Emeritus Professor James Matthew Vincent was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Science at an Arts, Veterinary Science and Agricultural Science degree conferring ceremony in the Great Hall at 9.30am on 11 April 1987.

In the Main Quad after the ceremony, three generations of the Vincent family, all graduates of the University: from left Dr Paul Vincent, Mrs Sally Matthews and Emeritus Professor James Vincent, photo, 'The University of Sydney News', 28 April 1987, University Archives.

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Professor Vincent, who retired from the University of New South Wales in 1973, was a teacher and researcher in the field of agricultural microbiology at this University's Faculty of Agriculture from 1934 to 1966. He was a leading figure in research into legume nitrogen and was also largely responsible for founding the NSW Milk Board Laboratory which brought about great improvements in the quality of milk in this State.

Professor Vincent's granddaughter, Sally Matthews, graduated Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with Second Class Honours at the same ceremony. Mrs Matthews is now employed in the wine industry in the Hunter Valley.

Professor Vincent's son, Dr Paul Vincent, Director of the Kanematsu Laboratories, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, also attended the ceremony as part of the academic procession. Dr Vincent is a 1958 medical graduate.

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