

### **August 2014 - Origin of Mt Ommaney's Name - challenge to official explanation.**

The popular and official explanation of the origin of Mt Ommaney's name is that the hill was named in honour of Dr Stephen Simpson's grand-nephew John Mansel Ommaney who was killed in a horse-riding accident in March 1856. In August 2014, the Queensland History Journal published an article by Meg Gordon, a member of the CSHSoc, that provides supporting evidence that the name Mt Ommaney for the local hill was in common use for at least 7 years before John Mansel Ommaney arrived in Australia and for almost 9 years before he died.

There are four examples of usage of the name between 1846 and John's arrival in December 1853. It is clear that the hill was not named in honour of John after his accidental death. The spelling changed to 'Hominy' in the early 1860s and was in use as such for almost 90 years. Meg's article examines other possible explanations for the name, some associated with the Ommaney family and some associated with the cereal food hominy, also spelt ommaney in colonial Australia.

For the full article, see Meg Gordon (2014) 'Mount Ommaney/Hominy - Whence the Name?' in *Queensland History Journal*, vol. 22, no. 6, Aug. 2014.



Brisbane River from Mt Hominy: *Queenslander* 16 Jan. 1926.