

## Pitcairn and Norfolk Islander John Buffett, Sr., subject of publication

*The Pennsylvania Geographer* published an article about Pitcairn and Norfolk islander John Buffett, in its 2023 Spring/Summer issue. The PG is an open-source journal, and the article is available without charge.

A summary of the article, titled *John Buffett and Time-Space Compression: A 19th Century Adventure*, is below with the full article downloadable from the Pitcairn Islands Research Station <<https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11875/4222>>.

John Buffett, Sr., is conspicuously missing from the Early Pitcairners (Friday October Christian, Moses Young, James Russell McCoy, and Rosalind Amelia Young) and Prominent Pitcairners (Parkin Christian, Roy P. Clark, Lily Warren, Ben Christian, and Rosalind Amelia Young) stamps issued by the Pitcairn Islands Philatelic Bureau. Does Buffett's contributions to Pitcairn Island and Norfolk Island warrant commemorative stamps?

Dr. Donald Patrick Albert, Department of Environmental and Geosciences, Sam Houston State University, notes that John Buffett was a fascinating individual who was able to crisscross the Atlantic and Pacific oceans over seven decades in the 1800s with little financial resources.

Buffett's main claim to fame is as Pitcairn Island's first immigrant in 1823 to the settlement established there by HMAV *Bounty* mutineers and their Polynesian companions.

This study examines Buffett's oceanic peregrinations beginning in 1815 and ending in 1872. Primary sources from Buffett, and images and distance measurements from Google Earth Pro allowed me to track and analyze his journeys.

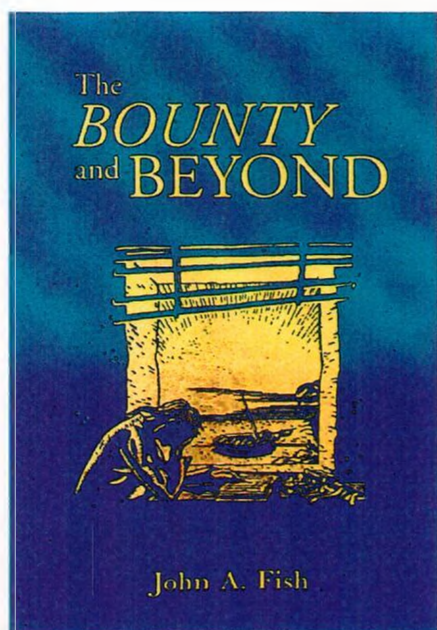
The discussion focuses on the actors (such as traders, whalers, and missionaries) and colonial empires that enabled his movement across large expanses of bays, seas, and oceans.

The intertwined effects of the Industrial Revolution and Eurocentrism were shrinking the world (time-space compression); these factors help understand Buffett's ability to traverse the oceans with little except his own knowledge, skills, and a desire to wander.

### THE CLASSIFIEDS

**I am seeking** turtle, fish, starfish, bird and other carvings by Pitcairn Islanders. If you have any of these items to sell, please contact me by email. Don Albert, email: [dp\\_albert@yahoo.com](mailto:dp_albert@yahoo.com).

## Major new study of William Bligh's *Bounty* journal



*The Bounty and beyond: A textual and bibliographical investigation of William Bligh's journals of the first breadfruit expedition*, by John A Fish (320 pages).

*John Fish has produced one of the most significant works of Bligh scholarship ever published. His forensic examination of the texts of both the private and official journals and associated documents gives us a much firmer grasp on the Bligh story and how it has been fashioned. The book opens many avenues for further research.*

Paul Brunton, OAM, FAHA, Emeritus Curator  
State Library of NSW

**AUSTRALIAN SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING & ANCORA PRESS**

Published 26 July 2023. US\$150 + US\$40 p&p.

ISBN: 978-1-922952-78-3

Personal & trade orders to: [enquiry@scholarly.info](mailto:enquiry@scholarly.info)

+61 3 9329 6963 / [www.scholarly.info](http://www.scholarly.info)

Visit us on the web at  
[www.pisg.net](http://www.pisg.net)

**The Pitcairn Log is published in  
January, April, July, and October.**

It is the official publication of the  
Pitcairn Islands Study Group,  
which was founded in the U.S. in 1973.  
American Philatelic Society Affiliate No. 46.



### **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Membership is available in two categories:

**REGULAR and CONTRIBUTING.**

Fees in the U.S. are: **REGULAR:** \$22 per year (\$23.50 PayPal). **CONTRIBUTING:** \$30 or more. For international rates, please contact the Secretary. The *Pitcairn Log* is sent by First Class mail. An email pdf version is available for \$15 per year. Opinions expressed are those of the authors and not necessarily those of PISG.

Advertising is available at \$50 per full page, \$25 per half page, and \$15 per quarter page, per issue. Contact the Publications Editor for additional information.