

John REDPATH (1824-1902) and Juliet nee Beale (1827-1874)

John and Juliet migrated to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' arriving in 1858. They were not sponsored and both left the Quarantine Station at Impression Bay on 23 March 1858 on their own account. John was a tailor.

John and Juliet were married in Marylebone, London between April and June 1847. It is likely John was born at Melrose, Roxburghshire, Scotland and Juliet in England. In the 1851 Scottish Census John and Juliet were living at Market Place, Galashiels, Roxburghshire. John was a tailor master employing one man. Galashiels is a major commercial centre and central communications point for the Scottish Borders. The town is known for textile manufacturing. It is in southern Scotland adjoining the English border. It is likely Juliet came from the English border, however, a birth registration for her could not be found.

John was a witness in an inquiry into the 'Trade Wind' voyage. A charge by John D Loch, Esq., Emigration Agent, was made against Captain Johnson for a breach of the Passenger Act¹. John stated he was a passenger by the 'Trade Wind'

The preserved meat given during the voyage made me quite ill. I have tried several times to eat it, but could not. The water was not good, it was very bad – impure. When we were very hungry we have tried to eat it; but have been obliged to throw it away, as it was burned. I have often complained to the mate, and been dreadfully sworn at. I never used to eat the preserved meat.

John announced in the *Mercury* on 24 January 1862, p4c3 he had now set up his own business (late of Walker's) at 22 Elizabeth Street, near Burn and Co's Auction Mart where he would continue to carry on the business of a tailor in all its branches. He said he had eleven year's experiercer in some of the first London West End houses and had for the last two years been engaged as a Cutter for Mr Walker.

Juliet passed away in November 1874, at 57 Liverpool Street, after a long and painful illness. She was buried at Cornelian Bay in Hobart.² No children were found in the public records to be born to Juliet and John. Shortly after Juliet's death a charge was made by Detective Simpson against Ellen McKeavor with larceny³. Detective Simpson provided evidence to show the accused had been in the service of Mr John Redpath of Liverpool Street and just before Mrs Redpath died she commenced a systematic plan of pilfering. The Police Magistrate said she had been convicted three times before, and he would sentence her to 12 months hard labour.

John remarried Ellen Jarman, the daughter of Richard Jarman, on 30 June 1875 in Hobart. Ellen , aged 32, was a spinster and was almost twenty years younger than John who was

¹ Several newspapers including *The Hobart Town Advertiser*, Wednesday 21 April 1858, p2

²² Death notice in *Mercury*, Tuesday 3 November 1874 says that Juliet, beloved wife of J Redpath, 57 Liverpool Street, after a long and painful illness. Buried Cornelian Bay, Hobart, Wednesday 4 November 1874. The death notice was repeated on 4 November 1874.

³³ *The Tasmanian Tribune*, Hobart, Thursday, 7 January 1875, p2.

aged 50. They had four children born in Hobart: Robert (1876-1928), Ann (1878-1960), John (1879-1947) and Frank (1882-1968). The two youngest moved to New Zealand.

There were several break-ins at John's tailor's shop/residence situated at Liverpool Street stealing a variety of clothing. Thefts were reported in the *Tasmania Police Gazettes*. In January 1879 John charged his apprentice, James Wilson, with being absent without leave from his employment. Redpath said he brought defendant into court with the greatest reluctance, but he had excused him for a similar offence three times previously. The lad, who was the son of highly respectable parents, was getting beyond their control, and stayed out at night. Mr Tarleton warned defendant that he was commencing a course which could only lead to his ruin. He had no doubt that he was falling into bad company who were leading him astray, and to neglect that duty to his master to which he was bound to perform. Defendant was fined 10s 6d and cautioned by the Bench that he would be much more severely dealt with if he came before the Court again.⁴

Wise's Trade Directory of 1900 records John Redpath of 37 Liverpool Street as being a tailor and outfitter.

John passed away on 21 January 1907 at 140 Hill Street, aged 78. His second wife, Ellen, passed away on 17 August 1908 at the Hobart General Hospital. She was residing at 2 Lochner Street, Hobart and was aged 65. John and both wives were buried at the same site in the Free Scotland Section in Cornelian Bay Cemetery.

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⁴⁴ Mercury, Thursday 9 January 1879