

Warby

My Excellent Guide

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Preface

This book has been a long time evolving. Some contributors may have given up hope of ever seeing it in print.

The kernel of thought goes back to a hot summer's day in the early 1950s, when a twelve year old girl and her father swam through the tall paspalum grass in St. Peter's Churchyard, Campbelltown looking for John Warby's grave. We were looking at old upright headstones which had fallen over but were pleasantly surprised to find the solidly built family vault. Just previously my aunt, Dulcie Fisher had visited the Mitchell Library and learnt that John Warby had been a convict. With an aura of excitement she told her brothers and sisters, only to be met with shock and horror which quickly spread to cousins. They definitely did not have a convict ancestor and swore a pact that they would never tell. Hence, my questions as to John Warby's status were always met with vague replies.

It was not until after I married that I had time to investigate my ancestors. Of course, this brought more shock and horror to the family. I was disappointed that they had not been truthful when I had asked, but resolved that problem by saying that as they had not confided in me, I was not part of the pact. It seemed ridiculous that my friends might drop me because I had a convict ancestor.

The year 1970 was the watershed year. The only answer to the argument that John Warby had not been a convict was to advise those in doubt to visit the Mitchell Library and ask to see the 1828 Census. The anti-convict argument fell away.

The years rolled on. Children, commitments to the wider family and death all took their toll.

Here is your ancestor's story. The only negative comment found about him once he arrived in the colony was by Captain Wallis, when John refused to accompany him on the massacre of natives. John was a sensitive, caring man. I am sure you will all agree.

Be proud of him.

Digital version.

With Michelle's permission and assistance I have undertaken to make a digital version of her book. At the same time we are attempting to correct such errors as have come to light since the publication of *Warby – My Excellent Guide*. We thank all descendants of John Warby who have supplied material which is included in this updated version. I have made every endeavour to verify the accuracy of this work and trust that I am forgiven for any errors which remain.

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Oldest and youngest at the First Warby Reunion held at St. Peter's Church, Campbelltown on 12th September, 1982. Alma Jane Broughton nee Meacle (left) nursing Anthony James Moore and Eva Jane Munnoch nee Warby nursing Geoffrey William Greaves.



First Warby Reunion: Picnic lunch in grounds of St Peter's Church, Campbelltown. Foreground Arthur Mowle and Mary-Louise McPherson. (Photograph Ruth Green.)



Second Warby Reunion, 15th February, 1992 to celebrate two hundred years since the arrival of John Warby in New South Wales. Children planting a Norfolk Island Pine Tree in the churchyard of St. Peter's Church. Nicole Stanley holding a stake.

(Photograph Joyce Etheridge)

Children of John Warby and Sarah nee Bentley

Edward	born 20/4/1800 died 27/7/1804
William	born 31/7/1801 died 18/8/1885 married 18/1/1821 Jemima Middleton
Elizabeth	born 30/9/1802 died 12/7/1894 married 8/2/1820 James Layton married 23/2/1829 James Keirnan
John	born 3/11/1803 died 19/8/1826
Benjamin	born 3/3/1805 died 8/3/1880 married 13/9/1824 Elizabeth Hunt married 1836 Frances Judith Bent
Jane	born 10/10/1806 died 26/3/1876 married c1829 Michael Byrne
Sarah	born 10/10/1806 died 6/1/1893 married 14/1/1822 Alexander MacDonald married 4/5/1853 Joseph Terry
Charles Cable	born 7/11/1810 died 24/8/1876 married 16/7/1840 Elizabeth Dean
Mary Ann	born 3/1/1813 died 20/9/1904 married 19/4/1830 James Graham
Robert	born 10/4/1814 died 5/12/1853 married 14/11/1845 Elizabeth Fowler
Eliza	born 10/10/1815 died 6/8/1896 married 31/3/1840 William Fowler
James	born 7/2/1817 died 12/5/1849 married 24/11/1842 Mary Ann Brooker
Joseph	born 7/11/1818 died 30/3/1899 married 25/10/1838 Elizabeth Fowler
Richard	born 1821 mentioned on his mother's death certificate but no other record