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## JAMES BACKHOUSE WALKER

James Backhouse Walker (1841-1899) was the eldest son of George Washington Walker.

## CORRESPONDENCE

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## CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- 1 George Washington Walker to son James while at school 1853 - 1856  
 Fatherly and spiritual advice and news of family written to James at school in York UK., including also some general news and news of Hobart such as: scarlet fever and influenza (1853), G.W.W.'s shower bath (20.7.53), Legislative Council (26.11.53, 8.11.54), removal of Savings Bank from Stone Buildings (14.1.54), Sarah Bell starting school, High School (2.2.54), measles (3.3.54), Gas Company formed for lighting (29.6.54), J.B.W.'s wish for camera (1.1.55), J.B.W. thinking of becoming teacher, celebration of victory at Sebastopol (14.2.55), F. and R. Mackie starting school (21.6.56). some letters headed with scenes of goldfields.  
 (22 docs.)
- 2 Sarah Thompson Walker to brother James 1898  
 From UK  
 (2 docs)
- 3 Mary Augusta Walker to brother James 1880, 1885-87, 1889-1892  
 Teaching Gatenby children, Longford Show (1880); Art Association (25.1.85); in Melbourne studying art, her pictures accepted for Australasian Artists Exhibition (1886-7); Hobart (1889); London: studied art at Clapham Art School for 6 weeks, Slade School (1889-90), Herkomer School (1891), visits to art galleries, Crystal Palace, Zoo, her life in London, winter weather, travels in Britain (Amy Sherwin concert in Huddersfield (24.9.1890), visits to relatives, travels in France (Aug.1891-May 1892)  
 (41 docs. plus 7 incomplete parts of letters)
- 4 Isabella Frances Walker (Isa) to brother James ND, 1887, 1890  
 Family, social, Launceston visit (1890)  
 (4 docs.)
- 5 Letters from relatives and friends 1852 - 1856  
 Mainly to J.B.W. at school in York UK., arranged in chronological order, from: Dorothy Robson, Susan Brien, J. Francis Mather (school 1854) and letter of farewell from J.B.W. (1853), H.M. Benson, Richard Hipsley, Robert Lindsey, G.B. Walker (brother), E. Backhouse.  
 (63 docs.) *68 docs*
- 6 Letters from Elizabeth Backhouse and James Backhouse jr. 1857 - 1862  
 From York UK.: family etc.  
 (26 docs.)
- 7 Letters from friends and acquaintances 1863 - 1899  
 General and miscellaneous letters received, including: A.C. McDowall N.Z (1863), A. Officer (bazaar 1870), thanks from J.B.W.'s "class" (6.7.81), M. McMillan (24.8.85), J.B. Hammond (1887), Margaret Bragg UK (1890), A. Liversedge University of Sydney: thanks for publications, good wishes for University (11.4.1892), L.F. Giblin: studying in London (1892), H.H. Montgomery: Calder's book (23.9.1897), James Fenton (24.6.1897), James Bonwick: publications (1893, 1897-8), E.E. Morris: J.B.W.'s publication May 1898), nomination for president of local committee of A.A.A.S. [Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science] and refusal (1898) etc., *Chas. ...*  
 (40 docs.)  
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- 8 Rev. Dr. John Service to J.B. Walker 1869 - 1883  
 From Scotland: family, friends and general news.  
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- 9 Henry Ling Roth, Halifax UK to J.B. Walker 1891 - 1898  
Scientific or historical matters. Some draft replies.  
(44 docs.)
- C2 LETTERS SENT: LETTER BOOKS
- 1 Personal Letters 1857 - 1872  
Letters to Thomas, Elizabeth and James Backhouse and other English relatives and to friends: general news.  
(pressed copy letter book, part unused)
- 2-4 Business letters 1876 - 1894  
Letter books, including index of addressees: pressed copies of letters mainly relating to business of Walker & Wolfhagen, Solicitors, including estate and probate matters etc, such as Douglas Park Campbell Town (1876-7,1883-4,1888), Headlams of Campbell Town (1892), W.R. Allison a drunkard and his wife's financial situation, Sprent Trust (1887-94) etc.  
Also included are some letters relating to other matters:-  
**historical studies** and publications including: James Fenton (1883-92, pp. 49,53,84,87,89,94,108,176,412; 1892-4 pp. 13,17, 22,157,168,207,); Historical Society of Australia: Batman document 1885 (p154); P.O. Fysh (1888, 1890 pp.273,281,394,400; 1892 p. 24,30); James Bonwick (1888 pp. 284,309,400,426); Dictionary of Biography (1888 p.295); Clark (1890 p.394); H. Ling Roth (1892-4 pp. 28,175); J.B. Heeres: Tasman (1894 p. 209, 249).  
**Charities & Public Institutions:** High School (1885-6 pp. 176, 177, 203); Christ's College (1885 p.181); Public Library (1887 p.216); Tasmanian Council of Education (1888 p.307); University of Tasmania (1889-90, including letters to Mather, G.W. Waterhouse etc. pp. 367,410,414,416,421; 1892 including letters to McAulay, J. Brown, Williams pp. 43,44,47,51,55,60,62).  
**Letters to booksellers** including: Talbot Reed, London, Quaritch, London.  
**Family:** James Backhouse (1884 p.5); reference to death of brother Joe (3 Oct. 1877); death of brother Robert 1894 (p.238).
- 2 1876 - 1882  
3 1883 - 1892  
4 1892 - 1894
- (3 pressed copy letter books)
- 5 Miscellaneous copies and drafts 1869 - 1897  
Including: Service: miscellaneous (1869), death of sister Maggie (3.12.70); notes on Fern Tree Bower, charities etc., bibliography of Tasmania, Waldemar (1892); E. Hull (1897); J.Barwick (1897).
- 6 Letter to Ernest Ireland 1889  
Congratulations on success in A.A. exams.  
(given to Walker family by Ireland family)
- 7-8 Notes of letters sent 1889-1894, 1894-1899  
Also list of books ordered (back of 7)  
(2 notebooks)

## DIARIES

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## DIARIES

1-4 School Days 1853 - 1856

- 1 Voyage to England on board "Wellington" Feb. - June 1853
- 2 Friends' School, York UK Aug. 1853 - July 1854
- 3 Friends' School and log of "White Star" July 1854 - Oct. 1855
- 4 Voyage to Tasmania on "White Star" Aug. - Nov. 1856  
(See also 3)

5-30 Personal and notes of appointments 1858 - 1898

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| 5  | 1858                                   | 18 | 1883   |
| 6  | 1864 (inc. trip to North, April)       | 19 | 1887   |
| 7  | 1866                                   | 20 | 1888 (2 pocket diaries)                            |
| 8  | 1867                                   | 21 | 1889 (Douglas Park visit)                          |
| 9  | 1869                                   | 22 | 1890 (Uni.)  |
| 10 | 1870                                   | 23 | 1891 (personal, Uni. VDL. Bank)                    |
| 11 | 1871                                   | 24 | 1892 (personal, Uni. VDL & Union banks)            |
| 12 | 1873                                   | 25 | 1893 (personal, Uni., trams, death mother 26 Aug.) |
| 13 | 1874                                   | 26 | 1894   |
| 14 | 1878                                   | 27 | 1895   |
| 15 | 1879                                   | 28 | 1896 ("safety "bicycle, cinematographie Dec.)      |
| 16 | 1880 (brother George ill)              | 29 | 1897   |
| 17 | 1882 (Ross, d. George, comet 26 Sept.) | 30 | 1898 (trip to NZ.)                                 |

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~~31-37~~ Travel diaries and notes 1883 - 1898

- 31-2 Visit to Victoria 1883 (inc. Walker genealogical notes, books, addresses, accounts, NZ. 1884)
- 33 New Zealand and return via N.S.W 1885
- 34 West Coast 1887 and Frederick Henry Bay & Tasman's landing place 1889  
(pocket notebook inc. lead pencil in slot)
- 35 Branxholm and Oatlands 1887, 1888  
Including notes of Oatlands road, photographs taken etc.
- 36 West Coast 1890, Sydney 1894
- 37 Melbourne and Sydney 1897  
(miniature pocket book)
- 38 New Zealand 1898

## RESEARCH AND LITERARY

C4 RESEARCH NOTES

1 Aborigines

Notes by J.B. Walker, correspondence and notes by E. Cotton, Walter W. Harper, G.A. Robinson, notes sent to H.L. Ritz, notes for article for Royal Society of Tasmania and copy of article, newspaper cuttings, "The last of the Tasmanians" by J. W. Agnew, ms. song "song of the aborigines" arranged by Miss Logan; letter to newspaper by J.B.W. on the aboriginals of the Bass Straits Islands (1898).  
(1 folder)

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- 2 Tasman and the discovery of V.D.L.  
Notes, correspondence, copy of article
- 3-4 Early voyages  
Notebook and notes
- 5 Austral English 1896  
Correspondence and notes made while undertaking research for Prof. E. Morris for *Austral English: a dictionary of Australian words, phrases and usages*.
- 6 Antarctic Exploration  
Notes, news cuttings, correspondence, "order of service on board the "Southern Cross" 17 Dec. 1898"
- 7 Seals  
Notes
- 8 Biographical notes, obituaries and reminiscences  
Brief notes of Tasmanian notable people, including J.B.W.'s contemporaries, possibly for introductory speeches etc.:-  
M. Allport, J. Backhouse, J.D. Balfe, Henry Bilton, Sarah Birch, B.S. Bird, J.R. Buckland, Henry Butler, Henry Bilton, J.E. Calder, Rev. George Clarke, E. A. Counsel, Henry Dowling, G.T. Evans, Fawkner, J. Fenton, M. Fenton, Fincham?, P.O. Fysh, W.R. Giblin, J.C. Gregson, T.G. Gregson, R.C. Gunn, E.S. Hall, Samuel Hannaford, R.D.P. Harris, J.A. Huybers, R.M. Johnston, Leake (Charles, William & Arthur), R.J. Lucas, F.E. Manning, F.A. Marriott (d.1890), Mather, C. Meredith, L.A. Meredith, Maxwell Miller, Archbishop D. Murphy, W.E. Nairn, Bishop F.R. Nixon, E.C. Nowell, T.J. Oliver, F.A. Packer, F. Pascoe, Rev. Charles Price, J.R. Scott, Bernard Shaw, James Shegog (d.1896), Lieut. James Simmons, C.T. Smith, James "Philosopher" Smith, Capt. William Smith, C.P. Sprent, James Sprent, Thomas Stephens, Capt. Butler Stoney, R.P. Stuart, J.H.B. Walch, J.B. Walker ("amended notice"), John Walker, Mary A. Walker, G.W. Waterhouse, J.H. Wedge, W.P. Weston, James Whyte.  
Also miscellaneous notes.
- 9 Historical studies: correspondence  
From: A.S. Murray: penal code (ND); C.W. Stainfield: land, coinage etc (6.9.84); Gov. R.S. Hamilton: paper to read (1889); J. Fenton (1891); E.A. Nowell (1891); H. Dowling: Chapman portrait (ND); Donald Maclean, Skye: Tas. Gaelic newspaper (1893); A.G. Burgess to H.S. Wright (1894); J.B.W. to Reed: Bibliographical Society (1893); T.H. Osborne: barque "Children" (1896); Royal Geographical Society (1895-6); S. Johnstone: bibliography (1896); J. Fenton: photo J. Smith (1897), Public Library of Sydney: Tasmanian Journal, Tasmanian papers etc. (1897), Angus Robertson (1899), Perkins (1899).
- 10 Miscellaneous notes  
Notes mainly historical, lists of books, notes of grave stones (? St. Davids), list of photographs sent to Mary 1891 and to York School 1897
- 11 Miscellaneous Historical Mss.  
Including letter from John Mackell H.M.S. ----- to Neil [Lewis] Sept. 1801 (given to J.B.W. by N. Lewis 1891) with accounts of marriage of Isabella May Lewis to Harold Watson 1 January 1891 reprinted in silver type from *Tas. Mail* 3 Jan. 1891; letter from Museum d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, to J.E. Bicheno, Linnean Society, London 1832; VDL. [Anti-Transportation] League Council's circular letter 29 Sept. 1852; copy of letter from Elizabeth Ann Glover on Calder's history 1873; notes by D. MacMillan on "Hermit in V.D.L." (1897).

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## TRAVEL

See also travel diaries W9/C3/31-38

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## Visit to New Zealand

Notes of itinerary etc.

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## FAMILY REMINISCENCES ETC.

1

Reminiscences of life in Hobart by J.B. Walker 1840 - 1860  
(notebook and loose notes)*(parts used in ...)*[\\*link](#)

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Reminiscences of S.B. Walker 1884  
Dictated to her son J.B.W.

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Benson & Mather family tree compiled by J.B. Walker  
(roll)

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Miscellaneous notes on the history of the Walker, Benson &amp; Mather families

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## LIBRARY

1

Library Accession Catalogue  
Walker's handwritten entries stuck in unbound guard book pages, typed index of classes enclosed.

2

Library Shelf List

3

Notes of books and papers on Tasmanian history  
Notebook, loose cuttings & letters, including notes of books, maps, photos and archival references needed.

4

Tasmanian Artists & Notes of Books Ordered  
Notes of works of Tasmanian artists exhibited including Prout, K. Bull, T.E. Chapman, G.T.W. Boyes, F. Strange and of copies of Hobart views etc. At back of notebook: list of books ordered 1897. (small notebook)

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## LITERARY

1

Church Union prize poem "The Nile" by J.B. Walker ND  
With letter from F.H. Cox suggesting improvements, typescript and proof copy.

2

Lecture notes: "Three English Statesmen", "Self Culture" c 1877, ND

3

Lecture on Tennyson 1888 - 1893  
Given to Congregational Literary Association (1888), Davey Street Congregational Sunday School (1892), New Town Home Reading Circle (1892-3).

4

Literary "Miscellaneous" 1859  
Copies of poetry, literary essays, notes of University of Cambridge tripos regulations, letter to Wesleyan Methodist Magazine on Robert Mather by S. Benson 1857. (quarto vol. "Literary Diary")

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## J.B. WALKER'S PUBLICATIONS

- 1 The Settlement of Tasmania 1890  
Papers read before the Royal Society of Tasmania: (1) The English at the Derwent and the Risdon settlement, (ii) The expedition under Lieut-Governor Collins, (iii) The founding of Hobart by Lieut-Governor Collins.  
(Hobart, Go. Printer, 71 pp + plan)
- 2 The Discovery of Van Diemen's Land in 1642 1891  
With notes on the localities mentioned in Tasman's journal of the voyage.  
(Hobart, Gov. Printer, 16pp)
- 3 The Deportation of the Norfolk Islanders to the Derwent in 1808 1895  
(i) The settlement of Norfolk Island, (ii) The deportation to the Derwent.  
(Hobart, Gov. Printer, 26 pp.)
- 4 Abel Janszoon Tasman: his life & voyages 1896  
Read before Royal Society of Tasmania 25 November 1895  
(Hobart, Gov. Printer, 56 pp. + 3 folded plans)
- 5 Tasmania: the colony as it was in 1837 1897  
Tasmania: the colony as it was in 1837 and its experiences during the last 60 years, written for *The Daily Telegraph* Diamond Jubilee number.  
(Daily Telegraph, Launceston, 16 pp, ms notations)

## C18 BOTANICAL SPECIMENS

- C18 Botanical Specimens dried and mounted  
(~~to be~~ transferred to Herbarium)

## CLUBS AND CHARITIES

## C9 PROPOSED CLUB AND CHARITABLE FUND

- 1 Proposed Historical Society 1884  
Notes and correspondence relating to the establishment of an historical society
- 2 Memorial Fund for family of Dr. John Service 1884  
Correspondence with Douglas Dykes  
(5 papers)

## C10 HOBART WORKING MENS' CLUB

- 1 Correspondence 1892  
(2 letters)
- 2 Annual Reports 1882, 1885, 1886-7
- 3 Financial Balance Sheets 1882 - 1890

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- 4 Penny Bank Statements 1882-1884, 1886-1888
- 5 Billiard Fund Statements 1882 - 1887

## ACCOUNTS

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- 1-3 Cash Books 1860, 1865-1869, 1885, 1889  
 Personal expenses and visits to New Zealand 1885 and Melbourne and Sydney 1889.  
 (2 small cash notebooks)

## MISCELLANEOUS

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- C11 Bilyard-Leake Case [1895]  
 Transcript of part of evidence in case of Letitia Bilyard-Leake (nee Leake) v. Barclay & others  
 executors of Arthur Leake
- C13 Cards: visiting, greeting, in memoriam  
 Including miscellaneous *in memoriam* notices including: Mary Backhouse (1897), Leonora Schultz  
 Principal of Hobart Ladies College (Oct. 1888), Morton Allport (1878), John Benson Mather (1856), James  
 MacLanachan of Campbell Town (1884), Fr. J.A. Sheehy (1892).
- C14 Miscellaneous notes relating to religious topics
- C15 Newspaper Cuttings
- 1 Henry Hunter, Archt. obituary 1892  
 Including illustrations of buildings designed by Hunter.
  - 2 Obituaries  
 Miscellaneous, arranged in alphabetical order.
  - 3 Miscellaneous news cuttings.
- C16 Printed Papers
- 1 Tasmanian Permanent Building & Investment Association Annual Report Jan. 1866
  - 2 Funeral of H.E. Sir John Eardley Wilmot 10 Feb. 1847
  - 3 Transactions of Aust. Assoc. for Advancement of Science 1891  
 Extract of President R.H. Roe's address to section 1
  - 4 "The Guileless Disciple": James Henry Brett Walch 1897  
 Sermon by Rev. George Clarke in memory of J.H.B. Walch.
  - 5 Royal Society of Tasmania medical section rules & regulations 1897
  - 7-9 Walch's Literary Intelligencer 50, 467, 473  
 Including review of *Life of G. W. Walker* by J. Backhouse & Charles Tyler, 467 Obituary  
 of J.H.B. Walch, 473 Obituary of L.A. Meredith.
  - 10 Memorials of W.R. Giblin and Giblin Memorial Hall.