WALKER FAMILY PAPERS

GEORGE WASHINGTON WALKER
(1800-1859)

W9/ A1/ CORRESPONDENCE

1-24 Letters to G. W. Walker 1820 - 1858
Letters received, mainly concerning personal and family matters, from:-

1 Charles Audley, Paris: father's tomb 1827
2 James Backhouse, York, U.K. 1842-1846
   Religion, Meeting House subscriptions, Friends (24 letters)
3 Theodore Bartley, Launceston, 1856
   Would G.W.W. stand for H. of A. for Morven?
4 Charles Bragg, Newcastle, U.K., (2 letters) 1840, 1845
5 George Brien, Auckland: G.W.W.'s health, Quakers (2 letters) 1853, 1858
6 J. Burrows, Pontville: bill 1851
7 Colonial Secretary: Walker to be member of Board of Education 1856
8 J. Darling: declining situation for wife (endorsed V.D.L. Asylum, see also A7) 1848
9 D. Decan, London, 1825
10 M. Dubeye, Paris: father's illness, school, etc (4 letters) 1821-3, 1825
12 Capt. W. Jacob: passage in "Hamilton Ross" from Cape Town 1840
13 Kerr, Bogle & Co.: shipments 1850
14 Alexander Maconochie, London & Govt House Hobart: books, politics (25 letters) 1837-1853
15 Eileen McLeod (aunt) U.K. 1820 1831,1847,1852
   family etc. (4 letters)
16 Esther Mather: family (see also W9/A1/25) 1858
17 R. Power to James Sprent Surveyor General: congratulations on Report 1857
18 John Price, Norfolk Island 1848
   Worst crimes suppressed through fear of detection
19 J. Priestman U.K: pottery business (letters) 1824-5, 1833
20 Henry Richardson: business ND
21 Deborah Thompson: enquiry after W.H. Lind 1851
22 L. E. Threlkeld: Mission to Aborigines. Lake Macquarie Report 1838 with ms.note 1840
23 William Walker (brother), Dublin: family 1827
24 G. Walter: abolition of death penalty except for murder 1850

25 Copies of letters written by G.W. Walker 1833 - 1858
Copies of letters written on family, business and Society of Friends' matters, to:-

1 Allport & Roberts: to act as solicitors for Savings Bank 9.9.1845
2 Thomas Arnold: religion 1856
3 Ann Bainbridge: family, friends, etc 1833
4 George Bell: religion and reply to G.B.'s criticisms of G.W.W.'s business and his use of term "military drills" and "crown" ties. ND
5 Margaret Bragg: gardens, religion, report on prison discipline, new Meeting etc. 1834
6 Robert Clarke, religious instructor Flinders Island 29.10. 1841
   aborigines of Flinders Island
7-8 Francis Cotton: religion (2 letters) 1849, 1856
9 Eliza Crockett: consolation, little prospect of situation as matron 1856
10 James Dixon: sale of land at Skelton Castle 1854
11 H. Dowling: wages, emigrants 1856
12 John Fisher: expenses in re purchase of houses in Davey Street and tenants 11.1.1853
13-16 Abraham Charles Flower 1847, 1849
   His connection with Rechabites and Friends, sympathy in distress - sending £1 (4 letters)
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25 cont. 17 I.S. Harvey: cannot increase account without security 23.3.57
18-22 Esther Mather: family, books, fire (2 letters) 1858
23 Newcastle U.K. Monthly Meeting ND.
24 Theophilus Pollard 25.7.1856
Society of Friends - penitence required before reinstatement, signed by G.W.W., Frederick Mackie, Henry Propsting.
25 Joseph Proctor: Friends 11.2.1855
26 Surveyor General & Colonial Secretary 1854, 1856
Application for grant of land for son J.B.W. (1854); sale of land at Table Cape to John King son of James K., with sketch plan. (3 letters and plan)
27 Wellington Hamlets Road Trustees: boundaries
(27 docs)

26-29 Letter Books 1831 - 1844
Mainly relating to Society of Friends:-
26 1831-1836
Religion and the Missionary Journey, including letters to James Backhouse, Margaret Bragg, Mary Dubeye, Rachel Stacey, Ann Pollard, Robert Taylor (Norfolk Island) etc.
27 1836-1838
English and Australian Friends
28 1838, 1841, 1843
from South Africa 1838, Hobart 1841, 1843 (3 letters only)
29 1839-1844
Hobart: Friends; drapery business; G. Bell - school (1841); Harriet Jeaneret: Flinders Island natives (1842)
(4 vols, partly unused)

30-34 Business correspondence 1844-1852
Drapery and Savings Bank business correspondence and some miscellaneous Society of Friends letters:
30 1844-1849
Friends; Savings Bank; drapery purchases through George Bennington - from 1848 plain woollen goods only; religious tracts and abstinence periodicals; books; charity.
31-33 1844-1846, 1846-1847, 1845-1850
George Bennington: shipping drapery goods.
34 1849-1852
General business
(5 paper booklets of thin copying paper)

A2/ DIARIES

1 Missionary visit to BechuanaLand June - Aug. 1839
Account of journey on a missionary visit to BechuanaLand.
(9 papers)

2 Diary & Memoranda Book Sept. 1840 - Nov. 1841
Personal diary starting on board the "Hamilton Ross" at Table Bay, Cape Town South Africa where he left J. Backhouse, including the voyage; arrival at Hobart and Friends' Meeting 13. 11. 1840, his marriage to Sarah Benson Mather on 15.12.1840 and some entries of his daily life. At back notes of South African quadrupeds and log of distances on board ship.
(octavo notebook partly unused)
W9/
A3/ MARRIAGE
1 Marriage Certificate 15.12.1840

A4/ SCHOOL BOOKS
1-3 School exercise and note books
   Spherics (geometrical circles), book-keeping (Italian style), history and philosophy.
   (3 vols)

A5/ SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
1 Sunday School lessons taught to Friend children 1858
2 Petition against State Aid to Religion 1857
   Draft petition to Legislative Council of Society of Friends in Tasmania against state aid to religion

A6/ TEMPERANCE SOCIETY
1-24 V.D.L. Total Abstinence Society 1844 - 1857
   Notes of opinions on alcohol (notebook), petitions to Legislative Council, copy of pledge, list of subscribers, correspondence including letter to Philip Smith on prohibition of intoxicating liquor.
   (24 papers)

A7/ CHARITABLE WORK
1 Van Diemen's Land Asylum (Magdalen Society) 1848 - 1851
   G.W. Walker was treasurer of the Society to Establish a Magdalen Asylum, which solicited subscriptions and donations of furniture and blankets in 1848 and an Asylum was opened (? in Campbell Street, Hobart). Subscriptions in 1849 and 1850 were, however, inadequate and in September 1850 the asylum was closed and the contents sold to pay debts.
   Papers include lists of subscriptions and donations; statement of account 1850; letters from the Matron and Lady Denison on protecting the Matron from threats from neighbours (ND); resignation from J. Hobbs 1849; letters from Matron Agnes Atkinson asking for arrears of salary 1850, 1851 and receipt for payment of £7.10s for one month; note recommending Matilda Woodgrove age 13 for consideration of the Ladies' Committee 1848; reference for Mr Egglestone but his wife not free woman; plan of fencing; request for £5 for clothing inmates; letter from Elizabeth Howard inmate of New Norfolk Asylum asking after her little boy who she had left at the Magdalen Society 2 May 1850.
   Also enclosed: account of Ladies Branch Society for the Suppression of Vice and Magdalene Asylum for board and lodging for Catherine Thornhill and Bridget Coffee, receipted by F.S. Edgar 1844.
   (44 papers)
2 Family Herald Fund 1855 - 1856
   List of subscribers, repayments and contributions to expenses.
3 James Cunningham Aid Fund 1856
   List of subscribers to aid James Cunningham blinded and crippled by explosion at Hobart Gas Works.
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A8/ LITERARY MANUSCRIPTS

A8 Poems, articles ND
Miscellaneous copies of poems, articles about Friends.

A9-11 ACCOUNTS

A9 Cash Book 1826 - 1831
A10 Ledgers 1821 - 1829
  1  1821-1827
  2  1827-1829
A11 Bills and Receipts 1814 - 1830, 1843
Miscellaneous accounts, including bills for pottery and flint mill, personal bills for clothing, school bills etc (UK):-
  1 School bill: J. Sibson's Academy, West Boldon, Co. Durham 1814
  2 Probate expenses for Eleanor Addison by J. McLeod 1812-1814
  3 Pottery (Skinner Burn) and Bladon Flint Mill valuations 1823
  4 Pottery and Flint Mill: receipts for purchase 1823
  5 Newcastle Pottery: miscellaneous receipts 1823-1825
for valuation, advertising sale of machinery etc. (Addison, J.B. Falconner, John H. Bragg & Walker) and note from John McLeod asking George to open letters.
  6 Receipts - personal 1817 - 1831
Receipts for personal expenses of clothing, books and bookbinding, travel etc. including Margaret Bragg & Sons linen drapers & silk mercers Newcastle, Bragg & Rooke woollen drapers Newcastle.
  7 Miscellaneous bills etc. Hobart 1838, 1841, 1843
Receipts for payment for property in Hobart (J.T. Clarke & John Shirvin) 1838; James Dixon's note of wheat sent to Barton Mill 1841; bill of exchange G.W.W. and George Bennington 1843

A12 MISCELLANEOUS

1 Phrenologist's character study Feb. 1855
Character study of G.W. Walker by Hamilton, phrenologist.

2 Miscellaneous printed papers:
  Daniel Wheeler's letter to York Quarterly Meeting of Society of Friends 1822; Colonial Immigration Scheme 1847.
  (2 printed leaflets)

A13 FUNERAL

A13 Notes for funeral oration for G.W. Walker 1859