



Lieutenant Colonel J.W. Green VD

[1850 – 1937]

Research has not uncovered an image of Captain Green

The then Captain Green was the inaugural Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Club from 1892. He may also have served in years up to 1900.

Captain Green was a Founding Member of the Club.

John William Green was born on 13 November 1850 in London. His father was James Green [b. 1810], a hairdresser, and his mother Elizabeth (née Audley) [b. 1815]. He was their youngest child with two brothers and three sisters.

Little is known of his education, however he practised as an accountant in England.

He was married twice. He married his first wife, Ellen Eliza (née Francis) [1849-1892] in August 1868 at Hackney, London. They had four children:

- John Bertram Arthur [1868-1926]. Married Flora McPherson (née Phillips) [1870-1962] in 1892 and they had a daughter and a son. He died in Brisbane.
- Florence Francis [1873-1950]. Married Otto Henry Hocker [1871-1931] in 1890 and they had three daughters and a son. She died in Brisbane.
- Leonard Clifford [1878-1913]. Married Harriet (née Hansen) [1877-1967] in 1903 and they had two daughters and a son. He also had a daughter born in 1913 to Flora Kaye [1890-1964] after his death in Brisbane.
- Stanley Howard [1880-1944]. Married Elizabeth Honor Ivy (née Murray) [1885-1917] in 1906. After her death he married Eva Nordon [1891-1981] in 1918 and had two daughters and two sons. He died in Brisbane.

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The family arrived in Brisbane on the *Indus* in August 1884.

In December 1894, after the death of his wife Ellen, John married Alice Charlotte (née Graff or Blum) [1867-1945]. They had one daughter, Ruby Pearl [1896-1976], who married Frank Richman Smith in 1935.

John Green practised as an accountant in various locations in Brisbane – Coorparoo, Bulimba, East Brisbane, and Hawthorne. His profession may have influenced him becoming the Club's first Honorary Treasurer. By 1920 he had become a Justice of the Peace.

In October 1885, shortly after arriving in Brisbane with a young family, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Moreton Regiment. A month later he was promoted Lieutenant. In July 1889 he was promoted Captain and in 1894 to Major. He moved to the Unallotted List in the Queensland Defence Forces in 1897 and to the Reserve of Officers in the Australian Army in 1904.

In November 1913 he was placed on the Retired List with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was awarded the Volunteer Officers Decoration (VD).

The then Captain Green was a founding member of the Club and became its inaugural Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. It is not know how long he held these positions – but likely to have been for several years.

Colonel Green died on 11 July 1937 and is buried at Balmoral Cemetery.

During his tenure, Captain Green served President Owen

Sources included:

- Various web pages
- *United Service Club, Queensland: The First Century, 1892-1992* by Flight Lieutenant Murray Adams and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Charlton
- Club Meeting Minutes, Annual Reports, and sundry documents
- NAA
- Trove