

## Edward Warburton Letters Altrincham, Cheshire, England

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*These letters were found in the papers of Ruth Scott Jones Fowle. Her grandson, Robert E. Westlake, Sr. MD, gave them to his daughter, Barbara W. Walker. They are in poor condition. The letters were written by Edward Warburton, Ruth's mother's brother, to his nephew and Ruth's brother, George Washington Jones.*

October 16th/83

Dear Nephew

I Received your letter and was very glad to hear from you and being well I hope you will excuse me not writing before Your Uncle Thomas<sup>1</sup> address Is T. Warburton Galvanized Iron Merchant & Importer 23 Bourke Street West Melbourne but Im sorry to tell you that he was murdered some years ago but Aunt<sup>2</sup> Is living there still and about your Uncle William<sup>3</sup> he is keeping a coal yard at \_\_\_ In Altrinsham close to where I live Dear nephew Im very glad that the money affair Is settled I had a deal a Bother The Lawyer was very nasty with me and I do assure you It cost me 2 or 3 pounds. He wanted paying every Time I went to see him; and we have sent many a letter to you but got no answer we thought you was dead and now dear nephew I must give you a little History of myself you might think It strange but you know we have ups and downs In this life me and your aunt has had to pull through a deal I do assure you but we keep Trusting on and I hope we shall be better off me and your Aunt whould like to see you I do assure you we have wish It many a Time and Dear Nephew you will be surprised when I tell you that your Uncle William looks upon me as dirt because he Is better off than myself but I thank God he has given me health and strength to do without him I must conclude Hoping that God will protect you as we don't know what a day may bring forth

From your loving Uncle and Aunt

Edward Warburton

No 19 Albert Street

Altrincham

Cheshire

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<sup>1</sup> Edward's brother, Thomas Warburton (10 Apr 1830 – 1 Nov 1871)

<sup>2</sup> Thomas Warburton's wife, Martha *Frost* Warburton (c1829 – 1 Jul 1896)

<sup>3</sup> Edward and Thomas Warburton's brother, William Warburton (6 Dec 1827 – 1897)

*The right edge of the following letter is torn off. An ellipsis (...) shows the missing portions. The letters in brackets [ ] are a guess.*

Altrincham Dec 2 [1883 from context]

Dear Nephew & Niece

I received your ... and welcome letter and was gla[d] ... to hear of you both being well y[ou] ... whould think I had forgotten y[ou] ... by not writing sooner but I ha[ve] ... been working away from Home ... and you ask about your Aunt M ... your Uncle Toms wife we have wro ... to her several Times and she has ... never answered our letters back ... and I will see your Uncle William ... and ask him to write to you an ... has regards the money I think ... that your Father should have ... allowed you and sister a sh ... It shows a kind spirit In ... by sacrificing that which ... have done you good but do ... think It through any disrespe[ct] to your Father Im very sorry to ... [he]ar that he Is unwell and If ... [y]ou see him give our respects to ... [h]im and tell him we shall ... glad to hear from him and ... [te]ll sister Ruth that we send our ... [ver]y best love to her and tell her ... Is getting quite little Family ... she may have Health to ... \_\_\_ with the cares of his life ... [Dea]r Nephew I have not much \_\_\_ ... tell you only the Weather in ... [E]ngland keeps very Open for the Time of the Year you know ... In 3 weeks we shall have ... Christmas Day but Im afraid ... will be a poor one for a great ... [ma]ny on account of Work being ... [sc]arce I don't know how It Is ... you see men begins to strike ... the very worst part of the year

Dear Nephew I have sent yo[ur] ... sisters children a little Christ[mas] ... card each I have no doubt It ... will please them I should ha[ve] ... sent something better If I co[uld] ... and I will let you have our ... likeness as soon as possibly ca ... do so whould you please to ... send you Aunt Word If yo[ur] ... Eldest sister<sup>4</sup> Is alive and ... she \_\_\_ send us word where ... Is living and send her wo[rd] ... that we should like to hear fr[om] her we think she must be de[ad] ... as you have never said anythi[ng] ... about her In your letter y[ou] ... see in the midst of life we may ... be taken away we have seen ... It About 3 Weeks since \_\_\_ ... Accrington \_\_\_ Manchester ... 100 and odd went down In ... Coal mine<sup>5</sup> well In health ... [a]nd strength little dreaming ... would never see those the ... \_\_\_ anymore the was 40 of ... [th]em perished showing that one ... \_\_\_ Is In Health and strength ... \_\_\_ always be ready and ... dear Nephew I must conclude ... I have nothing of Importance tell you but hoping that God ... [ma]y protect you both through ... [th]is life as It is a Thorney Road ... Walk.

From Your loving

Aunt Ann and Uncle Edward

did not know the Names ... the other 3 we have sent ... each

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<sup>4</sup> Elizabeth Emma Jones Kinzing (26 Jul 1845 – 15 Oct 1871)

<sup>5</sup> See <http://www.accringtonobserver.co.uk/news/local-news/thirteen-children-among-68-killed-1265030> & <http://www.grimshaworigin.org/WebPages/MoorPit.htm>

July 20th/84

Dear Nephew & Neice

You will think us very unkind with not answering the last letter before now. It Is not that we had forgot you Your Aunt Ann my wife has had some Relations on her side has died and It has thrown It rather awkward for a short time where death comes you know it does throw things wrong on this Earth you said you whould let us know when you heard of your Father I hope you will I should like to hear from him Your Aunt thinks It very kind of you thinking about her Birthday she is so taken up with you although never seeing you she says she whould like to come and see you we have sent you our Photographs we have not sent you them but not we Intended but when \_\_\_ we will send you some better ones the are a \_\_\_ correct ones. You will see at the End of my nose a little pike and it shows on the photo Im sorry to tell you that their has been another Railway accident at Penistone In Yorkshire their was 22 killed on the spot and a great many Injured the brought the Injured the brought to Manchester Infirmary and I believe It was an awful sight to see their clothing and things laid out to be owned by their Relatives the cause of the accident was the Breaking of the axle of the Engine and the other Part of the Train Rolled down an Embankment about 30 to 40 Feet such a sight I believe has not been seen In England for this long Time<sup>6</sup> all your Cousins sends their kind love to you and the wish you well You will see that I was taken In my light Clothes If I had been taken In my Black suit I should have shown my features Better Your Aunt Is so troubled about you she wants to know If you are married she asks that many a Time she thinks by your likeness If you are not you ought to be You \_\_\_ excuse this short letter but we send Kisses for all the Children and we send out very best to you and sister and may God protect you both In this World.

From Your

Dear Uncle and Aunt

Edward and Ann Warburton

No 19 Albert Street

Altrincham

\_\_\_ Manchester

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<sup>6</sup> See

<http://www.btp.police.uk/History%20Society/Publications/History%20Society/The%20history/A%20Time%20Line%20for%20Policing%20the%20Railways%201676-1899.htm>: A Time Line for Policing the Railways & <http://archive.spectator.co.uk/article/19th-july-1884/3/a-railway-accident-of-ghastly-severity-and-fatalit>