

WALKER, Hon. James Leonard

Born in Sydney NSW on 13 February 1885, James Leonard Walker first arrived in Western Australia in 1891. In 1904 he became Western Australia's first Rhodes Scholar and spent the next three years at Oxford and was called to the bar in London in 1907. Following his return to Perth he was admitted as a legal practitioner in 1909. In 1926 he joined the Crown Law Department and in 1930 was appointed Solicitor General and Chief Parliamentary Draftsman. It was in the latter role that in 1933 he was appointed Chairman of the Committee constituted by Parliament to prepare the case of Western Australia in support of the State's petition to the King and Imperial Parliament for legislation necessary to enable the State of western Australia to secede from the Commonwealth of Australia. In 1946 he was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court. He retired from judicial office in 1955 and died on 15 August 1963.

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ACC 4397A/2	February 1885 – April 1959	Hon. J.L. Walker, BA (Oxon), QC.
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ACC 6524A/1 SECURITY STACK	30 August 1904 – January 1945	Diary of journey from Western Australia to Oxford as WA's first Rhodes Scholar and subsequent events in his life after his return in late 1907. Original
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ACC 6524A/3	1953	File of invitations and ephemera relating to Hon J. L. Walker's attendance at the Coronation in London in 1953.
		PHOTOGRAPHS
BA1561	23 May 1904.	Studio photograph of James Leonard Walker, aged 19, taken in Perth. <i>Pictorial collection BA1561</i>

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