

John Stewart junior MRCVS 1832-1904

John Stewart junior was born in Edinburgh, the son of John Stewart, veterinary surgeon, and his wife Annie, née Robinson. He was educated at the Royal (Dick) Veterinary College. On admission as MRCVS, he set up a practice in Glasgow, but about 1860 migrated to New South Wales.

Stewart practised at Morpeth but soon moved to Windsor where he established a veterinary hospital. In 1862, he was appointed an inspector of pleuropneumonia in cattle in 1862 and asked to report on the efficacy of inoculation against the disease. During an outbreak of sheep scab in 1863, he became a sheep inspector. He set up a second veterinary hospital and forge in Bathurst in 1865, but abandoned both in 1876 because of drought. About that time, he moved his practice from Windsor to Castlereagh Street, Sydney, where his eldest son, John Malcolm, joined him in practice.

Stewart was foundation president of the Veterinary Medical Association of New South Wales in 1894, the first successful veterinary organisation in Australia. He was also veterinary inspector for the Agricultural Society of New South Wales, and veterinary surgeon for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Two of his sons became veterinary surgeons of whom the better known was James Douglas, who lectured at the Sydney Technical College in the late 1890s and early 1900s, and was professor of veterinary science at the University of Sydney in 1910-1939.

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