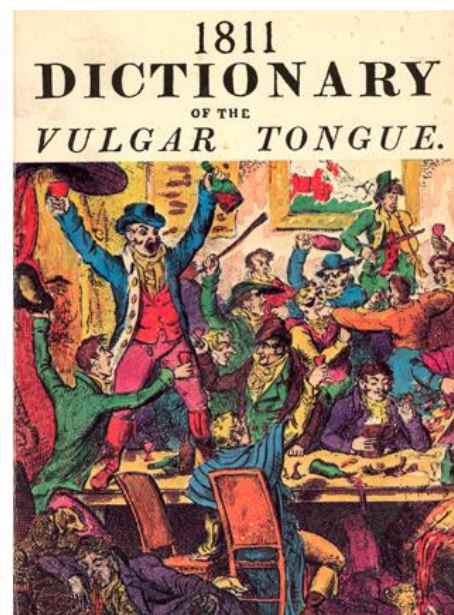
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Excerpts from the *Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue* (1811)



GENTLEMAN OF THREE OUTS

That is, without money, without wit, and without manners: some add another out, i.e. without credit.

HIGHGATE

Sworn at Highgate--a ridiculous custom formerly prevailed at the public-houses in Highgate, to administer a ludicrous oath to all travellers of the middling rank who stopped there. The party was

sworn on a pair of horns, fastened on a stick: the substance of the oath was, never to kiss the maid when he could kiss the mistress, never to drink small beer when he could get strong, with many other injunctions of the like kind; to all which was added the saving cause of "unless you like it best." The person administering the oath was always to be called father by the juror; and he, in return, was to style him son, under the penalty of a bottle.

IRISH APRICOTS

Potatoes. It is a common joke against the Irish vessels, to say they are loaded with fruit and timber, that is, potatoes and broomsticks. Irish assurance; a bold forward behaviour: as being dipt in the river Styx was formerly supposed to render persons invulnerable, so it is said that a dipping in the river Shannon totally annihilates bashfulness; whence arises the saying of an impudent Irishman, that he has been dipt in the Shannon.

Find the complete dictionary online at;

<http://vulgar.pangyre.org/>



From the Regiment's Guestbook

From: Maggi Shaw
shawfamilygroup@iinet.net.au
Date: September 11, 2011

Looking for anything on Thomas and wife Sarah ARNOLD. Thomas was supposed to have been in the 73rd. His daughter was born in 1812 at Sydney and then returned in 1839 having been married in Kensington England. I would like to confirm his being in the regiment and find out what happened to them after 1812.

From: Pauline Dawson
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Date: November 30, 2011

While researching my ancestor Private Joseph Brammer arrived in Australia on "HMS DROMEDARY" December 1809. Joseph married convict Jane Harrison from this union there were three children my 3rd Grandmother was their first born Alice Brammer 1820-1851, Thomas Brammer 1824 and Philip Brammer born 1827-

1860 was born 3 months after Joseph Brammer passed away.

From: Fiona Campbell Bullen
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Date: January 21, 2012

My 4th great grand aunt Elizabeth Macquarie (nee Campbell) married to Lachlan Macquarie. 2 of her nephews Duncan Campbell & John MacLaine were members of the 73rd Regiment as well as her husband leading it.

From: Bas de Groot
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Date: February 14, 2012

Wotcha 73rd, message for the 7th Militia group: They have an authentic Dutch drum at a Museum in Benalla:

<http://napoleon.thepodcastnetwork.com/2007/12/27/the-waterloo-drum/>

Maybe worth visiting on the way to Taminick, or approaching for a demo-opportunity?

Cheers, Bas (92nd Gordon Highlanders NI, formerly 7th Dutch-Belgian Line Infantry Battalion 1815)



Letters to the Garrison

From: Robyn McNamara
To: Mark Koens

Date: Fri, 25 Nov 2011 21:27:35 +1100
From: rmcnamara1@optusnet.com.au
To: gabriellekoens@hotmail.com
Subject: William Spears

Hi Mark,
I've just discovered your great site on the 73rd Regiment of Foot.

My 4xgt grandfather William Spears (Speers) was a member of the 102nd Regiment - joining in London in 1800 at the age of 27 and sailing on the Earl Cornwallis.
Sarah Robinson (17) a convict was assigned and

befriended by him and subsequently a daughter Mary was born on June 1892 - according to the St Johns Register of Baptisms, (though she was listed in the mutch index as Ann).

After William's posting in 1802 to Norfolk Island he married Mary Howe on 28 July 1806 at St Phillips CofE Church Sydney.

In April 1810 William then aged 37, transferred to the 73rd where he stayed until it left for Ceylon. I don't know if he was discharged or bought out his commision to buy land.

In Feb 1815 he was appointed constable in Sydney (Reel 6038 SZ759 p38).

His son James (b Feb 1813) was a servant to James Napper surgeon. They were received on board the Emy (Reel 6004, 4/3494 p107).

Colonial Secretary Index, 1788-1825

SPEARS, William

1815 Feb 11

Government & General Order re his appointment as a constable in Sydney (Reel 6038; SZ759 p.38)

William Spears - Soldiers and Marines 1787-1830
Private, 73rd Regiment of Foot, 1st Battalion,
1812 Pay List, Reel #3869

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SPIERS, William

1817 Aug 16-Nov 22

His salary as District Constable paid from the Police Fund (Reel 6038; SZ759 pp.377, 414)

In June 1820 William was suspended from his position as district constable for neglect of duty (Reel 6050, 4/1747 pp 70-1) and one month later was listed as "formerly of 73rd Regiment" Fische 3031; 4/1825B No. 706 pp711-2).

William was registered in the 1822 Muster as being a Dealer in Sydney. Mary his wife, who had arrived on the Minerva was also listed.

Listed were their children John 21, James 19, William 16, George 14, Joseph 12, Mary 9, Francis 5 and Elizabeth 1.

5 Sep 1825: of 28 Clarence St, Sydney. Pensioner

of 102nd and 73rd Regiments, Memorial for land at Brisbane Waters (Fiche 3156; 4/1844B #759 pp715-8 and 760 pp.719-22))

and 15 Nov 1825 On list of persons who have received orders for grants of land (Fiche 3266; 9/2652 p.102); on list of lands granted and reserved by Sir Thomas Brisbane (Fiche 3269; 9/2740 p.28)

William appeared in the 1825 Muster as a Free Settler, a Sawyer living in Sydney, who had arrived on the Earl Cornwallis in 1801. With him was wife Mary and their children John 24, James 21, William 19, George 17, Joseph 15, Mary 12, Francis 8, Elizabeth 4.

He owned 120 acres and 6 cattle in Brisbane Water. He was a Protestant.

He was still listed as a Sawyer in the 1828 Muster.

#876 At his death on 29 Jun 1833 he was listed as a Labourer, aged 62 living in Sydney.

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File name New South Wales Corps P-S

Reference SPEARS William

Reference notes p136

File format Manuscript(s)

File number 04 name 73rd Regiment of Foot

File Description Biographies of men in the 73rd Regiment of Foot who had formerly been in the NSW Corps

Reference SPEARS William

File number 04 Name William

Soldier Rank Private

Soldier Regt 73rd Regiment of Foot, 1st Battalion

Soldier Paylist 1812 Pay List

Reel No 3869

SPEARS, William (Junior). Born in the Colony; sawyer; of 32 Clarence Street

1824 Jul 12, Aug 2

Son of William Spears, formerly of 73rd Regiment. Memorial (Fiche 3111; 4/1839B

No.922 pp.891-8). Replies, 22 Jul and 12 Aug (Reel 6013; 4/3512 pp.37, 179)

http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/indexes/colsec/s/F53c_so-sti-05.htm#P1947_84358

It seems this William jnr lived in the Gosford area as many of them are listed in the Pioneer Index.
<http://www.centralcoastfhs.org.au/Gosford%20Pioneers%20Register/s.htm>

William Snr's daughter Mary (brought up by convict Joseph Craft) later married Pryce/Price Morris, a Welsh convict, who was granted land at St Albans on the Macdonald River. Price's cottage has been restored and is now a bed and breakfast (see at www.pricemorris.com.au) and her photo is over the entrance door at the Settlers Arms Hotel in St Albans. It's wonderful to experience staying in the cottage and I have wondered if Mary looked a little like her father William.

I would like to know if there are any events planned for next year as I would love to attend and get a feel of what sort of life he lived.

Hope to hear from you soon,
Robyn McNamara (nee Swadling)



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