

STONE mason George Hancock, William Fairfax and Robert Cribb once owned the site of this brick cottage in St. Paul's Terrace. The cottage is believed to have been built sometime in the 1870s.

Pat Christie

An enterprising gent

TORY... with Helen Gregory

the most interesting and immigrants Dr John Lang brought to Brisbane Mr Robert Cribb.

ribb, his wife and four of their lived in the Fortitude in January 44, he opened a bakery on one of of Town land he bought during 1850. He soon began to expand his

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ust 1851, at the first sale of land in e government called "the western of North Brisbane" (which we know an) Robert Cribb bought three acres o roods for the sum of thirty-four

pounds two shillings and six pence. Cribb went on to buy land near Moggill Creek in 1852, near Toowong Creek in 1853 and, in 1854, at Sandgate.

Robert Cribb entered the political arena in 1851. At a public meeting in November, he proposed that the Queen be petitioned to separate Moreton Bay from New South Wales. The seconder of that motion, Mr Ambrose Eldridge, had also bought a

substantial land holding at Milton in 1851. Mr Eldridge, a chemist, had come to Brisbane after his business in Sydney had been bankrupted during the severe depression of the early 1840s.

Ambrose Eldridge supported Dr Laing

and Robert Cribb, not only in the effort to secure independence from New South Wales, but also in the campaign waged by other Lang immigrants including Robert Cribb's brother, Benjamin, to fulfill Dr Lang's vision of a cotton industry in the Moreton region.

In 1853, Ambrose Eldridge was awarded a premium of thirty pounds by the New South Wales Government for cotton grown at Milton. The second premium of twenty pounds was awarded to Joseph Lewis for cotton grown at Moggill.

Throughout the 1850s the Cribb brothers were vociferous advocates of separation. They supported the town-based concept of

separation without forced labour which remained at odds with the squatting interest.

The squatters hoped for separation with renewed convict transportation which they thought would help solve their perpetual problem of labor shortage.

Robert Cribb represented East Moreton in the New South Wales parliament for six months in 1859 and was elected member for North Brisbane in the first Queensland parliament.

In partnership with John Clarke Foote, he developed the Queensland cotton industry until the industry waned in the mid 1860s.

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Dr. Williams's Library,
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13 November 1989

Dear Mrs. Glasgow,

All I can tell you is as follows. John George Cribb came to England after graduating at Sydney, arriving, I suspect, either late in 1882 or early in 1883. He brought with him a letter to the Council of New College, London, from the Rev. Edward Griffith, the most distinguished Congregational minister in Brisbane at the time, and his application to join the College was received by the Council at its meeting on 30 January 1883. He was soon by them on 27 February and admitted on probation for the rest of the academic year [The College only accepted any one after a probationary period.] and on 1 March 1883 he was admitted, on the strength of Griffith's letter to New College, as a member of the Lyndhurst Road Congregational Church, Hampstead, where R. F. Horton was minister. He seems to have left New College for a while and was readmitted 27 Sep 1883, becoming a "Full" member on 26 Feb 1884. He was awarded a Pye-Smith scholarship 1884 and the Principal considered him worthy of holding a Harris Scholarship in 1885, but he was disqualified from holding another. His academic record was good and he left New College 25 June 1886, and returned to Queensland, as an A.T.S. [Associate of the Theological Senate, a group of Nonconformist Theological Colleges.] He appears to have ministered at Southport, Queensland, 1887-1888, when he resigned and he does not appear in the Congregational Year Book after 1889

Charles James Cribb arrived here from Brisbane in 1890 and was admitted to Hackney College in September 1890. He left the College in June 1895 and returned to Brisbane, being ordained at his home church, as you know, in June 1896. He had been accepted by the London Missionary Society and arrived at Port Moresby in November 1896. He visited Australia in 1898 and married Elizabeth McNab, a member of Milton Church, in July 1898. He returned to Papua New Guinea but resigned in 1899 on account of ill-health. I don't know anything of his after career. He does not appear in the Congregational Year Book but a note in the Hackney College Report of 1926 gives him at Lakemba, N.S.W. You will know that he had various awards at Hackney to assist him, and was also A.T.S.

It was not necessary to have a degree to enter either New College or Hackney College (the two Colleges amalgamated in the 1920's), and the period of time spent at them was often such as was required. Non-graduates at New College were put through a three year Arts course before tackling the three year Theological course if it was considered necessary. Some candidates were encouraged to follow a degree course at London University. Patterns of training were general in outline and particular, it seems, to the individual or the group.

Am I right in thinking that John George was the eldest son, and bore the same names as his father? If you can tell me when either, or both, of them died I would be pleased to add the information to the index of Congregational ministers that we have here.

Yours faithfully,

John Creasey.

John Creasey, Librarian.

Please note the address. This reply covers both this library and the Congregational library which has been in part of the building since 1882.

Auntie Muriel aged 8 stayed at Lawson with Uncle Charles and Auntie Lil (and Elizabeth and Jan). She remembers particularly getting a Christmas card from her with Wentworth Falls pictured on it.



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PLEASE QUOTE:

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Dear Mrs Glasgow,

I refer to your letter of 9 September 1989 in which you requested details of the academic career of John George Cribb.

Cribb was equal first in the Senior Public Examination in 1877, an examination that was somewhat similar to today's Higher School Certificate, but which was conducted by the University. He entered the University in 1878, and was a student at St Andrew's College.

In 1878 he won the Bowman-Cameron Scholarship, worth £50, for the most distinguished student in first year. There are no other details of his first year. In 1879, he attained Honours Class I in Classics, Mathematics and Experimental Physics, winning the Professor John Smith Prize for Experimental Physics. In 1880, he achieved Honours Class I in Experimental Physics, and Honours Class II in Classics and Mathematics, and won the Renwick Scholarship of £50 for that year. He graduated B.A. in 1881 with Honours Class I in Classics and Mathematics, Honours Class II in Natural Science. He further graduated M.A. in 1893. There is no record of a divinity degree

Yours sincerely,
Kenneth E. Smith

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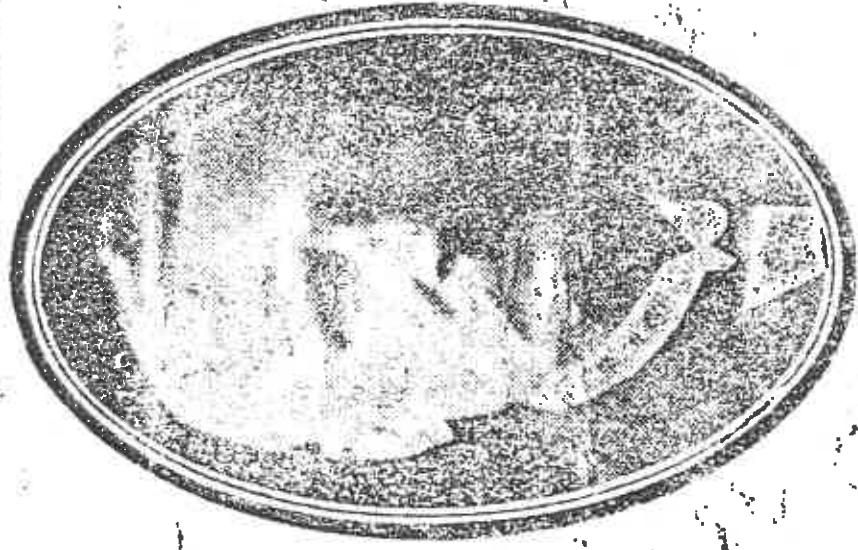
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OBITUARY.

The many friends of Mr. John George Cribb will learn with deep regret that, following a slight seizure a few weeks ago, he passed away at his late residence, Fairholme, Honor-avenue, Sherwood, at about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The late Mr. Cribb was the son of John George and Lucy Foute Cribb, and was born at River-road, Milton, on May 24, 1859. He entered the Brisbane Grammar School in 1873, and ended a successful school course by winning a scholarship at the Sydney University matriculation in 1878. In his first year at the University he won an exhibition for classics and mathematics. He secured his B.A. degree in 1880, and his M.A. degree 13 years later. He joined the staff of the Brisbane Grammar School in 1887, and was science master there until his retirement for health reasons in 1922. He was a man



THE LATE MR. J. G. CRIBB.

of high principle and great ability, and when he retired from the Grammar School he carried with him the good wishes of all with whom he had come in contact. At the time of his death Mr. Cribb was vice-president of the Past Grammar Rugby League Football Club. He leaves a widow and nine children—Messrs. John George Cribb and Joseph Baynes Cribb, who are both well-known dentists in Brisbane; Dr. Harold Baynes Cribb, who is at the Brisbane General Hospital, and Misses Anne Burnet, Dorothy B., Lucy B., Nell B., Alice B., and Madge B. Cribb. All the children reside in Brisbane, and are unmarried. The funeral will leave the Milton Congregational Church, where a service will be held, at 10 o'clock tomorrow for the Toowong Cemetery.