

Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser – 7 Sep 1886
Bundaberg

... The District Court opens its sittings on Friday next, before Mr Justice Miller ... Civil cases ... James Court WALKER v. Henry Wedemeyer, dishonored promissory note ...

The Telegraph (Bne) 7 Apr 1891

... FIRE BRIGADE BOARDS.— The names of the following gentlemen constitute the fire brigade boards mentioned in connection with their respective names—Bundaberg : James Court Walker, Mayor of Bundaberg ; Frederic Buss, nominated by the Municipal Council

The Brisbane Courier 23 March 1892

The creditors of James Court Walker, of Bundaberg, storekeeper, yesterday accepted the debtor's offer of a composition of 20s. in the pound, the payments to extend over two years.

The Bundaberg Mail and Burnett Advertiser

21 June 1915

A PIONEER GONE

DEATH OF MR. J. C. WALKER.

Although the news was not unexpected, nevertheless a deep pang of grief was experienced throughout the district yesterday morning when the news spread that Mr. James Court Walker had passed away to join the great majority. This noble-minded gentleman, who worthily held prominent recognition amongst the pioneers of the district, had been in enfeebled health for some months, and quite prostrated for some weeks, his secretarial duties being carried out by his daughter, Mrs. C. E. Dawson, who for quite a number of years previously had been closely associated with her father's work, Mr. Walker, who had attained to the ripe age of 77 years, had been 48 years in Queensland, he having arrived in Maryborough by the Young Australian. With Mr. David Scott, of Bundaberg, he worked in the establishment of Mr. John Walker, in Maryborough, when the now well-

known foundry business was first started. In the early days of the copper boom he went to Mount Perry and entered into business there, taking a considerable interest in mining development, and he was one of the original shareholders in the New Moonta Mines, retaining his interest therein until the property was purchased by the Queensland Copper Company. a few years ago. After three years at Mount Perry Mr. Walker, in 1875, came to reside in Bundaberg and was for many years prominent in business circles, especially in North Bundaberg. From the very outset he took a leading part in all progressive affairs, and held leading positions in most of the local institutions in Bundaberg's embryo days. In fact many of our most important institutions owe their origin to his energy, zeal, and guidance. In 1875 he led the agitation for the construction of the Mount Perry railway, his fine platform advocacy having a telling effect, his eloquent peroration on one particular occasion being spoken of for many years afterwards. For many years he held the position of Chairman of the Gooburrum Divisional Board, during which period he handed his honorarium as a donation to the hospital funds. He was a foundation member of the Hospital, an institution in which he for ever took the deepest interest. He was one of the earliest presidents, and for the last twenty years has faithfully carried out the duties of Secretary. In September, 1876, mainly due to the efforts of the now deceased gentleman, the Loyal Mutual Aid Lodge M.U.I.O.O.F. was instituted, The first officers being Messrs. Jones, J. C. Walker, T. White, T. Hills, E. Byrne, H. Hunt, J. Hume, T. Ball, J. Saint, A. M., Goodwin, J. Barry and W. H. McCann, only three of whom are now alive. In March, 1878, the first Hospital Committee was elected, but it was not until the February following that the regular election of office-bearers took place, The Committee being Messrs. Overend; G. J. Young, Ford, F. Smith, M. Duffy; Goodwin, Fermann, A. G Hamilton, and Bertbeau, and the trustees Messrs. A. Walker, J. C. Walker. S. Johnson, Manchester and A. H. Brown. In 1873 the

progress Association was formed, with Mr. J. C. Walker as President, and it was to this body that most of the good work performed for Bundaberg in its primitive days must be credited. In 1683 Mr. Walker was selected to oppose Sir Thomas McIlwraith as parliamentary representative of Bundaberg, but he was defeated by 657 votes to 321. Three years later on the retirement of Sir Thomas, he again sought parliamentary honours, the voting on this occasion being Walter Adams 511 and J. C. Walker 435. Mr. Walker, with Messrs. J. Lamb and W. G. Marsh, were the active spirits in connection with the building of a Wesleyan Church in Bundaberg. In 1885. Mr. Walker presided in 1878 at the first public meeting to advocate a Municipal Council for Bundaberg. In 1875 Mr Walker was sent to Brisbane as the delegate to press local claims and to ask the combined construction of a railway and traffic bridge, his advocacy being most fruitful. As indicating his generous spirit one action of his will bear recounting. In the great flood of January. 1890, when so many people were rendered homeless, Mr. Walker not only organised relief parties, but at his own expense provided sustenance for the large number of sufferers who were camped in the school ground. Mrs. Walker, predeceased her husband about a year since, and the late gentleman is mourned by his daughter, Mrs. Dawson, and two sons, Messrs. Joe Walker, Brisbane, and Fred Walker, of the Railway Department. The funeral, which is entrusted to Messrs. F. O. Brown and Co.. takes place at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon.