

Walter DeVerdi STAGOLL (1857-1879)

Walter was born in 1857 whilst at sea on the 'Trade Wind' on its journey to Tasmania. His parents and siblings were migrating to Tasmania. Walter's birth was registered at Launceston. It is thought he was named after the de Verdi group of islands.

Walter, a drover, drowned when crossing Cubang Creek, Dandaloo near Gondobolin in New South Wales on 17 January 1879. He was aged 21.

A report in the *Hamilton Spectator* on Tuesday 21 January 1879 (p2) provided more details about his death headed 'Sad Drowning Accident':

A telegram was received on Saturday by Mr Stagoll, of Hamilton, announcing his second son, Walter Stagoll, had been drowned whilst crossing the Cabany creek in the Lachlan district, and the body had not been recovered when the message was despatched. The deceased was well-known in this town, he having for some time, been in in the employ of Mr Muir. When drowned he was in the service of Mr R Malcolm, brother of Mr Malcolm of Thomson street, as a drover. The unfortunate young fellow was just about 22 years of age, and appeared to have a fairly good career before him when lost in the stream. Much sympathy has been expressed for his father and relatives, who were greatly shocked by the receipt of the bad tidings.

NSW death registration records Walter died at Forbes and his death was registered at Condobolin.