

Walker, John Curwen (1811-1878)

Sponsored: George Challis (Suffolk, groom)

John Curwen Walker was the eldest son of Charles Walker of Ashford Court and grandson of Christian Curwen, of Workington Hall, Cumberland in England. He was born in 1811 in Carlisle, Cumberland, England and came to Tasmania about 1831 to learn colonial experience. Subsequently he was an accountant of the Derwent Bank in Hobart. Walker resided for a number of years at Derwent Park, New Town. (*The Mercury*, Fri 25 Jan 1878, p2) Walker later moved to Victoria where he died on 20 January 1878 at The Priory, Brighton, Victoria.

George Challis was discharged from the Quarantine Station on 16 April 1858 to Dr Brock (1790-1862). It is probable, in Walker's role as accountant, he sponsored George to come to Tasmania to work for Dr Henry Gordon Brock RN. Dr Brock arrived in Tasmania on the convict ship 'William Metcalfe' from London and Portsmouth on 23 May 1834 with 240 male prisoners. He had previously been the Surgeon and Superintendent on two other convict ships to Tasmania: 'Marmione', 1828; and 'Argyle' in 1831. Dr Brock returned to England and died at Middlesex on 16 December 1862.

J Curwen Walker, landowner, New Town, applied for Immigrant Bounty Tickets.