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**W9/B SARAH BENSON WALKER**

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Sarah Benson (1812-1893) wife of George Washington Walker, daughter of Robert and AM (Benson) Mather

## **B1 CORRESPONDENCE**

1-7 James Backhouse Walker to mother Sarah Walker 1855, 1884-1885, 1889-1890

From school at York, UK: shells, friends, family, games, request for money for camera, lessons (1855); New Zealand trip (1884-5); East Bay Neck (1889); Melbourne for "Association" [Australasian Association for Advancement of Science] meeting: (part of letter started by Sarah finished by J.B.W.): University and Trinity College, warehouse fire -steam engines Jan. 1890. (7 docs.)

8 Sarah Thompson Walker to Mother 23 June ND

South Yarra: passage, Crosbys. See also above [W9JB tn 1890]

9-29 Mary Augusta Walker to mother June 1889- July 1892

From UK.: art studies at Slade and Herkomer Schools; relatives especially Bensons; visit to Scotland (12 Aug.1890):in London grouse preserved in frozen chambers from season before to sell on 12th.; description of house Dickens based Oliver Twist burglary on; Brittany, Paris, including a few marginal sketches (1891-2); sketch of dog in railway bar (2 May 1892). Also undated letter from Melbourne: visit to Crosby's etc. [? 1886] (21 docs)

30-32 Isabella Frances Walker (Isa) to mother 1880, ND

Victoria: engaged to Tom Crosby although his mother against it and draft of reply; Lottah. (3 docs)

33 S.B. Walker to son George 15 Dec. 1869

Draft letter: doubt about character of G.B.W.'s employer "as a sporting man", love to Isabel [Mrs G.B.W. nee Steele].

\*link 34-41 [S.B. Walker to cousin Charles Benson 1877, 1881-1885](#)

Drafts of letters: Bensons, Grandfather's family, account of Mather family and her brothers, her children: J.B.W. left bank to study law and went into partnership with a solicitor from Edinburgh, attends Congregational chapel and teaches Sunday School; Robert was clerk to a merchant but it was a strain on his health and now partnership in retail concern (Perkins & nephew), Robert and wife also attend Congregational Chapel; John Ridley in merchant's office- P.O. Fyshe where Robert was; Joseph took his A.A. degree and was articled to an architect but died; all daughters except eldest (Elizabeth A.) who had always been mother's helper, educated as teachers- 3 in Ladies' Schools, Margaret Bragg died at 18 (1.6.82). (8 docs.)

42 Emily Louisa Benson, cousin, London 15.2. 1871

Uncle Samuel, Joseph working in photography business, Thomas a clerk Hammond relatives, school run by Sarah Anne Whytall.

43-45 S.B. Walker to William Benson, cousin 1882, 1883, 1885

Account of family, Temperance Society. (3 docs.)

46-7 Minna Clarke Thurs 3 Jan. ND.

Sending basket of fruit with Lady Officer's sympathy; also draft letter of thanks.

48-9 Catherine and Charles Crosby 1880

Not surprised at Mrs Walker's reluctance about Isa's engagement but Charles recommends Tom and draft reply.

50-52 Thomas Crosby, Vic.. 22 Jan., 15 Feb. 1880

Engagement to Isa, described himself as quiet. "as well conducted as a bushman's habit allows", industrious, photograph enclosed (carte de visite head & shoulders by Edward Sands Central Photographic Co. Melbourne see W9/Ph125). Also rough draft of reply and note from J.B.W. about it. (4 docs.)

53-61 James Benson Hammond, London 1883, 1885, 1887

Mother's death (1883), family, religion, Ridley Walker's marriage, Sarah. Also drafts of S.B.W.'s letters: advice on health and fresh air, marriage of son Ridley to Adah 2 years earlier

- 2 children Ursula R. and 2 month old boy G.W. Bernard R.; Robert a linen draper with Mr White; Sarah teaching at Ladies College; Mary teaching French, Italian and drawing (1884); J.B.W.'s library (May 1885) (9 docs.)

62-64. Celia G. Hunter [Aug. 1885]

S.B.W. to C.G.H.: requested piece of Joe's handiwork, thanks for it, sending album as memento; C.G.H. to S.B.H.: thanks for memento of Joe, glad to give table (a present from Joe) (3 docs.)

65 Frederick Mackie 28.6. 1876

Prayer for "thy mother" (last page of a letter probably addressed to J.B.W.)

66 James Man, Kent UK. 13.7. 1871

Thanks for G.W.W.'s memoirs

67 Thomas Mason, Hobart 11.11. 1858

Mentioning her habit of using you instead of thee or thou in singular - bad example.

68-69 Ann Mather, sister-in-law 1889

Femside: religion, consolation, birthday present (2 docs.)

70-73 Joseph Benson Mather, brother and nephew J.Frank Mather 1881, 1882, ND

Family and family papers (4.11.81); S.B.W. to brother: present for aunt (1882), to nephew: health of William May, could Frank sell spare gloves found by J.B.W. (4 docs.)

74-753 Thomas B. Mather, nephew 1885

Illness of Frederick Mackie

76-78 Joseph J. Neave, Auckland N.Z. 1871, 1882

S.B.W. to J.H.N: thanks for care of "my dear boy" [Joseph} (9.8.71); note of U.N.'s calling on. Jocelyn in Christ Church N.Z. and views of Moravian missionary Hagoneur and Gippsland blacks (1882); Isaac Sharp and Friends' Mission (13.9.82)

79-81 S.B. Walker to Jamima Officer 1880 ND

Thanks for invitation to Hallgreen New Norfolk, glad sons recovering, thanks for onions, J.O.'s illness. (3 docs.)

82 Alice Pierce 27.5.1863

Elizabeth Backhouse's death.

83 S.B. Walker to Charles A. Woolley 1883-1884

Requests for more prints of grandfather's likeness.

84 Copies & drafts of letters written 1872- 1884

Miscellaneous drafts and notes of letters sent, including: note to President of Savings Bank that she had not yet got another house (28.6.72); presentation of book to Dr. Agnew (4.4.72); request to C.E. Walch for remaining stock of Memoirs of George Washington Walker to present to members of the Society of Friends; drafts of letters to and about her family; request to Robert Douglas to write scripture text in her book (18.3.78)

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**B2 MISCELLANEOUS PERSONAL PAPERS**

1 "An Extract - Franklin village" Oct 1844

Description by Mrs Hawkes [wife of William H. Hawkes who ran boys school at Franklin House] of starting a Sunday School and later day school for children in Franklin Village in a cottage provided by the landlord, Britton Jones, and of the Bishop laying the foundation stone for a school and place of worship on 21 Oct. 1844. Mrs Stackhouse [wife of Rev. Alfred Stackhouse] and a Mrs Applegate would also teach.

2 Character study of S.B. Walker by phrenologist A.S. Hamilton 1856

3 Memoirs of the Benson and Mather families

Sarah Benson Mather's book of "Memoirs" of Rev. Joseph and Mrs Benson, Ann Mather, Robert Mather of Hobart, George Walker, George Washington Walker, J.B. Mather, Elizabeth (Ridley) Walker. (quarto vol.)

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**B3 HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNTS AND PAPERS**

Household bills and papers 1865- 1881

Orders and bills for clothing, testimonials for servants (Marian Jennings, Mary Phelan, Mary M'Arthur, Mary Badman, Cetherine Hassett,etc.). (ble of papers)

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**B4 PERSONAL MEMENTOS**

- 1 High School Reports for Walker boy 1868
- 2 Wedding & memorial cards, pin holder "made by Sarah B. Mather".
- 3 Prayers & religious notes  
Including note of reception into membership [Society of Friends] 2.10.1834
- 4 Sarah Benson Mather's Commonplace Book 1827
- 5 New Testament 1823  
  
Presented to Sarah Benson Mather by Daniel Wheeler 1837

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**B5 MISCELLANEOUS**

- 1 Abbreviated extracts: from the extracts from M.SS. "Sufferings of the Quakers" ". Edited by Joseph Besse, 1753. Vol.1. Article "Warwickshire".
- 2 Transcribed poems (no date)
- 3 Transcribed poems (1828)
- 4 Notebook: "Directions for collecting and preserving plants in foreign countries for a herbarium"; "Directions for collecting specimens of geology and mineralogy for the British museum"; "Elizabeth on the exiles of Siberia". (1825)