

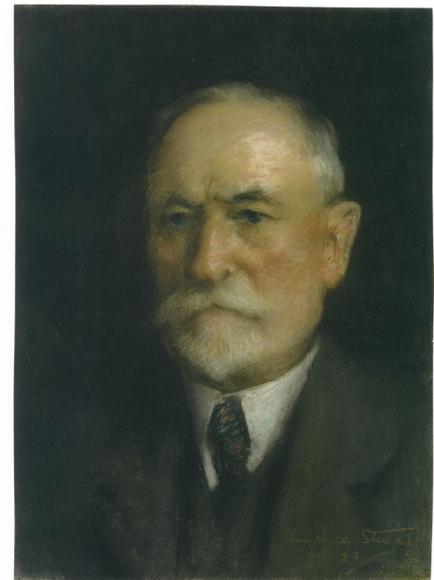
MORE OF FE'S GENEROSITY

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It is widely known that **Francis Edward Cobbold (1853-1935)** #233, (generally known as 'FE'), after providing for his wife **Beatrice (Bea) Sarah Child (1869-1951)** #225, left a legacy of life-changing proportions to what was then the **Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association (RUKBA)**, now **Independent Age**. The charity invested the money wisely abiding by FE's stipulation that only the interest should be used and then for helping old folk stay in their homes. 'The effect of this magnificent legacy on the development of the activities of the Association can hardly be over-emphasised,' wrote **Sir John Maude**.

What is not so widely known, and the Trust has only just discovered, is that FE, one of Australia's great pioneering pastoralists, also endowed two cottages for the Old Colonists Association of Victoria. OCAV is a leading not-for-profit provider of independent living, and assisted living & aged care in Victoria founded in 1869 by a crop of prominent Melbourne leaders which included **George Selth Coppin**. Celebrating their 150th anniversary this year the Association has 4 villages: Lieth Park in St. Helena, Braeside Park in Berwick, Rushall Park in North Fitzroy, and Currie Park in Euroa.

The Trust is grateful to Ruth Richardson for a photograph of Nos. 6 and 7 Henty Avenue, Rushall Park, which are the two 'Cobbold' cottages built in 1930 of grey limestone brick with tiled roof with a little spire atop, endowed by FE and his wife in memory of his sister, **Sarah Jane Cobbold (1841-1918)** #227.



F E Cobbold



6 and 7 Henty Avenue