Anthony O'Grady Lefroy, (1816–1897), pastoralist and civil servant, was born on 14 March, 1816 at Limerick, the eldest son of Henry Lefroy, vicar of Santry near Dublin, and his wife, Dorothea, daughter of John O'Grady of Kilballyowen. He was descended from Antoine Loffroy, a Huguenot refugee who left Flanders and settled at Canterbury about 1587. On 22 October, 1832, Lefroy entered Trinity College, Dublin, and was followed on 2 July, 1839 by his brother Gerald de Courcy. After graduation they decided to migrate to Western Australia. They sailed in the Lady Grey and arrived at Fremantle in January, 1843. As they were being rowed ashore, their belongings, including equipment and a bag containing 900 sovereigns, fell overboard; fortunately their possessions were soon recovered.

The brothers briefly visited their cousin, Henry Maxwell Lefroy, at York, before going to live with the Burges family to learn the essentials of colonial husbandry. Some months later they rented Springdale, near Northam, and a property at Bolgart. In 1846 they found a choice pastoral run at Walebing and took out a squattting licence. Faced with a dire shortage of labour when trying to develop Walebing and anxious to overcome the problem, Lefroy supported the settlers' petition to the Colonial Office for a penal establishment in Western Australia. Later he engaged several ticket-of-leave men to work on building projects at Walebing.

Men of his education and training were then rare in the colony and Lefroy was invited to join the civil service. He accepted and in 1849 became private secretary to Governor Fitzgerald. In 1856 he was appointed clerk of the Legislative and Executive Councils and colonial treasurer. He also served as chairman of the Board of Education, as paymaster of the Pensioners' Board and in 1875–77, as acting colonial secretary. Always amiable and tactful, Lefroy was noted for his kindness and ability to give fair and satisfactory decisions. He was also a member of the Board of Education and served as chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Public Works.

In the early 1860s Lefroy dissolved his partnership with Gerald, who continued to manage the property at Walebing. Despite this he remained interested in the property and continued to support his brothers' efforts. He was a member of the Board of Commissioners of Public Works and served as chairman of the Board of Education. He also served as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Public Works and was a prominent figure in the colony's development.

In 1880, he was appointed to the Legislative Council and served as chairman of the Board of Education. He was a member of the Board of Commissioners of Public Works and served as chairman of the Board of Education. He also served as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Public Works and was a prominent figure in the colony's development.

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