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Dear Phyllis Hohnen,

Although I have been a little long in answering your letter, there has been much activity on the Chalker/Charker front which has kept members of my committee, family and myself very busy. As you can see a structure has materialised which should help in the future activities that involves the family as a whole, thereby making the process of organisation (such as family reunions) easier to deal with.

In your letter you ask the question: "Is there any pattern to the variation in spelling - Charker & Chalker ?"

Well it appears from my research that there are three variations to the spelling of the name. Chalker, Chaulker and Charker. The name Chaulker was the spelling used when William came out on the ship, Coromandel. While Chalker or Charker were the names he was associated with when he came to Australia. Thus it would appear that the spelling of the name depended upon who was doing the writing when documents were being written or stories published. But a historian, Mr Stephen Tazewell of the Goulburn Historical Society, who was a guest at the reunion informed me that the correct spelling was indeed - Chalker.

Hopefully, some more data will appear on this subject by the begging of next year.

Yours Sincerely

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