

LINK WITH FIRST FLEET

LATE MRS. F. J. ROCHESTER

DESCENDANT OF HENRY KABLE

Mrs. Frances Jane Rochester died at the age of 86 on Sunday, 9th ultimo, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Perrin, 63 Young-street, Croydon. She was the mother of Ald. G. J. Rochester, of Burwood Council, and sister of Mrs. Walker, of George-street, Windsor.

Mrs. Rochester was a direct descendant of Henry Kable and Susannah Holmes, who were married in a tent at Sydney Cove in 1788 by the Rev. Richard Johnston—the first wedding of white people in Australia. Henry Kable was an official of the First Fleet, and he claimed to have carried ashore Governor Phillip when he first landed at Port Jackson. Kable was afterwards chief constable of the settlement at Sydney Cove, and later conducted a store at George-street North, where the police station now stands.

Mrs. Rochester's grandfather, Mr. Teale, was headmaster of Windsor School, and also operated an old-style stone flour-grist-ing mill at Windsor; his son, John Henry Teale (Mrs. Rochester's father) was a farmer at South Creek, Windsor.

Mrs. Rochester's married life was spent in the Mudgee district. Between 20 and 30 years ago, after the death of her husband, she removed to Sydney, living at North Sydney and Epping, and about two years ago went to her daughter's residence at Croydon.

A first cousin was Mr. John Teale, formerly headmaster of Burwood Public School. Mrs. Walker, of Windsor, is the sole surviving sister.

Three sons and three daughters survive—Ald. Rochester, Mrs. E. A. Rochester (Arncliffe), Mrs. J. A. Rochester (North Sydney), Mrs. Drey (New Zealand), Mrs. Perrin (Croydon), and Mrs. W. Fletchett (Dulwich Hill).

The funeral, at Rookwood cemetery, was very largely attended.