

The Story of Arthur Born 25 Nov 1903 and Lena Born 14 March 1904 (nee Leach) Walker.

Albert Arthur Walker was born at Woodville on 25th November 1903.

Arthurs History, Family and Siblings are attached at the bottom of this page.

Lena Beatrice Leach was born at Piripiri on the 14th march 1904.

Lena Beatrice Leach's Parents were Richard Charles Leach (Jock) born Te Aute 2 June 1877 and Emily Kitchener born 1885.

Lena Beatrice Leach's Siblings were Emily May (May) born 17 Aug 1905

Ivy Joyce (Joyce) born 30 Oct 1907, Gwendoline (Gwen) born 4 July 1915

Charles Kitchener (Charlie) born 24 June 1917. Rex born 12 Oct 1919.

Lena and Arthur were married at ???? on the ??? 19????

They owned a home at 57 Ormond Street Woodville which was on a large block which had a tennis court.



They had five children Desmond Arthur, John Raymond, Betty Delores, Wendy Beatrice and Brenda Joy.

They owned a Piano, and the whole family learnt to play, they all played, taking turns, on family occasions.

Lena would organise and cook family meals while Arthur organised. and was also the prankster.

Arthur Share milked on the Jock and Emily Leach family farm having Pedigree Jersey cows.

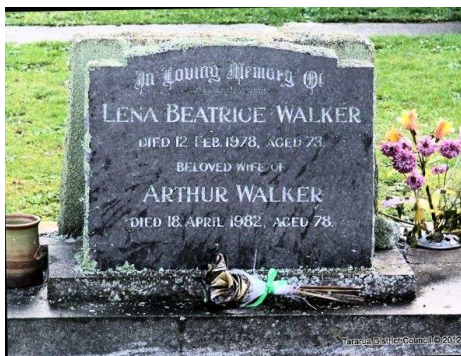
There was a creek at the back of the farm and the family would go fishing for eels of an evening, and Arthur would play Pranks scaring everyone in the dark.

They then owned a Drapery shop in the main street of Woodville, and sold the Shop around 1952/53.

With their sons married, they were involved in running the Woodville Girls marching team with their daughters marching. They planned organised and ran Dances in the Women's institute hall in Ross Street on a Saturday night to raise funds for the marching team.

With the family growing up and married off Arthur turned to selling Farm Insurance and used to travel all around the area selling insurance. He loved to have a punt at the local TAB.

Arthur died on the 18th April 1982 and Lena died on the 12th February 1978 and they are both buried at the Woodville Lawn Cemetery Grave #46.



CEMETERY DETAILS

Walker, Albert Arthur

Age: 78
Date of Birth: 25/11/1903
Occupation:
Marital Status: Widow/Widower
Denomination/Religion: Methodist
Date of Death: 18/04/1982
Date of Interment: 20/04/1982
Interment Type: Burial
Cemetery: Lawn Woodville
Cemetery Section: Main
Sub/Block: B
Row (Alpha)
Section/Plot Number
Grave: 46
Interment ID: 8698
Burial Warrant Number:
Funeral Director: A J Healey
Funeral Officiator: Rev Schranz

\Walker, Lena Beatrice

Age: 74
Date of Birth: 14/03/1903
Occupation:
Marital Status: Married
Denomination/Religion: Methodist
Date of Death: 12/02/1978
Date of Interment: 15/02/1978
Interment Type: Burial
Cemetery: Lawn Woodville
Cemetery Section: Main
Sub/Block: B

Row (Alpha)

Section/Plot Number

Grave: 46

Interment ID: 8607

Burial Warrant Number:

Funeral Director: A J Healey

Funeral Officiator: Rev Thornburrow

Enoch Walker 1840- 1908

It is now well over 112 years since Enoch and Jane Walker left England to emigrate to New Zealand.

Enoch Walker, who was born in 1840 in Masham, Yorkshire was a member of the Constabulary. He wished to marry Jane Greehalgh a daughter of a wealthy family from Ainsworth. Jane's people disapproved of the match, but the pair decided to emigrate to New Zealand and were married the day before they sailed—sometime in late 1864. (A Henry Greenhalgh whose Memoriam Card reads—Henry Greenhalgh—died January 15th, 1861 aged 66 years, Ainsworth Church, could be Jane's father and another card—Sarah wife of James Spencer, died June 26th, 1876 aged 45 years, possibly her sister).

Enoch had an older brother Thomas, who had emigrated to New Zealand some time before. This brother had established the first hotel in Greytown, and it was to this township that Enoch and Jane travelled. Jane and Enoch Walker settled in Greytown where Enoch set up a Boot Makers Shop on land belonging to his brother. After a few years of hardship he wished to freehold the land his now flourishing business was on. This did not eventuate so Enoch and Jane left Greytown and moved to Woodville. Jane, pregnant and in her early thirties travelled by horse with their children and belongings.

Arriving at Woodville Enoch again set up his Boot Makers Shop. The family had to live in a tent until a more permanent cottage of slab could be erected.

Thomas Henry (Harry) the eldest of their seven children told of travelling many times on horseback through the Manawatu Gorge to purchase leather for his father's business. On one such occasion his horse shied at a waterfall, causing Harry and horse to fall into the flooded river. Two days later he was found badly bruised and dazed two miles downstream—his horse a further three miles on. This mishap caused permanent damage to Harry's leg which gave him considerable pain in later life.

In 1879 Jane died of Brights disease. When the Woodville Cemetery was moved to a new site, Enoch refused to allow her grave to be disturbed, and it stands today in a field near Woodville.

A few years after Jane's death, Enoch married again—a Miss Eliza Ann Groves who had travelled to New Zealand with her father, mother, sisters and brother, they were from Milton, Oxfordshire, England. Just recently Mr Clarrie Groves of the Pahiatua Groves visited England and went to Milton and found the old family of Groves still in business which they have had for 400 years it is now managed by a Groves woman who is married to the local Methodist Minister and were away in Rome on holiday. The manager of the works said that there were numerous cousins living close by.

Arthur Walker writes regularly to Mrs Roselyn Young of Reedston House, Masham, North Yorkshire, England. She was Roselyn Walker and her sister is Margaret Peacock of Masham, these two women were Miss Walkers.

Margaret remembered her mother telling her of Enoch when he eloped with Jane and married and emigrated to New Zealand. This was a thrill to me in establishing the truth of the family head Enoch from their family Bible.

Sons and daughters of Enoch and Esther Walker of the 1800.

Thomas Walker, born 24th December 1831. Margaret Walker, born 29th June, 1837.

Mary Walker, born 25th October, 1834. Enoch Walker, born 5th June, 1840.

Below is the list of sons and daughters of Enoch Walker.

Thomas Henry Walker, September 16, 1865.

Enoch John Marsden Walker, February 25, 1867.

Esther May Walker, August 24, 1869.

Emily Jane Walker, May 23, 1871.

Margaret Isobel Walker, July 3, 1872.

James Percy Walker, May 10, 1874.

Florence Amelia Walker, December 21, 1875.

William George Walker, October 11, 1881.

Edward Luther Walker, July 3, 1883.

Alice May Walker, September 15, 1884.

Leonard Ainsworth Walker, March 31, 1886.

Roland Hughstowell Walker, December 16, 1888.

Frederick Gordon Walker, July 10, 1890.

Ivy Gertrude Walker, May 19, 1892.

Eric Raymond Walker, December 15, 1893.

Charles Rupert Walker, 1897.

Hector Greenhalgh Walker, 1899.

Albert Arthur Walker, November 25, 1903.

