John Walker was born in Newcastle in 1726. He entered into business there as a saddler and accoutrement maker. He married twice. Seven girls from his first marriage married Greenlanders. The eldest daughter Flora married Edmund Robinson, whose son emigrated to Tasmania and settled at Port Doell. Jean Rumph, wife of Rev Philip Rumph M.L.C., was his grand-daughter. After the death of his first wife John Walker married Elizabeth Ridley. By his second wife John Walker had also a large family, making the total 22 children in all.

George Washington Walker was the youngest child born on 18 March 1800 at London, when his father was 74 years old.

Grave of John Walker - Cemetery of Pow-la-Shaice.
Died 22 March 1821 - 96 years of age.