

Annie Walker (1863-1940)

Family

Ephraim Walker married Anne Moore 1 November 1854,
Mary Cecilia Walker, born 1856, married Henry James Lister (1856-1916) in January 1885,
John Joseph Walker born 1857, died 1859 and buried Waldringfield Baptist Chapel burial ground, in the same grave as his possible paternal grandfather John Walker (<https://www.gravestonephotos.com/public/namedetails.php?deceased=326662>)
Ellen Walker born 29 January 1862,
Annie Walker born 21 October 1863, and
Frank Walker born 5 August 1867. All in the Plomesgate registration district, which includes Wickham Market (<https://www.freebmd.org.uk/cgi/search.pl>).

Census Data

1861

Head, Ephraim Walker, miller employing 3 men, age 37, living at Watermill House, Wickham Market
(https://www.freecen.org.uk/search_records/639c5572f493fd7cfcf1dc85/ephrain-walker-1861-suffolk-wickham-market-1824-?locale=en)

1871

Head, Ephraim Walker, miller/farmer, age 47, born Bucklesham, Suffolk, July 1823
Wife, Ann, age 42, born Laxfield, Suffolk, ca. 1829
Daughter, Nellie, age 10, born Wickham Market
Daughter, Annie, age 7 born Wickham Market
Son, Frank, age 3 born Wickham Market
All living in Bridge St., Wickham Market with one general servant and a governess
(https://www.freecen.org.uk/search_records/60f2ecd6f493fdddabb31f1c/annie-walker-1871-suffolk-wickham-market-1864-?locale=en).

1881

Head, Ephraim Walker, age 57, farmer of 80 acres & corn miller employing 2 men
Wife, Ann, age 53
Daughter, Mary C, age 24
Daughter, Ellen, age 19
All living at 'Water Mill', Bridge St., Wickham Market

1881 (separate entry)

Annie Walker, age 17, a scholar at Cavendish House School for Young Ladies, 48 Bateman St., Cambridge. Headmistress, Isabel Thurlbourne
(https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=E1kJAAAAIAAJ&newbks=1&newbks_redir=0&printsec=frontcover&pg=RA1-PA4&dq=isabel+thurlbourne+school&hl=en&source=gb_mobile_entity&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q=Cavendish%20House%20school&f=false).

1891

Anne Walker, age 27, assistant astronomer, boarding with Andrew Graham at 'The Observatory', Cambridge.

1901

Anne Walker, age 37, assistant astronomer, boarding with Andrew Graham at 'The Observatory', Cambridge.

Newspaper References

Deaths, WALKER .- On the 18th September, at Nyora, Australia, Ephraim Walker, late of Wickham Market, age 74. 27 October 1897. *Evening Star* newspaper, published Ipswich, Suffolk, England, p.4.

Walker.- On March 2, at her residence, 6 Einido-grove, Glen Huntly, Annie Walker, daughter of the late Ephraim and Anne Walker, and sister of Mary (deceased), Ellen (deceased) and Frank, formerly of Nyoman, aged 76 years. 4 March 1940, *The Age* newspaper, published Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, p.1

(<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/204422448?browse=ndp%3Abrowse%2Fdate%2F1940%2F03%2F04%2Ftitle%2F809%2Fpage%2F19413922%2Farticle%2F204422448>).

MNRAS References

Miss Walkers observing at the Cambridge Observatory was interrupted by the 'Colchester Earthquake' of 22 April 1884

(<https://articles.adsabs.harvard.edu/full/1885MNRAS..45..223>).

Miss Walker occasionally observed transits from 1890, until by the end of 1893 she was the sole transit observer at Cambridge Observatory

(<https://articles.adsabs.harvard.edu/full/1912MNRAS..73..88B>).

Miss Walker left Cambridge Observatory in 1903 after 21 years' service - therefore started c.1882 at the age of c.19

(<https://articles.adsabs.harvard.edu/full/1904MNRAS..64..315>).

Annual Reports of Melbourne Observatory

No mention of a Miss Walker

([https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/search/filter_bibstem_facet fq_bibstem_facet=AND&filter_bibstem_facet fq_bibstem_facet=bibstem_facet%3A%22MNRAS%22&filter_database fq_database=AND&filter_database fq_database=database%3A%22astronomy%22&fq=%7B!type%3Daqp%20v%3D%24fq_database%7D&fq=%7B!type%3Daqp%20v%3D%24fq_bibstem_facet%7D&fq_bibstem_facet=\(bibstem_facet%3A%22MNRAS%22\)&fq_database=\(database%3A%22astronomy%22\)&p_ =o&q=\(\(Melbourne%20\)%20AND%20year%3A1900-1920\)&sort=date%20asc%2C%20bibcode%20asc](https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/search/filter_bibstem_facet fq_bibstem_facet=AND&filter_bibstem_facet fq_bibstem_facet=bibstem_facet%3A%22MNRAS%22&filter_database fq_database=AND&filter_database fq_database=database%3A%22astronomy%22&fq=%7B!type%3Daqp%20v%3D%24fq_database%7D&fq=%7B!type%3Daqp%20v%3D%24fq_bibstem_facet%7D&fq_bibstem_facet=(bibstem_facet%3A%22MNRAS%22)&fq_database=(database%3A%22astronomy%22)&p_ =o&q=((Melbourne%20)%20AND%20year%3A1900-1920)&sort=date%20asc%2C%20bibcode%20asc)).

Melbourne Observatory Annual Reports

No mention of a Miss Walker

([https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/search/p_ =o&q=\(\(bibstem%3AMelAR\)%20AND%20year%3A1900-1915\)&sort=date%20desc%2C%20bibcode%20desc](https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/search/p_ =o&q=((bibstem%3AMelAR)%20AND%20year%3A1900-1915)&sort=date%20desc%2C%20bibcode%20desc)).

Electoral records for Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

1905, Walker, Annie, Nyora, astronomer

1909, Walker, Annie, Nyora, astronomer

1912, Walker, Annie, Nyora, home duties

1928, Walker, Annie, Nyora, home duties

Conclusions

The Walker family except Mary and Annie emigrated to Australia in the early to mid-1880's.

Annie joined the family in Australia when she left the Cambridge Observatory, initially as an astronomer, but being unable to find employment as such, reverted to domestic duties.