

WALKER FAMILY CEMETERY

Visited October 19, 1974. This small, well-kept cemetery is located on the property of the Airport Authority, approximately 300 yards behind the southeast corner of the Internal Revenue Service Center, 3131 Democrat Road.

William Walker
Born April 14, 1800
Footstone: plain

Jane Walker
Born May 4, 1804
Died Oct. 5, 1877
Footstone: J.W.

Mrs. Sarah T. Fant
Daughter of
Wm. & Jane Walker
Born Oct. 1, 1830
Died July 30, 1850
Footstone: plain

William W. - son of
B.S. & Sarah T. Fant
Born May 1, 1850
Died July 18, 1850
Footstone: plain

Henry Holeman
Born March 24, 1823
Died Jan. 2, 1852
Footstone: H.H.

William Henry - son
of William &
Jane Walker
Aged 13 ys 3ms & 13ds
Footstone: W.H.W.

Rebecca Frances
Dau. of Wm. & Jane
Walker and
Wife of Tom
Holeman, Jr.
Born May 12, 1836
Died March 31, 1861

Mary Vanhook - dau.
of Rebecca F. &
Tom Holeman, Jr.
Born Oct. 29, 1860
Died June 30, 1862

Richard A. - son of
Wm. & Jane Walker
Born April 1, 1840
Died April 17, 1849
Footstone: plain

Charles J. Walker
Born Jan'y 21, 1843
Blessed are the
pure in heart for
they shall see God.
Footstone: plain

Mary L. Walker
Daughter of
A.N. & A.E. Plunkett
Born Nov. 6, 1842
Died Oct. 7, 1867
Blessed are the dead
who die in the Lord
Footstone: plain

Infant of
C.J. & M.L. Walker
Born Oct. 1, 1867
(only date)
Footstone: plain

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The Memphis Press-Scimitar of December 13, 1979, and of January 3, 1980, reported the cemetery would be removed, and graves interred in Elmwood Cemetery to allow expansion of Federal Express, a small-package delivery firm. Thirty-six surviving relatives of William and Jane Walker had been located, many of them in Memphis. They consist of five great-grandchildren, nine great-great-grandchildren and 22 great-great-great-grandchildren. One of the great-grand children, Henry Walker, 64, of 746 Dickinson, Memphis, was quoted as saying William Walker's family came to Memphis from North Carolina and purchased land in what is now the airport area. The original purchase was for 466 acres in 1829. There was a two-story plantation home on the old place. Other great-grandchildren are his brother, Richard Walker, 69, of 501 Alexander, Memphis; and three sisters - Mrs. Louis (Janie) Bettison, 73, of 380 Reese, Memphis; Mrs. May Strong, 82, a patient at Oakville Memorial Hospital, Memphis; and Mrs. Floyd (Katherine) Barrow, 75, of Carabelle, Florida. Their grandfather was Charles J. Walker, a Civil War veteran. The oldest of the great-grandchildren was the late William Henry Walker II.