

WROTH, John Acton, 1830-1876

John Acton Wroth's birth was registered on 17 December 1830 at St Mary at the Quay Church, Ipswich, England. He was the only son of John, a brewer, and his wife Elizabeth (née Reeves) who died in 1845. There were four older sisters. When Wroth was 17 years of age he was apprenticed to Stephen Piper, a printer in the town of Ipswich. He forged orders on behalf of local jewellers and a bootmaker and also stole a large quantity of stationery from his employer. The fraud was detected and Wroth was charged at the Ipswich Court in August 1848.

Wroth was transported to the Swan River Colony on the *Mermaid* with over 200 other convicts and a contingent of Pensioner Guards and their families. On the voyage out he was given the role of school assistant.

Following his arrival at Fremantle in May 1851, Wroth was sent to the York Convict Hiring Depot as a probationer prisoner working as a clerk. He received his ticket-of-leave on 28 November 1851. The comptroller-general granted him a conditional pardon in 1853.

In March 1854 Wroth was sent to the Toodyay Hiring Depot, where he was appointed clerk of courts. In June 1854 Wroth married Bridget Josephine Ellis, a recent arrival at the Depot. Ellis was one of the emigrant girls brought out on the so-called "bride ships" to redress the shortage of young women in the colony. The couple had five sons and a daughter.

Wroth contracted typhoid, resulting in his death on 30 July 1876. His memory and contribution to Western Australia are honoured in one of the plaques laid down in St Georges Terrace as part of the state's 150th birthday celebrations.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Acton_Wroth

MN	ACC	meterage / boxes	Date donated	CIU file	Notes
725	2816A	3 folders	December 1974		
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		BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE
ACC 2816A/1	1830	John Acton Wroth. Baptism solemnised in the parish of St Mary at the Key, Ipswich, Suffolk on 19 December 1830
		DIARIES
ACC 2816A/3 Security Stack + Microfilm copy	1851-1853	1 January 1851-31 July 1853. Original diary of John Acton Wroth <i>Original diary housed in Security Stack</i> <i>Public access microfilm copy</i>
ACC 2816A/3A	1851-1853	Typescript of the original diary
ACC 2816A/3B	1851-1853	Typescript of the original diary, "The typescript has been rearranged to give events in chronological sequence..." remark by Rica Erickson
		RECORDS (court and gaol)
ACC 5110A	n.d.	Typescript of records from Ipswich Gaol book, 1848; Suffolk Chronicle 1848; Ipswich Journal 1848; Letter from PRO Chancery Lane, 1980. 3p.

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		ACTON FAMILY RECORDS (see also MN 118, Wroth Family)
ACC 2816A/1A CHART SHELVES	1915	Certified copy of register of birth of James Lyons Wroth, registered on 27 January (18)62
ACC 2816A/2 CHART SHELVES	1896	Admittance to membership of the United Grand Lodge, Joseph Ablett Wroth
ACC 2816A/4 CHART SHELVES	1901	22 June 1901. Letter accompanying invitation to "Royal Celebrations"
ACC 2816A/5 CHART SHELVES	1901	Invitation issued to JA and Mrs Wroth, for their presence at the ceremonies in connection with the visit of their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York
ACC 2816A/6 CHART SHELVES	1901	July 4 th 1901. Acceptance note for presence at the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York

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