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THOMAS ROWLEY

ELIZABETH (BETSY) SELWIN

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Date	Thos	Eliz.	Event.
24 Jan 1747			Bapt. Thomas at Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, Eng. <u>N.B.</u> It is yet to be proven that this is "our" Thos Rowley.
c 1773	26.		Birth Elizabeth at Cherington, Gbs., Eng. ① 78 yrs on death cert --- age yet to be proved. (1768) ② 11 Jan 1791 - Elizabeth recorded as 18 yrs old (Ramage p.13) (1773)
late 1760s till circa 1789 20 years?			Thomas' career? Both the image of Thomas - in naval uniform and also verbal history suggest a naval career. Image of Thomas held at Pioneer Womens Assoc, Sydney. Verbal history suggests Rowley had an illegal sword duel, and was given the choice of a court marshal, or a posting to an army corps (just under creation) that would service the new colony of New South Wales. 102nd Regiment of Foot
Dec. 1786	Thos. 39		Lient. Col. Stirling submitted a plan for an Army Corps to administer services to the proposed colony of New South Wales. "A Colonial Regiment" page 2 Plan not implemented for First Fleet 1787/88.
5 June 1789	42		Maj Grose organises the regimental appointment of "adjutant" (to serve under Grose) for "Gentleman" Thomas Rowley. Thomas on muster roll of "NSW Corps of Foot" dated 5 June 1789
8 June 1789			Maj Francis Grose receives official warrant from H. M. Gov. commanding him to raise 4 companies for a Corps, to serve in N.S.W. (*) Recruits to be between 16 & 30 years of age - Rowley must possibly be the oldest, at age 42 years! (Grose is 32 years)
			* N.S.W. Corps of Foot CONT. over →

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8 June 1789 <u>cont.</u>			Grose's instructions to raise the corps are very similar to the Lieut. Col. Stirling plan. Grose had been out of action on half pay for 6 years since the American War of Independence. The new yet to be named Army Corps ^{NSW Corps of Foot} had 5 staff officers - adjutant, quartermaster, chaplain, surgeon, assistant surgeon
4 July 1789 24 Dec 1789			Total of new army corps - 319 "The Rum Rebellion" Total of corps - 3 companies - 288 officers & privates "Colonial Regiment" - conflicting numbers ?!
			Under orders/instruction from Grose - Thomas Rowley is instrumental in assembling & despatching 2nd, 3rd, & 4th fleets to NSW. ^{carrying} Surgeon friend of Rowley - Thos. Jameson (Jamison) ^{left !!} Port Jackson NSW for England on "Admiral Gambier" in 1809 Jameson dies 1811 - refer "Sydney Gazette"
28 June 1790	43		Arrival Second Fleet Eng/NSW - 5 ships - around 912 convicts - The "Neptune" delivering the first portion of the NSW corps.
15 Sep 1790		17	Elizabeth steals 34 shillings, clothing, from employer James Brown. Eliz late of Parish of Cherrington, Glos.
11 Jan 1791		18	Elizabeth recorded as <u>18 yrs</u> of age (Ramage p. 13) (B1773)
23 Mar 1791		18	Tried - Gloucester Assizes - Glos. - Transportation 7yrs
5 Jan 1791	44		Thomas (based Chatham Barracks, Eng) listed as Adjutant and Ensign later known as Kitchen Barracks, then Brompton Barracks

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13 Jan 1791 (publication)			Adjutant Thomas Rowley to be Ensign by purchase - To New South Wales Corps - "Caledonian Mercury"
July 1791			Arrival NSW of Third Fleet from Eng. 11 ships - approx 2,000 convicts.
6 April 1791	44		Promotion Thomas - To Lieutenant Adjutant Chatham Barracks - Eng.
14 Feb 1792	45	19	<p>Arrival NSW of Fourth Fleet ^{/ departed Warrmouth 17 July 1791} Eng/NSW - 3 ships Thomas & Elizabeth arriving on the "Pitt", which landed Pt Jackson well after the first two ships - -- 798 convicts all up. 49 people died on voyage, and 120 male convicts arrived sick - "Pitt" contained the last of the Corps Grose was appointed to raise and transport to NSW. A small contingent remained at Chatham Barracks Eng.</p>
19 Nov 1792	45	20	<p>Birth Isabella at Sydney Cove (died 16 yrs 1808) M. 3. May 1807 (15 yrs) Lt. W. Ellison R.N. ^{Sydney} Bap. 17 Dec 1792 St Phillips, Sydney. _{ISSUE: NR}</p>

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10 Dec 1792			Cap. Arthur Phillip returns to England ("Colony self supporting") --- replaced by Grose
10 Dec 1793			"Hope" arrives Sydney. - all cargo, including 7,500 gal. rum, purchased by N.S.W. Corps - from then on also known as The Rum Corps.
4 May 1793	46		Land lease purchase (2 acres) by Thos. Rowley from Gov. Grose, at Sydney Town - corner Church St & Brickfield St.
28 May 1793	46		Land grant by Gov. Grose to Thos Rowley. 100 acres at Peterham Hill - nucleus of Kingston Farm - located now between Newtown & Annandale
8 May 1794			<u>Absolute Pardon</u> for Elizabeth (served 3 years)
12 Aug 1794	47		<u>Birth</u> Thomas at Sydney Cove - Bap. 5 Sep. 1794 at St Phillips, Sydney - died 1862 at Minto. M. 27 Feb 1818 Catherine Clarkson - issue: 11
3 Oct 1794	47		Land Grant by Gov. Grose to Rowley - 70 acres adjoining original grant at Peterham Hill
9 Dec 1794	47		Land Grant by Gov. Grose to Rowley - 25 acres at Concord.


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DEC 1794			Grose returns to England ... old war wounds too much to cope with. Paterson takes over as acting Governor for 9 months.
7 SEP. 1795	48		Arrival "Reliance" at Ft. Jackson with Hunter, Waterhouse, Matthew & Samuel Flinders, George Bass. "Reliance" being issued to colony of NSW (by Eng) for colonial use.
7 Sep 1795	48		Land Grant by ? to Rowley -- at Mulgrave Place -- (Hawkesbury River)
11 Sep 1795	48		Hunter assumes Governorship of NSW. Sermon by Rev. Thos F. Palmer condemns the "Rum Corps" and Gen. Thos. Holt commends Abbott, Rowley, and Lt. Piper for being "honest and free from practices of military traders."
10 June 1796			NSW Corps - two additional companies raised.
21 June 1796	49		Promotion Rowley from Lieutenant to Captain.
June 1797			Cap Waterhouse ("Reliance") arrives Sydney with 13 ^{of 26} merino to be
28 Nov 1797	50		Birth John, at Sydney Cove ^{Sold to Macartha, Marshall, Rowley etc} died 27 Dec 1797 - died 1873 at Scone NSW. M. 4 Nov. 1819 Sarah Fear. issue: 10
3 Aug 1798	51		Land Grant by Gov. Hunter to Rowley - 260 acres - became Burwood Farm at Liberty Plains - now Granville/sth Granville
14 Aug 1799	52		Land Grant. by Gov Hunter to Rowley - 85 acres at Bankstown on southern shore of Georges River, adjacent to Holsworthy Army Camp -- known as Payne's Hill (Consolidated to 700 acres - July 1804)

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8 Oct 1799	52		Land Grant by Gov Hunter to Rowley - 150 Acres at York Place - Liberty Plns. (Burwood Farm)
2 Nov 1799	52		<p>"Reliance" & "Fancy" depart Pt. Jackson for Norfolk Is. then return to England. Rowley with other military relief sails on the "Reliance" - to take command of Norfolk Is. as acting commandant. also on "Reliance" - Cap. Waterhouse, Matthew & Samuel Flinders</p> <p><small>Account of the English Colony D. Collins - 24 Dec - "Reliance" & "Fancy" arrived Sydney NSW with "relief of the military" - the Trip to England??</small></p>
12 Nov 1799	52		<p>Norfolk Is. as commanded by Gov. Hunter - as ill Cap. Townson is replaced by Cap. Rowley as acting commandant - also suffering ill health. Rowley's 5 year old son - Thomas - accompanied his father to Norfolk Is.</p>
18 Mar 1800	53		<p>Birth Mary at Kingston Farm - now near Newtown Cap. May 201 St Johns, Parramatta/d. 1869 Gundaroo. N. 10 Mar. 1817 John Lucas.</p>
April 1800			<p>Phillip Gidley King returns from England "Speedy" and replaces Hunter as governor 28 Sep. 1800.</p>
May 1800	53		<p>Norfolk Is. Rowley departs via "Hunter" - returning to Pt. Jackson 8 June 1800, leaving Norfolk Is without a commandant for about 7 weeks (illness?) <small>(courtesy of altered destination)</small> refer "Norfolk Island" by Nobbs, P. 216. "Hunter" was originally bound for Bengal, but returned to P. J. with Rowley aboard - then sailed to East Indies after transferring Maj Forveaux to N.I. as commandant, arriving N.I. 26 July 1800</p>

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			NORFOLK IS CONT:- Cap. Rowley's time as commandant was "under favourable circumstances", but Rowley claimed to be £1,000 the worse off for his absence from Pt Jackson. Principal NI settlers write to Gov. King expressing regret at Rowley's departure - Rowley confiscated stills to minimise drunkenness.
Jan 1801	54		Rowley places himself on "sick list"
1801	54		<u>Return</u> Rowley owns 905 acres - 238 purchased, 667 granted, plus 3 convicts.
8 Aug 1801	54		Power of Attorney granted to Clementson & Denton of Clements Inn.
21 Aug 1801	54		<u>General Return of NSW Corps</u> commanded by Col. F. Grose at Sydney (Rowley based Sydney with Paterson & Abbott) Cap. Rowley's Coy: - 1 Lieut, 1 Ensign, 3 Sergeants, 2 Drummers, 61 rank & file, Total of 68. Corps now 9 companies, each of 70
12 Nov 1801	54		<u>Retirement</u> from NSW Corps - ill health - most possibly old sword wound from illegal duel in England. -- Succeeded by Kemp.
31 Mar 1802	55		<u>Land Purchase</u> - Maj Forveaux's farm, plus 100 acres "in the bush" for £700. PLUS land grant by Gov. King - 190 acres at Liberty Plns.
10 April 1802			<u>"Register of Arms in Possession"</u> 1 gun 2 pistols 1 sword Reel 4/1719 1789/1806 2157 P.86
9 Nov 1802	55		Rowley appointed Cap. Commandant of the Loyal Sydney Assoc. a civilian militia (barracks were being neglected)
Nov 1802			<u>Barrack Master</u> Rowley appointed by Gov. King, with remuneration.
Aug 1803	56		<u>Land Grant</u> by Gov. King to Rowley at Petersham Hill 240 Acres. - consolidation of grants at Kingston Farm.

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Aug 1803	56		<p>Land Grant by Gov. King To Rowley - 750 acres <u>consolidation of grant at Liberty Plains - Concord -</u> <u>Burwood Farm (now Strathfield)</u></p>
5 Mar 1804	57		<p>Battle of Vinegar Hill - Sydney Loyalists - commanded by Cap. Rowley - embodied for possible engagement with Irish rebels if they reached Sydney. Action does not eventuate any further east of Parramatta. Cap. Rowley commanded 6 officers, and 31 privates on the event "The Battle of Vinegar Hill" L. R. Silver.</p>
2 April 1804	57		<p>Extension of Capt. Commandant Rowley (Sydney) to also include Parramatta Volunteer Assoc. (civilian militia) to be exercised every Saturday 1 pm till 3 pm. Cannon & field pieces to be exercised. Rowley also sworn in as Magistrate for County Cumberland.</p>
25 April 1804	57		<p>Birth Eliza at Kingston Farm (Newtown) d. 1882  - *Biological Father - Sir John Lord.</p>
* This information	<p>added at a date late in research. M. 1826 Henry Sparrow Briggs issue: 10</p>		
16 July 1804	57		<p>Land Grant by Gov. King to Rowley - 700 acres Holdsworthy - consolidation of grant - at Bankstown on southern shore of Georges River, known as Paynes Hill. adjacent to Holdsworthy Army Camp.</p>
1 Aug 1804	57		<p>Rowley still listed as Cap. Comm. of Sydney Loyal Assoc. Co.</p>
18 Aug 1804	57		<p>Returns Rowley holds 1,075 acres, plus 14 convicts.</p>

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27 Feb 1805	58	-	Will written by Rowley - Elizabeth mentioned as "Elizabeth Selwyns".
1 May 1805	58		Rowley still listed as Cap. Comm. of Sydney & Parramatta Royal Assoc. Co.
10 Aug 1805	58		Report of potential sheep industry in NSW by Rev. S. Marsden and J. Macarthur. Rowley claims 219 rams, 300 ewes, and is very non committal on his opinions/forecasts of the sheep industry in N.S.W. "The Macarthurs of Camden" S.M. Orslow
Aug 1805	58		Returns Rowley holds 1975 acres, (qty to be confirmed) and 15 convicts. 57 Cattle, 59 sheep, 21 goats, 33 hogs.
13 April 1806	59		Rowley resigns Treasurership of Cox's estate due to ill health - "Sydney Gazette" 13-4-06. P. 3.
29 May 1806	59		Death Rowley at Kingston Farm, Newtown Funeral service by Rev. Sam. Marsden ^{Camperdown} attended by Gov. King, NSW Corps, etc. etc. Gun salute. Buried Waverley property in family vault, transferred to Briggs vault, Waverley cem.
8 Aug 1806			Arrival of William Bligh at Pt. Jackson to replace P.G. King as Governor
13 Aug 1806			Phillip Gidley King officially transfers (Governorship) of NSW to William Bligh.

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Post Aug 1806			<u>Birth Henry</u> M. 1839 Mary Ann Murphy at Liverpool R.C. All Saints Church living Holdsworthly
1808/1809			<u>Rum Corps. Rebellion</u>
1810			<u>Disbandment of NSW (Rum) Corps.</u>
31 Aug 1812			Rowley's estate illegally sold by auction by Thos. Moore, (master builder to the colony.) "Burwood Farm" 750 acres £520 "Sydney Gazette" 5 Sep. 1812 P.2.
at some stage, Elizabeth, according to Clarkson family records, loses the benefits of Thos. Rowley's will, by co habiting with convict Abbott Osbourne, who was assigned to Thos Rowley. (ref. Susan Blake)			
1828			Census Elizabeth "Betsy" res. with dau. Eliza/Henry Briggs at Peterham (Go voyage).: b.1758
24 Nov 1832			Rowley children & husbands regain ownership of Burwood Estate. (Henry Sparrow Briggs, one of husbands)
22 June 1843		78	<u>Death Elizabeth at Kingston farm.</u> Transferred to Briggs Vault, Waverly Cem. death cert. - age - 78 yrs (yet to be proved)