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F E COBBOLD'S HOUSE

Again and again people stumble upon something on www.cobboldfht.com which catches their eye. Just such a case is that of Phil Spencer who emailed us to say that his father had bought 7 Fulham Avenue, the house in Melbourne which F E Cobbold (1853-1935) shared with his second wife Bea after she had died in 1951. Not only did his father buy the house and use it for entertaining dignitaries, but the family lived there for 50 years and it was of course Phil's childhood home.

Phil has sent us this photograph of the house from the gardens which we have never seen before. We reciprocated by sending Phil a copy of *The Gifts of Frank Cobbold*, originally by Arthur W Upfield but edited by Sandra Berry. (He thought it a very good read and it is still available on this website.)

In the last chapter Upfield talks of "the narrow stairs to the quiet cool study at the rear of the house" and "The lie of the ground slopes to the rear and beyond the windows may be seen a beautiful lawn girdled by flowering shrubs and beds of flowers." These lines were written in the downstairs corner room in the centre foreground of the photo and Phil reports that his family kept the garden almost unchanged from FE's day.

More recently Phil has told us of a major Australian TV film premiere coming up at 8.30pm on Sunday 14th June on ABC entitled *3Acts of Murder* written by the same Arthur W Upfield. Details, including a trailer at www.3actsofmurder.com.au

