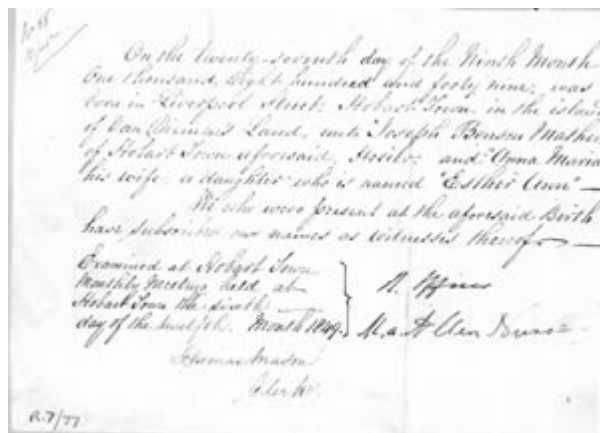


Esther Ann Robey (nee Mather) 1849-1939.

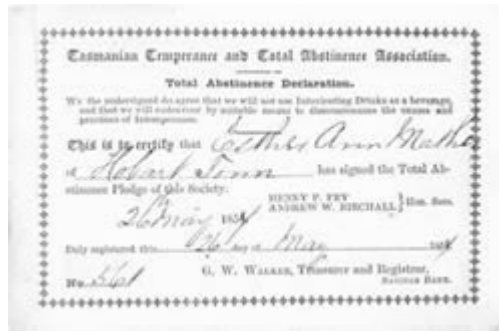
Esther Ann Mather was the daughter of Ann Maria and Joseph Benson Mather who operated a drapery business in Liverpool Street, Tasmania, Australia . Esther had a reputation for cheerful energy. As a child, according to her obituary, her father 'had refused to curb the high spirits and gaiety of his daughter in an age when properly brought up youth was to be seen and not heard of, for he said they had been given to her for some definite purpose'.



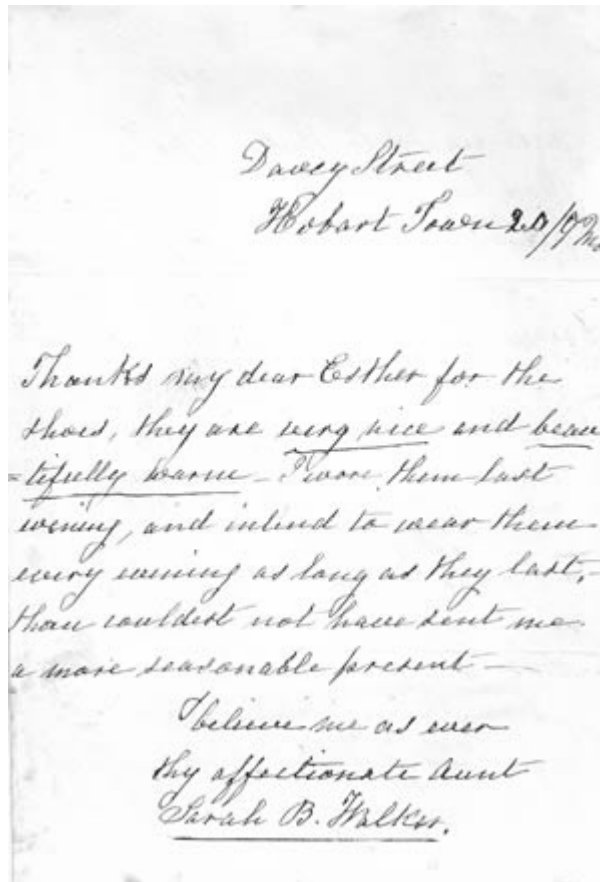
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The birth certificate of Esther Ann Mather, born on the 27th of September in Liverpool Street, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia.



The first Temperance Society was formed in Hobart by George Washington Walker and James Backhouse Walker. At aged seven (1857) Esther Mather took the pledge of total abstinence from intoxicating drinks.



This letter is from Esther's Aunt Sarah Benson Walker thanking her for the present of new shoes.



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