

**Walker Family Papers: part of a donation by B.B. (Jim) Walker and George B. Walker 2007**

1. Walker genealogy
  
2. **Sarah Benson (nee Thompson) – Diary 1805**
  
3. **George Washington Walker, 1800-1859** - Introduction to the Latin tongue for the use of youth (Bernard Ridley Walker's name on front cover)
4. **George Washington Walker – Letters from Sergeant of Police, Newcastle (2)**
5. **George Washington Walker – Letter from Edward May (1)**
6. **George Washington Walker - Receipts for VDL Asylum 1848/49, 1849/50**
  
7. **Sarah Benson Walker (nee Mather), 1812-1893 – Letters from James Backhouse (3)**
8. **Sarah Benson Walker – Letters from AG Goodwyn (7)**
9. **Sarah Benson Walker – Letter from cousin William Benson (1)**
10. **Sarah Benson Walker – Letters from uncle Rev Samuel Benson (26)**
11. **Sarah Benson Walker – Letter to John Downes (1)**
12. **Sarah Benson Walker – Letter to R Willis (1)**
13. **Sarah Benson Walker – Letter to Aunt Frances Benson explaining failure of farming at Lauderdale, 22nd March 1838**
14. **Sarah Benson Walker – Letters from Charles Benson (8)**
15. **Sarah Benson Walker – Letters from William Benson (2)**
  
16. **James Backhouse Walker, 1841-1899 – Notary Public medal in brown velvet case (in display case, S&R office)**
17. **James Backhouse Walker – Mortar board (in display case, S&R office)**
18. **James Backhouse Walker – Letters from Elizabeth Backhouse (26)**
19. **James Backhouse Walker – Letter from Mary Backhouse (1)**

20. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letters from Backhouses at Holgate House (11)
21. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letters from James Backhouse (Jnr) in York (6)
22. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letters from Grandmother Esther Mather (16)
23. **James Backhouse Walker** - Letters from Mother Sarah Benson Walker (4)
24. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letter from Elizabeth Ann Walker/Lizzie (1)
25. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letter from John Ridley Walker, Emu Bay (1)
26. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letters from Sarah Thompson Walker/Sah (11)
27. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letters from Margaret Bragg Walker (2)
28. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letters from Mary Augusta Walker, including 8 letters from Woodbourne (17)
29. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letters from Isabella Frances Walker/Isa (6)
30. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letter from George Benson Walker, Saltwater River (1)
31. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letters from J Benson Walker (2)
32. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letter from cousin Dorothy Robson (1)
33. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letter from cousin John McDowell (1)
34. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letter from cousin Robson (1)
35. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letter from cousin JB Hammond? (1)
36. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letter from Georgina Gormanston, Government House (1)
37. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letter from Tom Mason, London (1)
38. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letter from Douglas Lilley (1)
39. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letter from Joseph Neave (1)
40. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letters from WG Robertson re Sarah, 1897 (2)
41. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letter from Stephenson, Launceston regarding aborigines (1)
42. **James Backhouse Walker** – Letter from John Matthew, Victoria regarding aborigines (1)
43. **James Backhouse Walker** – Miscellaneous letters from unknown correspondents (6)
44. **James Backhouse Walker** – Black & white photographs of Lake St Clair camp (14) in Midwood envelope
45. **James Backhouse Walker** – Poems (5) transcribed in later hand?
  
46. **Sarah Thompson Walker, 1849-1905** – Letters from unknown correspondents (7)
47. **Sarah Thompson Walker** – Letter from Benson cousin (?) who lives in Hertford (1)

48. **Sarah Thompson Walker** – Letters from William A Fysh (2)
49. **Sarah Thompson Walker** – Letters to family (2)
50. **Sarah Thompson Walker** – Letters to Mary Augusta Walker (6)
51. **Sarah Thompson Walker** – Letters to Elizabeth Walker (8)
52. **Sarah Thompson Walker** – Letters to Isabella Frances (6)
53. **Sarah Thompson Walker** – Letters to James Backhouse Walker (15)
54. **Sarah Thompson Walker** – Incomplete letters to unknown correspondents (9)
  
55. **Mary Augusta Walker, 1856-1870** – Letters from Georgina Gormanston, Government House (2)
56. **Mary Augusta Walker** – Letters from Heather at Reading (15)
57. **Mary Augusta Walker** – Letter from G Ursula Holder (1)
58. **Mary Augusta Walker** – Letters from Sarah (2)
59. **Mary Augusta Walker** – Letter from unknown correspondent (1)
60. **Mary Augusta Walker** – Letter to Maria (1)
61. **Mary Augusta Walker** – Letter to Mother (1)
  
62. **Isabella Frances Walker, 1858-1949** – Letter to Mother (1)
63. **Isabella Frances Walker** – Letter to Mary Augusta Walker (1)
64. **Isabella Frances Walker** – Letter to Sarah Thompson Walker (1)
  
65. 'A Whole Holiday' written transcription, unknown author
  
66. Two books of transcribed poems 1861 and n.d., no owner details
  
67. **Peter Benson Walker**. Photocopy of scrapbook of Walker family history held in private collection (digital scan at UTAS SPARC W9-SB including copies of letters from John Benson to his

sister Ann Benson/Mrs Robert Mather; letter to Mrs Robert Mather from her sister Frances Benson; letters from Mrs Robert Mather/Ann Benson) to her husband while she was at Lauderdale in charge of the farm, and he was in Hobart Town)

#### **GREY FOLDER A**

68. A short notice of the conversion and life of George Washington Walker – 12-page pamphlet. York: William Sessions, 1868

69. Notebook with handwritten 49-page obituary of George Washington Walker, by JB Mather. Copy forwarded by mail 13/7/59 to James Backhouse, for insertion in the Annual Monitor for the present year

70. Letters (2) to JB Mather – from John Downes 5/3/1859 and Matthew McLean 8/10/1859

71. Letter to Elizabeth Walker from Mary Forster 16/4/1851

72. Brief chronology of George Washington Walker and Sarah Benson Mather

73. Wrappings (3)

74. Letter to Mr Walker from Caroline H Sealey, undated (1). Unclear if this is to George Washington Walker or James Backhouse Walker

#### **George Washington Walker: Correspondence**

75. Rough draft of answer to Yearly Meeting respecting exchange of membership, 1857 or 1858

76. Letters to Captain Dixon 13/1/1857 and 20/7/1858 (2)

77. Letters to Esther Mather (36)

78. Letter to James Backhouse Walker 13/5/1856 re death of Aunt Anna Maria (1)

79. Letter from Eleanor McLeod? re death of Mary Bragg 10/11/1828 (1)

80. Letters from Joseph Benson Mather, January 1843 re going to Swanport for a short time; and 30/9/1845 re increase of salary (2)

81. Letters from sister Elizabeth (4). Plus letters from John Curtin, Newcastle Police Station on her behalf (2)

82. Letters from Dorothy Decan, London 20/6/1825, 18/9/1826 and 12/11/1826 (3). Plus letter from Sarah Brightwen, Saffron Walden 8/2/1843 on behalf of D Decan (1)

83. Letters from Mary Dubeye, Newcastle 10/5/1834, 29/12/1834 and 26/7/1840 (3)

84. Letters from cousin JM Robson 20/3/1850, 16/3/1853 and 26/3/1853 (3)

85. Letter from Frances Robson 18/7/1820 (1)

86. Letters from cousin George Robson (4)

87. Application to Lieut Governor of Victoria by George Robson for the position of Commissioner of Passports for Victoria
88. Letter to Mrs Ann Mather (nee Benson) 22/4/1827 from sister Sarah Benson and brother J Benson
89. Auction notice 9/3/1825 at Newcastle Pottery, Forth Banks
90. Memorandum of agreement between Bragg and Walker for sale of pottery

#### **GREY FOLDER B**

91. Mercury 1899. Article headed 25 years Public Librarian. Mr. Alfred J. Taylor
  92. Family tree of George Taylor
- Mary Augusta Walker. Correspondence:
93. Mercury 11 Feb 1897 re exhibition of Mary Walker's artwork
  94. Birthday card for Sarah B. Walker from her daughter Mary
  95. Letter from Mary K. Benson London, to Mary Walker (1949?)

#### **Sarah Thompson Walker. Correspondence:**

96. Sketch of the character of Sarah T. Walker by A.S. Hamilton June 1, 1855
97. Hobart Ladies' College Regulations 2/2/1887 Letter and photocopy

#### **James Backhouse Walker. Correspondence from:**

98. AMP Society 17/2/1899
99. Letters from James Bonwick, Norwood 1894-9 (3)
100. AH Chapman. Burnie, re army, Governors, personal reminiscences 15/8/1898
101. Invoices from John P. Copland 28 Paternoster Row, London, 1897 (3)
102. EO Cotton, Kelvedon. 29/5/1898
103. FH Cox, 39 London Rd, Tunbridge Wells re architects of Tasmanian churches
104. Daily Telegraph 9/5/1897
105. Letter 6/5/1897 from JW Fanning? re destroying remaining copies of a book (poor condition)
106. JW Fawcett, South Brisbane 4/7/1897
107. James Fenton, Launceston 21/8/1884
108. Letters from Lorimer Fison, Editor of the Spectator 1898 (4)
109. Elizabeth Ann Glover, Franklin 31/7/1889
110. RD Harris, Peppermint Bay 10/9/1886

111. Ruby Harrison, 74 Brighton Rd, 5. Croydon, Surrey 6/6/1894
112. JB Hodgkin, Elin Ridge, Darlington, 25/2/1897
113. Letters from JM McDavale (cousin) Duntroon, 'Cabana', Kew (3)
114. Edwin Meredith, 'Cambria' Swansea re memoir of his father 9/3/1897
115. F Moore re JBWs publication 'Tasmania' 26/3/1896
116. George Robertson, Angus and Robertson, Sydney, 7/6/1895
117. Henry Ling Roth, 32 Prescot St, Halifax re publication 'Tasmania' 9/3/1899
118. WH Rose, Teakatarasra, 6/6/1899
119. J Francis Mather re his will and state of business 17/7/1893
120. J Francis Mather re business problems and possible sale of his home 'Melmerby' 30/1/1896

**James Backhouse Walker. Correspondence to:**

121. Elizabeth Walker re Anzas conference, Melbourne 10/1/1890
122. Sarah Walker? Part of a letter re Tasmanian people and affairs 30/9/?
123. Cox. Part of draft reply to above letter 19/2/99
124. FE Alderton, Editor of 'Resources of NZ' draft requesting photos of Maoris
125. JE Heeres, draft re Netherlanders in Australia 28/8/99
126. Newspaper clipping of Obituary of JB Walker
127. University of Tasmania, the new Vice Chancellor
128. Newspaper clipping 'Historic papers' review of 'Early Tasmania' by JB Walker
129. Facsimile of original map of Tasman's voyages in 1642 and 1644

**James Backhouse Walker. Correspondence re Walker family**

130. John Taylor 12/1/1883
131. EJ Bloveil 7/3/1883
132. Thomas Humphrey 24/1/83
133. Guy Hayler answered 23/3/1905
134. Notes on life of George Washington Walker
135. Birth dates of Walker family members, and 2 pages of rough notes
136. Letter from Curtin 17 Dec 1889 to Mrs. Mather
137. Copy of part of a letter written by cousin Dorothy James Dec 8, 1881

**James Backhouse Walker: Historical notes re early Tasmania**

138. 10/6/99. 12/11/98

139. 22/9/90. Newspaper clipping 21/1/99

140. 16/7/1885 letter to Sprent from ? Notes about Sprent July 1897

### **Sarah Benson Walker. Correspondence**

141. Hair sample

142. From RE Dean, 3/2/1859

143. From brother Robert Andrew Mather 13/9/1857, undated, 14/9/1863, undated, memorandum undated, 1/4/1871, 14/9/1871, 17/9/1871, 2/7/1874

144. From brother Robert Andrew Mather re death of Georgie 8/11/1864 and poem on the death of 'Little Georgie'

### **Benson and Mather families**

145. JB Mather Obituary. Sarah Benson Walker - family tree from JB Mather to his little sister 'Sarah' 10/2/64 in original envelope. Benson addresses England and family history details

146. Letter to Joseph B Mather from his sister Sarah Benson Walker 31/7/1882. Circular to the Mather family from Horace E. Mather, Hertford, Conn, USA. Notes JB Mather 21/9/1858. Letter to JB Mather from James G? 27/7/1875. Letter to JB Mather informing him of the death of his aunt Mary Mather 27/7/1875. Account of funeral of John Mather

147. 1910 in memory of Rev. Joseph Benson and Mrs. Sarah Benson. Benson family dates and family history. Death of William Benson

148. Letter to Thomas Cotton from John Bright 31/1/1851

149. Unidentified fragments (4) and envelopes (2)