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INTRODUCTION

Part I of this paper was published in the Journal & Proceedings, vol. 117: 119-127 (1984). Our objectives and methods for constructing the membership list were outlined in Part I. Briefly they were: to rectify the lack of a comprehensive list in any source then known to us, and to endeavour to augment a mere listing of names by adding such basic biographical details of the individuals as could be ascertained from resources mainly in Australia. Part I included 162 men (for they were all men), and the present part includes a further 166. The delay in presenting Part II for publication arose partly because about one quarter of the people were exceedingly difficult to identify. As sometimes happens, after we had exhausted all the then accessible sources of information, two events occurred which gave us new hope of progress. Firstly, a membership list turned up which from internal evidence could be dated precisely to September 1860. Secondly, a substantial improvement occurred in library collections of biographical resource materials. The publication in 1987 of the "Biographical Register" and in 1992 of the "Dictionary of Australian Artists" provided solutions to a few of our problems, but it was evident that the authors and editors of the latter magnificent work had also discovered some people's lives were impossibly obscure.

Additional Notes: (1) The spelling of MAC and MC names in the mid-1800s was erratic. We have adopted in the list the spelling most frequently used for an individual even though in the Philosophical Society's records the spelling may diverge from that. (2) A few of the men in the list below proved impossible to identify. We suspect that they were either country residents or transients, possibly visiting Sydney to assess commercial possibilities. (3) Three people whom we missed in our previous list are included below. (4) Under the protocols of the time, Governors Denison and Young, having agreed to act as Patron of the Philosophical Society of NSW, were in turn appointed President. The principal executive councillor was thus the Senior Vice-President (variously C. Nicholson, E. D. Thomson, W. B. Clarke). Governor FitzRoy, although he took an active part in the Australian Society, appears to have been content to act as Patron only, Thomson being President.

CORRECTIONS TO OUR PREVIOUS LIST


Haydon, Henry: delete birth and death dates; add grocer.

Leathes: second name Stanger, not Stranger (error in Maiden).

ABBREVIATIONS AND REFERENCES

The three societies, Australian Philosophical, Philosophical and Royal are indicated by the symbols APS, PSN and RSN. Similarly the Linnean Society of NSW as LSN.


AMG: Australasian Medical Gazette.

AMM: "Australian Men of Mark" E. Digby, ed. (Sydney, 1889).


JLCN: Journal of the Legislative Council of NSW.


MJA: Medical Journal of Australia.

SMSA: Sydney Magazine of Science and Art. Only 2 volumes published.


Trans PSN 1862-5: Transactions of the Philosophical Society of New South Wales, 1862-65, published 1866.

The work "The Mechanical Eye in Australia by Con Tanre (pseudonym) referred to in our first part has been republished in extended form with A. Davies and M. Stanbury as authors (Oxford UP Melbourne, 1985).

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EAGAR, N[hicholas] H[enry]


FAIRFAX, John


IRVING, Clark


LIDDINGTON, [John]


LIPPMAN, Julius


LORD, Francis (Hon.)


LOWE, Charles

APS 1850-. Paper and exhibits re Argonauta, 2.9.1850 (abstract in SMH 5.9.1850).

LUCAS, John

MCCARTHY, W[illiam] G[odfrey]

MACDONNELL, William

MCEWAN, Dr [Donald McIntosh]
PSN 13.6.1856. Physician, Phillip St, Sydney; member, Board of Visitors to Lunatic Asylums. Member of AHAS 1856-58. Died 9.5.1859.

MCFARLAND, Andrew
PSN 17.8.1864. Possibly grazier in Hay district who died 14.7.1898.

PSN 13.6.1856 (not McGuayr, as in Maiden 1918: 264); continuing 1860. Hotelier, wine and spirit merchant in Bathurst. Active in local public affairs.

MCKAY, Charles (Dr)
PSN 8.10.1856; continuing 1860; microscopy committee. RSN 1876-1891. MD (St And), LRCS(Edin). Medical practitioner and author. B. ca 1822; d. 10.3.1898, Stanmore, Sydney. See AMG 17: 136.

MACKAY, Hugh
PSN 10.9.1856. Possibly the Hugh Mackay, gentleman, of Sydney, (and associate of J. W. Buckland, merchant) who died 1.9.1858.

MCLEAN, Alexander

MACARTHUR, George Fairfowl

MCCARTHY, W[illiam] G[odfrey]

MACDONELLA, William

MANNING, William Montagu (Sir)

MANN, Gother K[err]

MAYLAND, Edward

MANN, Gothen K[err]

MANNING, William Montagu (Sir)
England; d. 27.2.1895, Edgecliff, Sydney. See ADB 5: 207-9.

MANSFIELD, S[amuel] [Worthington] (not H.)
PSN 13.6.1856. Manager of Sydney Benevolent Society; vice-president of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts committee. B. ca 1806; d. 19.3.1881.

MARTENS, Conrad

MARTINDALE, Captain [Ben Hay]

MAURICE, Solomon.

MEREWETHER, Francis Lewis Shaw
APS 1850; secretary 1850. Commissioner of police, police magistrate and naturalist. B. 5.5.1798, Edinburgh, Scot.; d. 22.8.1851, Toowoomba, Moreton Bay Dist. of NSW [Qld]. See ADB 2: 228; DAA p. 535.

MILES, William A[ugustus]
APS 1850; secretary 1850. Commissioner of police, police magistrate and naturalist. B. 5.5.1798, Edinburgh, Scot.; d. 22.8.1851, Toowoomba, Moreton Bay Dist. of NSW [Qld]. See ADB 2: 228; DAA p. 535.

MILLER, F[rancis] B[owyer]

MILSON, James jnr.

MITCHELL, David S[cott]

MITCHELL, James (Dr)

MITCHELL, Thomas Livingstone (Sir)
APS 1850 (committee 1850). Papers to APS: 17.6.1850, "On the external structure and undeveloped resources of the County of Cumberland"; 2.9.1850, "On the natural fruits and grasses of the Colony" (extended abstract in SMH, 8.9.1850); 3.12.1850, "The principle of the aboriginal boomerang applied to the propeller of steamships". Mr Charles Moore enquired at the PSN meeting on 5.10.1864 whether Mitchell's first paper specified above had been published, with negative result. Surveyor-general of NSW. B. 15.6.1792; d. 5.10.1855, Sydney. See ADB 2: 238; DAA pp. 541-2; JHL Cumpston, "Thomas Mitchell" (London, 1954); WC Foster, "Sir Thomas Livingstone Mitchell and his World 1792-1855" (Sydney, 1985).

MONTEFIORE, O[ctavius Levi]
MOORE, Charles


MOREING, Henry

MORELL, G[ustavus] A[lphonse]

MORESBY, M[atthew] F[ortescue], RN.

MORIARTY, E[dward] 0[rpen]

MORT, Henry (Hon)

MORT, Thomas Sutcliffe

MOSES, Frederick
  PSN visitor(?) 17.12.1862 and 6.7.1864; exhibits. Engineer.

MOSS, Israel

MOUNTCASTLE, B[enjamin Sutch]
  PSN 13.6.1856. Hat manufacturer and vendor, Sydney. B. ca 1807; d. 7.4.1891, St Leonards, Sydney.

MULHOLLAND, T[homas]
  PSN 13.6.1856. Possibly the grazier of Wagga Wagga district, who died 27.8.1870.

MURIEL, Robert
  PSN, exhibitor of imported photographs 16.5.1862. Warehouseman and auctioneer.

MURVIN, M[ichael] E[gan]

MURRAY, T[erence] A[ubrey] (Hon.)
NAPER, Lieut. W[illiam] D[utton]

NAPIER, Francis

NATHAN, Charles

NEALDS, C[harles] J.

NICHOLSON, Charles (Sir)
APS 1850 (chaired founding meeting; subsequently vice-president). PSN 1855 to at least 1861 (vice-president 1855-7). MD (Edin 1833), DCL (Oxf), LLD (Camb). Baronet (1859). Physician, landowner, businessman, statesman, scholar, collector of Egyptian antiquities, and vice-provost and provost (later chancellor) of University of Sydney. Regarded as one of the most cultivated men in the colony in his time. He returned to England permanently in 1862. B. 23.11.1808, Cockermouth, England; d. 8.11.1903, London, Eng. See ADB 5: 283-5.

NORRIE, James [Smith]

NORTON, James (senr.) (Hon.)

O'BRIEN, B[artholomew] (Dr)

ONSLOW, A[rthur Alexander Walton]

OTTLEY, Osborn(e)
PSN 10.9.1856. Possibly lived on private income; active in various Sydney clubs and societies in the 1850s-60s. Possibly the Osbert Ottley buried Gore Hill Cemetery, 1900.

PELL, Morris Birkbeck

PENNINGTON, W[illiam] G[eorge]

PEPPERCORNE, Frederick S[eptimus]
Surveyor and civil engineer. B. ca 1814; d. 3.5.1882, Sydney.


PLOMLEY, Jenner (Dr)  PSN 19.12.1859, exhibited numerous photographs including stereographs. Physician; of Hunter's Hill, Sydney. B. ca 1815; d. 1869, Balmain, Sydney.

PORTER, Henry John (according to Maiden), possibly Henry & John  PSN 11.7.1856. Commercial photographer(s), "Porter Brothers".


PROESCHEL, [F]  PSN: visitor. 19.9.1860, Exhibited his map of Victoria and part of New South Wales. 17.10.1860, paper on Ozone. Geographer and map compiler; in Victoria from at least 1852; published an atlas of Australia in London, 1863.


RATTRAY, Dr [Alexander], MD.  PSN ?correspondent only: Paper, 8.11.1865, on Cape York peninsula. Naval surgeon, traveller and writer.
RAYNER, F[rederic] M[athew]
PSN: visitor. 14.7.1858: Exhibited live marsupials from Western Australia. Naval surgeon, HMS "Herald".

ROBERTS, Alfred (Dr) (Sir)

ROBERTS, John

ROBERTS, William
PSN 13.6.1856; continuing 1860. Probably the solicitor and politician (MLA for Goulburn 1859-60) who was b. ca 1821; d. 1.7.1900. See Connolly p 283.

ROBERTSON, James (Dr)
PSN 13.6.1856; continuing 1860. MB (Lond), MD (St And), FRCS. Medical practitioner; founder of Australian Medical Association, 1859. B. ca 1822; d. 1862, Parramatta, NSW. See MJA 1951(1): 533.

ROBERTSON, T. W.
PSN membership list, 1860, of East Maitland. Almost certainly an error for J. W. Robinson, q.v.

ROBEY, James

ROBIE, Thomas Battaby
PSN 13.6.1856.

ROBINSON, [James] W[illkie]
PSN 10.9.1856; continuing 1860, of East Maitland (listed as Robertson). School teacher; arrived NSW 1837; returned to Scotland in 1860s. B. Glasgow; d. 1875, E. Maitland.

RODD, [John] S[avery] (not J. J. as in Maiden)
PSN 10.9.1856; continuing 1860. Assistant surveyor; pastoralist at Bathurst, Capertee and South Creek, NSW. B. ca 1807, Devon, England; d. 26.1.1870, Potts Point, Sydney.

ROLLESTON, Christopher

ROSS, [Joseph] Grafton

ROTHEY, Frederick [John]

ROWLEY, George

RUSSELL, George
PSN 13.5.1857. Probably the George
Russell, engineer, who at this time was a partner of P. N. Russell & Co, engineers.

RUSSELL, Henry Chamberlain

SAGE, Alex[ander]

SALOMONS, Julian E[manuel] (Sir)

SALTER, John Leslie (Dr)
PSN 10.12.1856; continuing 1860. Medical practitioner. B. ca 1804; d. 1869, Berrima, NSW.

SAMUEL, Saul

SAMUELS, B. S.
PSN exhibitor, 17.12. 1862, of copper ores and ingots from Ophir and Cadiangullong, NSW.

SCOTT, Captain D[avid Charles Frederick]

SCOTT, J[ames] H[oughton] L[angston]
PSN 11.5.1859, continuing 1860. Gold commissioner, police magistrate, NSW. D. 1878.

SCOTT, Captain [Lawrence Hartshorne]
PSN 10.6.1857, continuing 1860. Officer, 11th Regiment; AdeC to Governor Denison (President of the Society). D. 1879.

SCOTT, William (Rev.)

SEVERN, Henry A[ugustus]

SEYMOUR, Commodore [Frederick Beauchamp Paget]

SHADLER, A[dolph]

SHANKS, Archibald (Dr)
SMALLEY, George Robarts

SPARKES, J[ohn] S[ay] ("Captain")
PSN 11.7.1856. Shipping company representative in Sydney; deputy chmn of Fitzroy Iron Co., 1855.

SPYER, [Lawrence Joseph]
PSN: on 17. 12. 1862 Spyer & Co. exhibited specimens of DeLaRue's new parchment paper for chemical and documentary purposes. Presumably this was Lawrence Joseph Spyer, who conducted in Sydney the firm of L & S Spyer & Co., merchants and commission agents, with head office in London. The Sydney firm was insolvent by 1866.

SQUIRE,
PSN 13.7.1859; in 1860 list 'of Wid Bay' [Queensland].

STACK, William (Rev.)
PSN 5.7.1865. Anglican clergyman, Balmain, Sydney. B. ca 1810, Ireland; d. 13.6.1871, near Willow Tree, NSW. See ADB Biog Reg 2: 276; Heaton p. 188.

STAFFORD, Charles

STAFFORD, John

PSN 13.6.1856. Unitarian clergyman and school teacher. BA (Lond); MA (Syd 1861); LLD (Syd 1866). B. ca 1817; d. 12.3.1891, Coogee, Sydney.

STEPHEN, Alfred (Sir)

STEPHENS, William John

STUTCHBURY, Samuel


TAYLOR, John

PSN 13.6.1856, of Barrack Street, Sydney; in 1860 list, of Margaret Street, Sydney. Possibly the engineer and contractor, see ADB.BR 2.295.

TEBBUTT, John jnr


TERRY, F[rederick Casemero]


TERRY, Samuel Henry


THERRY, Roger (Sir)


THOMAS, James Henry


THOMPSON, Henry Alderson


THOMPSON, John


THOMPSON, J[ohn] Malbon


THOMPSON, Richard

PSN 13.6.1856, of Macquarie Street, Sydney. Possibly the journalist and editor of that name.

THOMPSON, R[ichard] Windeyer

PSN 13.6.1856. Solicitor, in Sydney to 1865 then West Maitland. MLA for West
Maitland, 1885-91. B. 1831, son of John Thompson, Deputy S-G, above; d. 19.11.1906, West Maitland.

THOMSON, Edward Deas (Sir)  

THOMSON, Robert  

TORNAGHI, Angelo  

TRICKETT, Joseph  

TUCKER, James C.  

TURNER, George Edward Weaver (Rev)  

UHR, William C.  

VIGORS, Lieut. [Phillip Doyne]  

WADE, William Burton  

WALKER, George (Dr)  

WALKER, William  

WALL, William Sheridan  

WANT, Randolph John  

WANT, Randalph Charles  
PSN 13.6.1856; continuing 1860. Solicitor. BA (Syd 1858); MA (Syd 1861). D. 20.2.1895, Theole, France.
WARD, Edward Wolstenholme (Capt.)

WATT, Charles

WAUGH, [James William]

WAYMOUTH, H[enry]

WEAVER, William
PSN 13.6.1856; continuing 1860. Architect and civil engineer.

WEST, John (Rev.)

WILLIAMS, J. P. [? John only]
PSN 1862-66. RSN 1869-77, of New Pitt St., Sydney. Fits John Williams, J.P., cooper, of that address.

WILLIAMS, W[illiarn] J (Dr)

WILLIAMSON, James

WILLIS, Joseph Scaife
PSN 10.11.1858. Merchant. B. 10.5.1808, Scotland; d. 15.7.1897, Mosman, Sydney. See ADB 6: 408.

WINGATE, Major [Thomas]
PSN 12.5.1858; member of microscopy committee; continuing 1860. Army officer and artist. B. ca 1807; d. 1869, Potts Point, Sydney. See DAA p. 870.

WINNINGTON, J[ohn T.]

WISE, Edward (Hon.)

WOOLLEY, Rev. John
WOOLLEY, Thomas
D. 18.2.1858.

WOORE, Thomas
PSN 13.8.1856. Papers: 10.12.1856,
"On a new grate for burning wood" (SMSA 2: 32-
35). 11.9.1861, "On a new mode of constructing
timber bridges" and "On a new method of giving
support to railway bars". CE. Naval officer,
engineer and pastoralist. B. 29.1.1804, Ireland; d.
21.6.1878, Double Bay, Sydney. See ADB 6:
439; DAA pp. 882-3.

APPENDIX 1. FOUNDATION
MEMBERS OF THE PHILOSOPHICAL
SOCIETY OF NSW

Professor John Smith, reviewing the
inauguration of the Philosophical Society of NSW
in 1855-6, states: "It seems that twenty-two
members passed over from the [Australian
Philosophical] Society to the new" (1881, J&P vol
15: 3). From the foregoing it is possible to
formulate a reasonably accurate list containing
twenty-eight names. The discrepancy between
Smith's figure and ours could have various origins
which, in the absence of detailed membership
records are not worth pursuing:-

A'Beckett, Dr A. M.
Allen, George
Allen, Wigram
Barney, Colonel George
Bland, Dr William
Cape, W. T.
Clarke, Rev. W. B.
Douglass, Dr H. G. (Hon. Sec.)
Fairfax, J.
Holden, G. K.
Holroyd, A. T.

WRIGHT, Adam
PSN 13.6.1856. Possibly the Hunter
River railway contractor.

PSN 6.12.1865; RSN 1867. Anglican
clergyman (deacon), Berrima and Sutton Forest,
NSW. B. 1830; d. 1871.

YOUNG, His Excellency Sir John
PSN 15.5.1861; president 1861-67; RSN
1867, president 1867. Governor of New South
Wales, 1861-67. B. 1807, Bombay, India; d. (as
Baron Lisgar, 1870) 6.10.1876, Ireland. See ADB
6: 455-457.

Lord, F.
Manning, W. M.
Moore, C.
Merewether, F. L. S.
Morehead, R. A. . (Hon. Treas.)
Mort, T. S.
Nicholson, C.
Norton, J. senr.
O'Brien, Dr B.
Pell, Prof. M. B.
Thompson, J.
Smith, Prof. J.
Stephen, A.
Woolley, Prof. J.
Thomson, E. Deas (absent overseas)
Turner, Rev. G. E. W.
Want, R. J.

APPENDIX 2. OCCUPATIONS AND
INTERESTS OF THE SOCIETY
MEMBERS

It is interesting to gain some impression of the
types of occupation represented by the
membership, recognising that in the 1850s and
1860s men with specialised qualifications in science, technology or engineering were rare in the colony. Also, the boundaries between technical occupations were not so sharply defined as they are now. Those men who joined appear, from the fact that most did not have technical backgrounds, to have had at least a superficial interest in such matters. There can be no doubt, at least in the mind of a cynical modern observer, that some who joined did so for the social cachet attached to a Society headed by the Governor who was an active participant, not merely a decorative Patron. It is interesting that a sizeable number of men involved in primary production joined when there was available the specialised forum provided by the Australian Horticultural and Agricultural Society. Again, it would be nice to think that some of the politicians joined in order to appreciate better some of the public policy issues affected by scientific considerations; this was certainly true in relation to railway development, for example. Medicos appear to have joined partly for the natural history interest, partly in connection with the serious public health issues which needed to be publicised and discussed. Certainly the small number of real scientists must have felt encouraged by a constructive atmosphere much different from today's politicised and financially rationalist environment.

The statistics given in the table give unit weight to each of the members' known occupations and serious interests. To have attempted fractional weighting we felt would have involved too much guesswork. The grand total therefore substantially exceeds the number of members (328).

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<td>Gentleman, financier</td>
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<td>Shipping manager, captain</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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