**Essays on Mount Crosby - How to Spell Colledges Crossing**

Today, let's wade in knee deep, or perhaps drive in sill deep (metaphorically speaking) to the murky waters that surround the name of our favourite crossing. In the schooldays of mine, which were mostly those days before our crossing and suburbs had met each other, the name I recall was "Colledges Crossing", pronounced perfectly without a "d" unless the visitor had come from a long way away (like Brisbane). The town was filled with people who had little doubt that it had always been that way.

Since then, some little alteration seems to have occurred, which I took at first to be an irreverence to Mount Crosby's first real settler, George Colledge, but which on further investigation looks more like an extension of a long tradition of muddled spelling (and that, I say, I feel a lot better about).

While Mister Colledge seems to have been satisfied with the spelling of his name (if his land order, the electoral roll and his obituary are admissible as evidence), there is a miscellany of instances, both as old as Mount Crosby and as new as the park at Colleges Crossing, that drop the "d" and have got us used to the alternative spelling. I suppose then, I won't be chaining myself to the bridge to make a protest, but I might go on spelling it however I like, just for the purpose of supporting our tradition of inconsistent spelling.

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