

Walker

**JAMES BACKHOUSE WALKER**<http://eprints.utas.edu.au/10966>

James Backhouse Walker (1841-1899) was the eldest son of George Washington Walker.

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**CORRESPONDENCE****C1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- 1 George Washington Walker to son James while at school 1853 - 1856

Fatherly and spiritual advice and news of family written to James at school in York UK., including also some general news and news of Hobart such as: scarlet fever and influenza (1853), G.W.W.'s shower bath (20.7.53), Legislative Council (26.11.53,8.11.54), removal of Savings Bank from Stone Buildings (14.1.54), Sarah Bell starting school, High School (2.2.54), measles (3.3.54), Gas Company formed for lighting (29.6.54), J.B.W.'s wish for camera (1.1.55), J.B.W. thinking of becoming teacher, celebration of victory at Sebastopol (14.2.55), F.and R. Mackie starting school (21.6.56), some letters headed with scenes of goldfields. (22docs.)

- 2 Sarah Thompson Walker to brother James 1898

From UK (2docs)

- 3 Mary Augusta Walker to brother James 1880, 1885-87, 1889-1892

Teaching Gatenby children, Longford Show (1880); Art Association (25.1.85); in Melbourne studying art. her pictures accepted for Australasian Artists Exhibition (1886-7); Hobart (1889); London: studied art at Clapham Art School for 6 weeks, Slade School (1889-90), Herkomer School (1891), visits to an galleries, Crystal Palace, Zoo, her life in London, winter weather, travels in Britain (Amy Sherwin concert in Huddersfield (24.9.1890), visits to relatives, travels in France (Aug.1891-May 1892) (41 docs. plus 7 incomplete parts of letters)

- 4 Isabella Frances Walker (Isa) to brother James ND, 1887, 1890

Family, social, Launceston visit (1890) (4 docs.)

- 5 Letters from relatives and friends 1852 – 1856

Mainly to J.B.W. at school in York UK., arranged in chronological order, from: Dorothy Robson, Susan Brien, J. Francis Mather (school 1854) and letter of farewell from J.B.W. (1853), H.M. Benson, Richard Hipsley, Robert Lindsey, G.B. Walker (brother), E. Backhouse. (68 docs.)

6 Letters from Elizabeth Backhouse and James Backhouse Jr. 1857.1862

From York UK.: family etc. (26 docs.)

7 Letters from friends and acquaintances 1863- 1899

General and miscellaneous letters received, including: A.C. McDowall NZ (1863), A. Officer (bazaar 1870), thanks from J.B.W.'s "class" (6.7.81), M. McMillan (24.8.85), J.B. Hammond (1887), Margaret Bragg UK (1890), A.Liversedge University of Sydney: thanks for publications, good wishes for University (11.4.1892), L.F. Giblin: studying in London (1892), H.H. Montgomery: Calder's book (23.9.1897), James Fenton (24.6.1897), James Bonwick: publications (1893, 1897-8), E.E. Morris: J.B.W.'s publication May 1898), nomination for president of local committee of A.A.A.S. [Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science] and refusal(1898)etc. (43 docs.)

8 Rev. Dr. John Service to J.B. Walker 1869 - 1883

From Scotland: family, friends and general news. (35 docs.)

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9 Henry Ling Roth, Halifax UK to J.B. Walker 1891 • 1898

Scientific or historical matters. Some draft replies. (44 docs.)

**C2 LETTERS SENT: LETTER BOOKS**

1 Personal Letters 1857- 1872

Letters to Thomas, Elizabeth and James Backhouse and other English relatives and to friends: general news. (pressed copy letter book, part unused)

2-4 Business letters 1876- 1894

Letter books, including index of addressees: pressed copies of letters mainly relating to business of Walker & Wolfhagen, Solicitors, including estate and probate matters etc, such as Douglas Park Campbell Town (1876-7,1883-4,1888), Headlarns of Campbell Town (1892), W.R. Allison a drunkard and his wife's financial situation, Sprent Trust (1887-94) etc.

Also included are some letters relating to other matters:-**historical studies and publications** including: James Fenton (1883-92, pp. 49,53,84,87,89,94,108,176,412; 1892-4 pp. 13,17, 22,157,168,207,); Historical Society of Australia: Batman document 1885 (p154); P.O. Fysh (1888, 1890 pp.273,281,394,400; 1892 p. 24,30); James Bonwick (1888 pp. 284,309,400,426); Dictionary of Biography (1888 p.295); Clark (1890 p.394); H. Ling Roth (18924 pp. 28,175); J.B. Heeres: Tasman (1894 p. 209, 249).

**Charities & Public Institutions:** High School (1885-6 pp. 176, 177, 203); Christ's College (1885 p.181); Public Library (1887 p.216); Tasmanian Council of Education (1888 p.307); University of Tasmania (1889-90, including letters to Mather, G.W. Waterhouse etc. pp. 367,410,414,416,421; 1892 including letters to McAulay, J. Brown, Williams pp.43,44,47,51,55,60,62).

**Letters to booksellers** including: Talbot Reed, London, Quaritch, London.

**Family:** James Backhouse (1884 p.5); reference to death of brother Joe (3 Oct 1877); death of brother Robert 1894 (p.238).

2 1876-1882

3 1883 -1892

4 1892- 1894

(3 pressed copy letter books)

5 Miscellaneous copies and drafts 1869 - 1897

Including: Service: miscellaneous (1869), death of sister Maggie (3.12.70); notes on Fern Tree Bower, charities etc., bibliography of Tasmania, Waldemar (1892); E. Hull (1897); J.Barwick (1897).

6 Letter to Ernest Ireland 1889

Congratulations on success in A.A. exams. (given to Walker family by Ireland family)

7-8 Notes of letters sent 1889-1894, 1894-1899

Also list of books ordered (back of 7) (2 notebooks)

**W9/C3 DIARIES**

1-4 School Days 1853-1856

- 1 Voyage to England on board "Wellington" Feb.- June 1853
- 2 Friends' School, York UK Aug. 1853- July 1854
- 3 Friends' School and log of "White Star" July 1854 - Oct. 1855
- 4 Voyage to Tasmania on "White Star" Aug- Nov. 1856 (See also 3)

5-30 Personal and notes of appointments 1858- 1898

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| 5  | 1858                                 | 18 | 1883   |
| 6  | 1864 (inc.trip to North, April       | 19 | 1887   |
| 7  | 1866                                 | 20 | 1888 (2 pocket diaries)                      |
| 8  | 1867                                 | 21 | 1889 (Douglas Park visit)                    |
| 9  | 1869                                 | 22 | 1890 (Uni.)                                  |
| 10 | 1870                                 | 23 | 1891 (personal, Uni. VDL. Bank)              |
| 11 | 1871                                 | 24 | 1892 (personal, Uni. VDL. & Union Banks)     |
| 12 | 1873                                 | 25 | 1893 (Uni, trams, death of mother 26 Aug)    |
| 13 | 1874                                 | 26 | 1894   |
| 14 | 1878                                 | 27 | 1895   |
| 15 | 1879                                 | 28 | 1896 ("safety" bicycle,cinematographic Dec.) |
| 16 | 1880 (brother George ill)            | 29 | 1897   |
| 17 | 1882 (Ross, d.George, comet 26 Sept) | 30 | 1898 (trip to NZ)                            |

31-38 Travel diaries and notes 1883 - 1898

31-2 Visit to Victoria 1883 (inc. Walker genealogical notes, books, addresses, accounts, NZ. 1884)

33 New Zealand and return via N.S.W 1885

34 West Coast 1887 and Frederick Henry Bay & Tasman's landing place 1889 (pocket notebook inc. lead pencil in slot)

35 Branxholm and Oatlands 1887, 1888

Including notes of Oatlands road, photographs taken etc.

36 West Coast 1890, Sydney 1894

37 Melbourne and Sydney 1897 (miniature pocket book)

38 New Zealand 1898

## RESEARCH AND LITERARY

### **W9/C4/ RESEARCH NOTES**

#### 1 Aborigines

Notes by J.B. Walker, correspondence and notes by E. Cotton, Walter W. Harper, G.A. Robinson, notes sent to H.L.Ritz, notes for article for Royal Society of Tasmania and copy of article, newspaper cuttings, "The last of the Tasmanians" by J. W. Agnew, ms. song "song of the aborigines" arranged by Miss Logan; letter to newspaper by J.B.W. on the aboriginals of the Bass Straits Islands (1898). (1folder)

#### 2 Tasman and the discovery of V.D.L.

Notes, correspondence, copy of article

#### 3-4 Early voyages

Notebook and notes

#### 5 Austral English 1896

Correspondence and notes made while undertaking research for Prof. E. Morris for Austral English: a dictionary of Australian words, phrases and usages.

#### 6 Antarctic Exploration

Notes, news cuttings, correspondence, "order of service on board the "Southern Cross"17 Dec. 1898"

7 Seals

Notes

8 Biographical notes, obituaries and reminiscences

Brief notes of Tasmanian notable people, including J.B.W.'s contemporaries, possibly for introductory speeches etc.:-

M. Allport. J. Backhouse, J.D. Balfe, Henry Bilton, Sarah Birch, B.S. Bird, J.R. Buckland, Henry Butler, Henry Bilton, J.E. Calder, Rev. George Clarke, E. A. Counsel, Henry Dowling, G.T. Evans, Fawkner, J. Fenton, M. Fenton, Fincham?, P.O. Fysh, W.R. Giblin, J.C. Gregson, T.G. Gregson, R.C. Gunn, E.S. Hall, Samuel Hannaford, R.D.P. Harris, J.A. Huybers, R.M. Johnston, Leake (Charles, William & Arthur), R.J. Lucas, F.E. Manning, F.A. Marriott (d.1890), Mather, C. Meredith, L.A. Meredith, Maxwell Miller, Archbishop D. Murphy, W.E. Nairn, Bishop F.R. Nixon, E.C. Nowell, T.J. Oliver, F.A. Packer, F. Pascoe, Rev. Charles Price, J.R. Scott, Bernard Shaw, James Shegog (d.1896), Lieut. James Simmons, C.T. Smith, James "Philosopher" Smith, Capt. William Smith, C.P. Sprent, James Sprent, Thomas Stephens, Capt Butler Stoney, R.P. Stuart, J.H.B. Walch, J.B. Walker {"amended notice"}, John Walker, Mary A. Walker, G.W. Waterhouse, J.H. Wedge, W.P. Weston, James Whyte. Also miscellaneous notes.

9 Historical studies: correspondence

From: A.S Murray: penal code (ND); C.W. Stainfield: land, coinage etc {6.9.84}; Gov. R.S. Hamilton: paper to read (1889); J. Fenton (1891); E.A. Nowell (1891); H. Dowling Chapman portrait (ND); Donald Maclean, Skye: Tas. Gaelic newspaper {1893}; A.G. Burgess to H.S. Wright (1894); J.B.W. to Reed: Bibliographical Society (1893); T.H. Osborne: barque "Children" (1896); Royal Geographical Society (1895-6); S Johnstone: bibliography (1896); J. Fenton: photo J. Smith (1897), Public Library of Sydney: Tasmanian Journal, Tasmanian papers etc. (1897), Angus Robertson (1899), Perkins (1899).

10 Miscellaneous notes

Notes mainly historical, lists of books, notes of grave stones (St Davids), list of photographs sent to Mary 1891 and to York School 1897.

11 Miscellaneous Historical Mss.

Including letter from John Mackell H.M.S. ----- to Neil [Lewis] Sept. 1801 (given to J.B.W. by N. Lewis 1891) with accounts of marriage of Isabella May Lewis to Harold Watson 1 January 1891 reprinted in silver type from Tas. Mail 3 Jan. 1891; letter from Museum d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, to J.E. Bicheno, Linnean Society, London 1832; VDL. [Anti-Transportation] League Council's circular letter 29 Sept 1852; copy of letter from Elizabeth Ann GJover on Calder's history 1873; notes by D. MacMillan on "Hermit in V.DL." (1897).

- 12 Draft letters, diary re: mining, politics in Tasmania, Swarbeck Hall, water supply, Sir Lefroy. Premier Giblin, George Strahan, Ald. Brownell (July 1881-Nov 1881 (5 documents)
- 13 Late 1880, draft notes, mining, politics, railways etc.
- 14 Notes on departure of Governor Weld and the Col. St Hill scandal 12/4/1880. Notes on administrator Sir Lefroy 14/10/1881, mining in Tasmania.
- 15 Draft, description of disturbances by Roman Catholics in Hobart following lectures by Pastor Chiniquys.
- 16 June 1898. Notes on sequence of events re: Federation (3 pages)
- 17 Miscellaneous notes, lists, scraps re: historical and other matters.
- 18 Key to "The Hermit in Van Diemen's Land".
- 19 Miscellaneous news clippings, 2 letters from Francis Irvine to Mr Beattie, photographs of Bonwick, Burn, Macmillan, The Austral Club. Miss Atkinson, Mechanics Institute, social meeting at Town Hall.
- 20 Miscellaneous notes on Tasmanian history.

## **C5 TRAVEL**

See also travel diaries W9/C3/31-38

- C5 Visit to New Zealand

Notes of itinerary etc.

## **C6 FAMILY REMINISCENCES ETC.**

- 1 Reminiscences of life in Hobart by J.B. Walker 1840-1860

(notebook and loose notes)

- 2 Reminiscences of S.B. Walker 1884 \* link <http://eprints.utas.edu.au/1966/>

Dictated to her son J.B.W.

- 3 Benson & Mather family tree compiled by J.B. Walker {roll}
- 4 Miscellaneous notes on the history of the Walker, Benson & Mather families
- 5 Family reminiscences by J.B.Walker (handwritten in block copy, New Testament cover)
- 6 1700's "Walker's: a numerous clan": A history of the Walkers

## C7 LIBRARY

- 1 Library Accession Catalogue

Walker's handwritten entries stuck in unbound guard book pages, typed index of classes enclosed.

- 2 Library Shelf List
- 3 Notes of books and papers on Tasmanian history

'Notebook, loose cuttings & letters, including notes of books, maps, photos and archival references needed.

- 4 Tasmanian Artists & Notes of Books Ordered

Notes of works of Tasmanian artists exhibited including Prout, K. Bull, T.E. Chapman, G.T.W. Boyes, F. Strange and of copies of Hobart views etc. At back of notebook: list of books ordered 1897. (small notebook)

## C8 LITERARY

- 1 Church Union prize poem "The Nile" by J.B. Walker ND

With letter from F.H. Cox suggesting improvements, typescript and proof copy.

- 2 Lecture notes: "Three English Statesmen". "Self Culture" c 1877, ND
- 3 Lecture on Tennyson 1888 -1893

Given to Congregational Literary Association (1888), Davey Street Congregational Sunday School (1892), New Town Home Reading Circle (1892-3).

- 4 Literary "Miscellaneous" 1859

Copies of poetry, literary essays, notes of University of Cambridge tripos regulations, letter to Wesleyan Methodist Magazine on Robert Mather by S. Benson 1857. (quarto vol. "Literary Diary")



- 5 Literary diary and poems (1866-1888)
- 6 Literary diary and poems (1892-1893) # <http://eprints.utas.edu.au/6255/>
- 7 Essay entitled "My grandfather and I" (possibly a metaphorical speech by J.B.Walker)
- 8 Quotations alphabetical
- 9 Essays handwritten by J.B.Walker
  - 1) Tomorrow (1861?)
  - 2) Afternoon
  - 3) Untitled (1872) for Walch's Literary Intelligences
  - 4) List of essays
- 10 Lecture notes, handwritten by J.B.Walker
  - 1) "Women's rights, social conditions in England c1800"
  - 2) Draft for "My grandfather and I"
- 11 Lecture notes on exploration and mapping of southern seas pp10-21

#### **W9/C17 J.B. WALKER'S PUBLICATIONS**

1. The Settlement of Tasmania 1890
 

Papers read before the Royal Society of Tasmania: (1) The English at the Derwent and the Risdon settlement. (ii) The expedition under Lieut-Governor Collins, (iii) The founding of Hobart by Lieut-Governor Collins. (Hobart, Go. Printer, 71 pp +plan)
2. The Discovery of Van Diemen's Land in 1642 1891
 

With notes on the localities mentioned in Tasman's journal of the voyage. (Hobart, Gov. Printer, 16pp)
3. The Deportation of the Norfolk Islanders to the Derwent in 1808 1895
 

(i) The settlement of Norfolk Island, (ii) The deportation to the DerwenL (Hobart, Gov. Printer, 26 pp.)
4. Abel Janszoon Tasman: his life & voyages 1896
 

Read before Royal Society of Tasmania 25 November 1895 (Hobart, Gov. Printer, 56 pp. + 3 folded plans)
5. Tasmania: the colony as it was in 1837 1897

Tasmania: the colony as it was in 1837 and its experiences during the last 60 years, written for The Daily Telegraph Diamond Jubilee number. (Daily Telegraph, Launceston, 16 pp, ms notations)

## **C 18 BOTANICAL SPECIMENS**

Botanical Specimens dried and mounted (transferred to Herbarium)

## **CLUBS AND CHARITIES**

### **C9 PROPOSED CLUB AND CHARITABLE FUND**

- 1 Proposed Historical Society 1884

Notes and correspondence relating to the establishment of an historical society

- 2 Memorial Fund for family of Dr. John Service 1884

Correspondence with Douglas Dykes (5 papers)

- 3 Derwent Rowing Club Bazaar No.122 of Happy Thwarts by the Derwent Trumpeter, published 6/2 and 7/2/1873 (Regatta)

### **C10 HOBART WORKING MENS' CLUB**

- 1 Correspondence 1892 (2letters)
- 2 Annual meeting and reports (1882, 1885, 1886-7) (4 documents)
- 3 Financial balance sheets (1877-1890)
- 4 Penny Bank Statements 1882-1884, 1886-1888
- 5 Billiard room (1881), tenders and fund statement
- 6 Attendance sheet
- 7 Prologue to Working Men's Club

## **ACCOUNTS**

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- 1-3 Cash Books 1860, 1865-1869, 1885,1889

Personal expenses and visits to New Zealand 1885 and Melbourne and Sydney 1889. (3 small cash notebooks)

**MISCELLANEOUS****C11, 13-15 MISCELLANEOUS**

## C11 Bilyard-Leake Case [1895]

Transcript of part of evidence in case of Letitia Bilyard-Leake (nee Leake) v. Barclay & others executors of Arthur Leake

## C13 Cards: visiting, greeting, in memoriam

Including miscellaneous in memoriam notices including: Mary Backhouse (1897), Leonora Schultz Principal of Hobart Ladies College (Oct. 1888), Morton Allport (1878), John Benson Mather (1856), James MacLanachan of Campbell Town (1884), Fr. J.A. Sheehy (1892).

## C14 Miscellaneous notes relating to religious topics

## C15 Newspaper Cuttings

## 1 Henry Hunter, Archt. obituary 1892

Including illustrations of buildings designed by Hunter.

## 2 Obituaries

Miscellaneous, arranged in alphabetical order.

## 3 Miscellaneous news cuttings.

**C16 PRINTED PAPERS**

## 1 Tasmanian Permanent Building &amp; Investment Association Annual Report Jan. 1866

## 2 Funeral of H.E. Sir John Eardley Wilmot 10 Feb. 1847

## 3 Transactions of Aust.Assoc. for Advancemnt of Science 1891

Extract of President R.H. Roe's address to section 1

## 4 "The Guileless Disciple": James Henry Brett Walch 1897

Sermon by Rev. George Clarke in memory of J.H.B.Walch.

## 5 Royal Society of Tasmania medical section rules &amp; regulations 1897

## 7-9 Walch's Literary Intelligencer 50,467,473

Including review of Life of G.W.Walker by J. Backhouse & Charles Tyler, 467 Obituary of J.H.B. Walch, 473 Obituary of L.A. Meredith.

## 10 Memorials of W.R. Giblin and Giblin Memorial Hall.