

Harriet ROBERTSON (1841-?)

Harriet was aged 16, born about 1841, could read, a nursemaid from Suffolk when migrating to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. She was sponsored by George Washington Walker of Hobart Town and discharged from the Quarantine Station, Impression Bay on the evening of 11 May 1858 to Mr Tarleton.



George Washington Walker (1800-1859) was a missionary. Walker was apprenticed to a quaker draper of Newcastle. He attended Friends' meetings and in 1827 joined the society. In 1831, in obedience to a 'call', he accompanied James Backhouse, a minister of York, on a missionary visit to the Southern Hemisphere. They landed at Hobart Town on 8 February 1832. He was an indefatigable promoter of the cause of Temperance. He was a member of many society's in Hobart. Walker died a year after Harriet arrived in Hobart. It is likely Mr Tarleton who collected Harriet from the Quarantine Station was William Tarleton, a Police Magistrate and Coroner.

Hannah Banyard, aged 18, also from Suffolk, was sponsored by Walker.

No further information could be found for Harriet either in England or Australia