

Walker

Family

History

Primarily this collection of pictures came to us from Burl's cousin, Beulah Shaver Brown Hop-pough, daughter of Dale and Cora Walker Shaver. In the 80's when our family was cultivating land on their farm on Johnson Hill Road, she came to Burl, suggesting that Aunt Mildred Walker Harvey's picture albums should be returned to the Walker family, since her own family were not interested.

Aunt Mildred was Erwin's younger sister, who had been a schoolteacher; some of the early portraits, the Snyder collection, had surely been her mother's, and she had been in a position to afford the luxury of photography in tough times, accounting for the later, more recent black-and-whites.

Wisely Aunt Mildred had done a thorough job of labeling; this album is dedicated to these two ladies.

M.W.

1997



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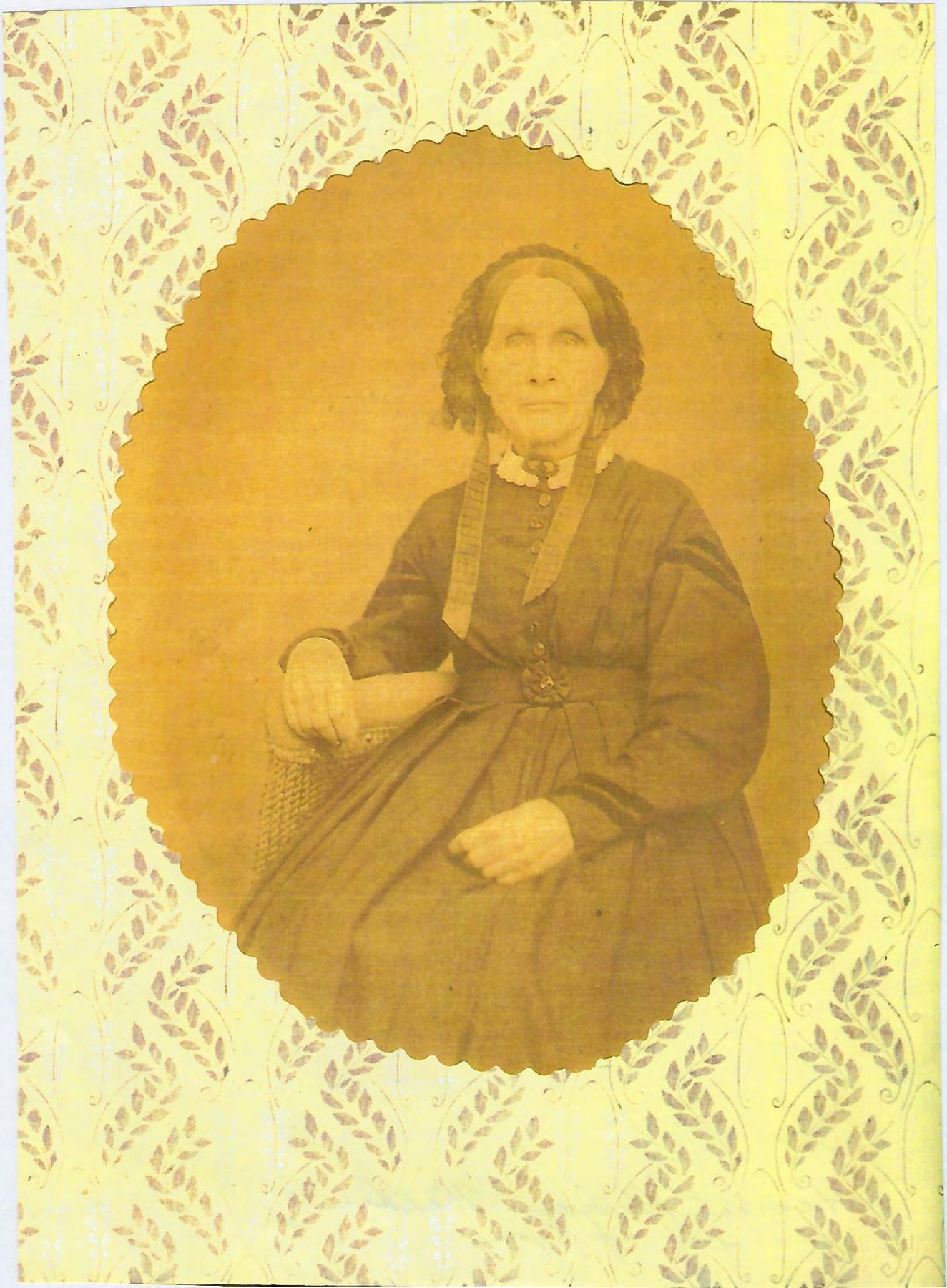
## The Walker Family Tree

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G6 - The Walker Descendants	
<a href="#">G5 - Allan Walker (1909-1988) and Georgia A. Miner (1914-1988)</a>	The Miner Family
G6 - Alma J. Walker (birth- ) and Spouse (birth- )	The Spouse's Family
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G5 - Kenneth Walker (1914-1989) and Frances Jones (birth-death)	The Jones Family
G6 - The Walker Descendants	
G5 - Bruce A. Walker (1916-1995) and Jean M. Mehlenbacher (birth-death)	The Mehlenbacher Family
G6 - The Walker Descendants	
<a href="#">G5 - Burl B. Walker (1918-2002) and Marian Warner (1923-2018)</a>	The Warner Family
G6 - Richard Walker (1947-2002) and Suzanne Roblyer (birth- )	The Roblyer Family
G7 - The Walker Descendants	

G6 - Donald Walker (birth- ) and Spouse (birth- )	The Spouse's Family
G7 - The Walker Descendants	
G6 - Mark Walker (birth- ) and Spouse (birth- )	The Spouse's Family
G7 - The Walker Descendants	
G5 - Erwin R. Walker II (1922-2005) and Rosemary Miller (1922-2010)	The Miller Family
G6 - Theodore Walker (birth- ) and Spouse (birth- )	The Spouse's Family
G7 - The Walker Descendants	
G6 - Lois Walker (birth- ) and Daniel Toploski (birth- )	The Toploski Family
G6 - Joan Walker (birth- ) and Thomas Wamp (birth- )	The Wamp Family
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G6 - Sherie L. Walker (1958-1980 )	
G7 - No Descendants	
G4 - Cora Walker (1881-1950) and Dale Shaver (1879-1956)	The Shaver Family
G4 - Mildred W. Walker (1890-1950) and Leon J. Harvey (1890-1973)	The Harvey Family
<u>G3 - Mark G. Walker (1860-1918) and Sarah M. Staley (1863-1932)</u>	The Staley Family
G4 - Louis I. Walker (1882-1961) and Rose ? (1879-1950)	The Spouse's Family
G5 - The Walker Descendants	
G4 - Mary A. Walker (1888-1952) and Burton C. Stuart (1877-1940)	The Stuart Family
G4 - John E. Walker (1891-death) and Elizabeth J. Smail (1884-death)	The Smail Family
G5 - The Walker Descendants	
G4 - Flora E. Walker (1896-1950) and Perry Hultz (birth-death)	The Hultz Family
G3 - Judson E. Walker (1863-1937) and Julia M. Bill (1868-1929)	The Bill Family
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G2 - Lucy N. Walker (1825-1912) and Hiram W. Stratten (1824-1896)	The Stratten Family
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G3 - The Walker Descendants	
G2 - Harriet S. Walker (1833-death) and Spouse (birth-death)	The Spouse's Family
G2 - Ellen A. Walker (1842-1851)	
G3 - No Descendants	
G2 - Lucinda C. Walker (1844-death) and Spouse (birth-death)	The Spouse's Family



Harriet Stewart Wacker  
wif. of Ezra



Ezra Walker monument

1798-1850



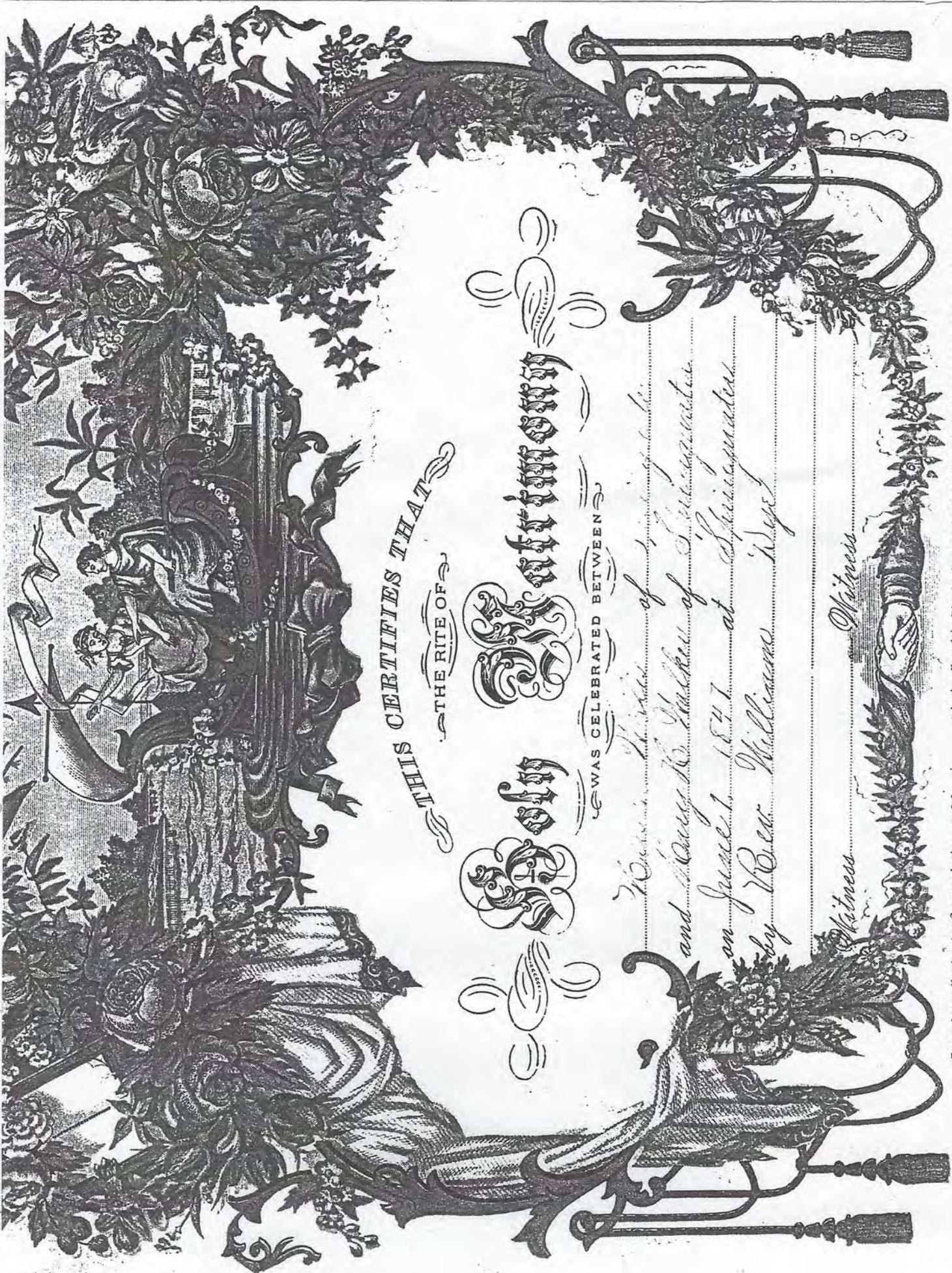
Rock marks site of first home  
on Walker Road.

Cradle in which the infant, William P.  
travelled with his parents, Ezra and  
Harriet Stewart Walker.



Yoke worn by the team of oxen when Ezra  
and his family travelled to this area.

PHOTO COPY OF ORIGINAL FOUND IN NELSON WILLIS BIBLE



THIS CERTIFIES THAT  
THE RITE OF

Holy Communion  
WAS CELEBRATED BETWEEN

Wm. H. Williams of Springfield  
and Mary W. Walker of Springfield  
on June 1, 1847 at Springfield  
by Wm. Williams Wyt

Witness  
Witness

Entered according to act of Congress in the year 1835,  
in the office of the District Court of the United States in and for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

You could give to Marion Walker

Grandma Walker



Grandma Walker + Aunt Em

This would be Grandma Mercy Walker who suffered a stroke and was in a wheel chair for twenty-five years. Kirk Fuller says she was cared for by her daughter Em who was married to Glen Abrams, and that Mercy died in Wayland, where they lived.

Mercy Gates Walker



TO THE MEMORY OF



Mrs. William Walker

DIED  
Aug 30, 1899



AGED  
73 years

One precious to our hearts has gone,  
The voice we loved is stilled,  
The place made vacant in our home  
Can never more be filled.  
Our Father in His wisdom called  
The boon His love had given ;  
And though on earth the body lies,  
The soul is safe in Heaven.





Frank, Jud, John  
and Mark?  
Walker



Maria Walker married 63  
Auk Rogers; their son,  
Charlie had a son Harry  
and a daughter Maude. 65  
Harry's son is Burr. 66  
Their daughter Eva, mar-  
ried Charles Carron.

Maria Rogers

Rogers family



Maude at  
16



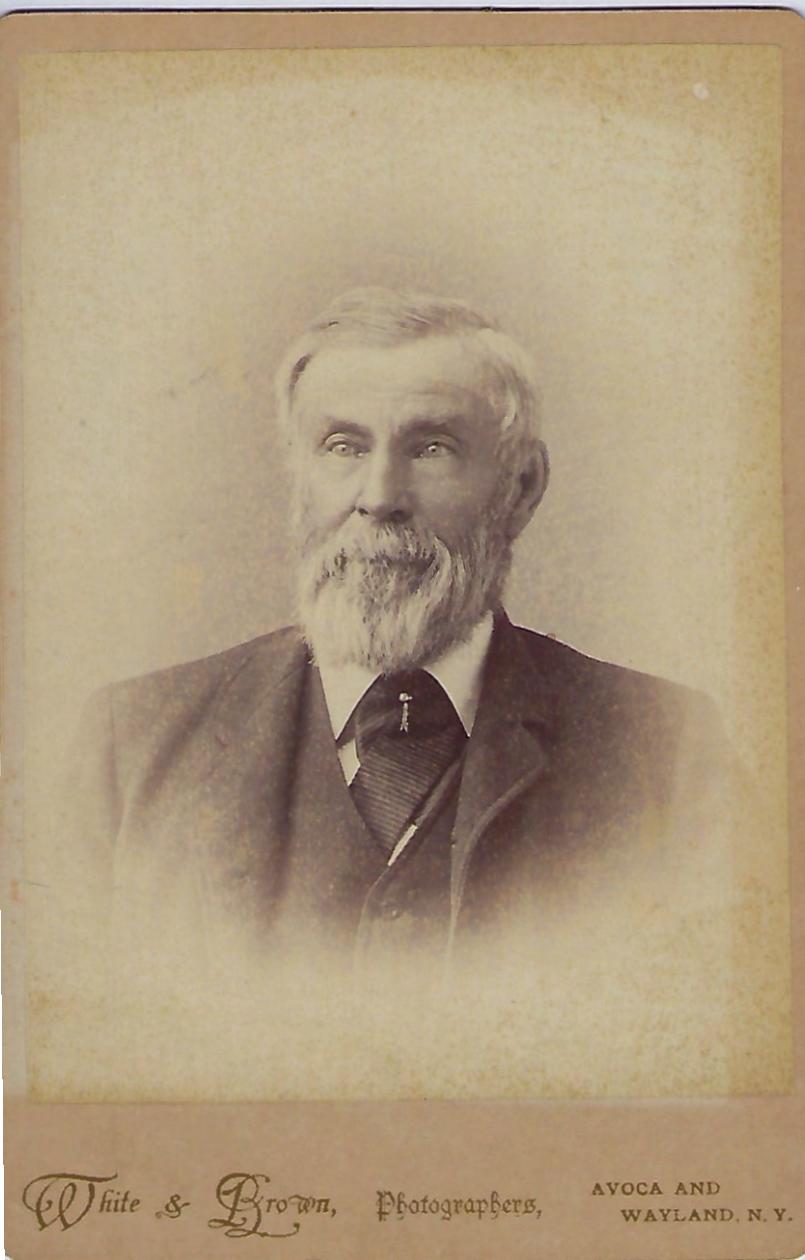
Burr +  
Maude  
Rogers



Eva Capron



Eva + Chas Capron



White & Brown, Photographers,

AVOCA AND  
WAYLAND, N. Y.



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John C. Walker m. Lillie J. Higgins

1849-1906

1851-1872

These photos are labeled Mr & Mrs Higgins  
Philo & Lydia?



Myrtie



Myrtie

Myrtie daughter of  
John Walker and  
Sarah Brown Walker.  
Mother of Hugh Fuller  
and Kirk Fuller.



Myrtie  
at 14

Jean Walker.  
Wayland, Dec. 2. The death of John Walker, a highly respected citizen of this village, occurred last night. He was fifty-seven years of age and was born in East Springwater, on the ~~same place~~ on which he died. Ten years ~~ago~~ he retired and moved to this village. He had not been feeling well for some time, but was able to be about until last Monday, when he insisted on going to his daughter, who resides on the old homestead, where he was born. Immediately after getting there he went to bed and continued to grow ~~ill~~ until he passed away. The cause of death was Bright's disease. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Bert Fuller; two sisters, Mrs. O. R. and Mrs. G. D. Abrams, of this village, and three brothers, Judson and Mark, of Springwater.



Emma Walker Abrams  
January 5, 1885





Uncle Frank  
Aunt Nell  
Walker



Lillian Walker Abrams  
1858-1896

Floyd son of Glen and Lill Walker  
Abrams as a young man travelled in  
the capacity of barber-shop sales-  
man. He met a woman, Lulu, whom  
he married in the West. She re-  
turned here with him for a time,  
he was a barber locally, then re-  
entered the salesman role. Their  
life together ended when she shot  
him in a motel room. She was not  
held.  
Glen married Emma after Lill's death.





Mark Walker & Sarah Staley  
1860-1918  
Family  
1863-1932



Uncle Jud  
Walker at  
16



Uncle Jud & his  
Julia Walker



Fritchen Walker



Jud and Julia Walker  
had three daughters:  
Gretchen, Ruth and Hazel.





Mother at 91  
and her  
Skippy cat 11



Gleaner Picnic  
Lona Engels



Ladies Aid  
Cora entertained  
for mother  
at 89 yrs

Lady on right is Mildred Walker Harvey whose album provided most of the pictures for this history. Grandma Allie lived with her on East Naples Street in Wayland until her death.



Ernie



Ernie



Ernie at  
20

Children of William  
and Alma Snyder Walker:

Erwin	1877-1923
Cora	1881-1950
Mildred	1890-1950



Mildred



Mildred



Cora Dale  
married  
Dec 1908



Cora at 16



Audrey  
Sherer 18



Dale Cora  
Bentley  
1908



Cora



Cora + Dale



Cora + Keith



At Canadice  
Miss King  
and  
my father



Notation on reverse:  
"Picnic at Canadice Lake  
1897", and we presume  
the large man on left  
to be William Walker.

Note on picture  
"my father" is Mildred's  
reference to her father.



*Grandma & Erwin with lost ring Dec 1943*

This is Erwin returning his grandmother's ring which had been lost, as the picture states, for 60 years. The story is that Grandma Allie had grown very thin and had lost the ring when she was doing household chores while they still lived in the little house then located across the road from the Chisholm property. Grandma gave the ring to Erwin, who had a wedding band made for his wife when they were married in 1943. - Erwin was cultipacking in the field behind the barn, and it is presumed that the ring was taken there with some rubbish perhaps from the old house.



*Merry Christmas*





*Picnic at Hemlock*



*Picnic at Hemlock*



*Mother - with Gladys + Alma Jean*

These snapshots were taken at Hemlock Park around 1939-40 when the Snyder Reunion was held there. "Mother" is Grandma Allie, and the men in the one picture include Alex, Ward, Johnny, Bruce, Toot, Ervy...children are Walker "grands": Eugene, Gary, Bill, Gladys, and Alma Jean. Among the women are Mother Walker on the right back and Leola, Georgia, and Helen Walker. Aunt Cora Shaver is in front of the post, near her mother.



Maude Walker taken  
in 1947



Maude and Anna Smart  
Last taken about 1950,  
Anna died in 1951 also.



Gladys  
Alex + Ward

Alex and Ward  
with Aunt Hattie  
Green.





l. to r.:  
Myrtie, Kirk, Bert Fuller,  
Julia, Hazel, Grandma  
Whitman, Gladys, Maude;  
Alex and Ward, Ernie is  
barely visible, and Jud  
Walker.

Walkers + Fullers  
Grandma at Whitman  
Canadian Lake

\* likely Hugh,  
part-born.



Gladys Walker Loveland  
1900-1924

Aug. 17, 1924

## INDIGESTION FATAL TO 2 WAYLAND RESIDENTS

WAYLAND, Aug. 18.—Acute indigestion claimed two residents of this hamlet yesterday, one a bride of a week and the other a well-known business man.

Mrs. Harley Loveland, 24 years old, died in Dunkirk yesterday morning. She was married less than a week and was on her honeymoon. Mrs. Loveland was formerly Gladys Walker. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Erwin Walker, and eight brothers.

William D. Gamble, 48 years old, prominent in business and social circles here, also died early yesterday morning of acute indigestion. He is survived by his wife, formerly Bertha Dodde, a son, William D. Gamble Jr., and three sisters, living in Rochester.



Florence Weber Loveland who  
married Harley, and became a  
part of families, as he did.



Nally picnic about 1945



7-23-69



Ward's Boys



Ward's Girls



Family picnic to celebrate Alex and Ward's birthday 1940 at Ward and Helen's home in Kurtz Hollow.

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**ALLAN WALKER**

Allan (Johnnie) Walker, 79, of Springwater died Wednesday (July 13, 1988) in Noyes Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

Born June 26, 1909, a son of Erwin and Maude Smart Walker, he was a native and life resident of Springwater. He was employed at the Woodcroftery shops in Wayland, retiring in 1973. Mr. Walker was a life member of the Springwater Fire Department and a life member of the Springwater Rod and Gun Club. He was a member of the Springwater United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Georgia; a daughter, Alma Jean Jenson, and a son, James, both of Springwater; three grandsons; four brothers, Kenneth of Englewood, Fla., Bruce, Burl and Erwin, all of Wayland; nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was conducted Saturday afternoon in the Springwater United Methodist Church with the Rev. Stephen Porter and the Rev. Sheila Swanger officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Springwater, with arrangements by the St. George-Stanton Funeral Home in Wayland.

**KENNETH WALKER**

**SPRINGWATER** — Kenneth "Toot" Walker, 75, of Englewood, Fla., formerly of Springwater, died Thursday (July 13, 1989) at Newark-Wayne Community Hospital.

Born April 11, 1914, in Springwater, son of Erwin and Maude Smart Walker, he was married July 24, 1937, to the former Frances Jones, who survives.

A resident of Springwater until eight years ago, he spent winters in Englewood and summers in Macedon.

He owned and operated a farm in Springwater until his retirement in 1981. He was a life member of the Springwater Fire Department.

In addition to his wife, survivors include one daughter, Gladys Walker of Palmyra; one son, Robert of Palmyra; four grandchildren; three brothers, Bruce, Burl and Erwin, all of Wayland; nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the St. George-Stanton Funeral Home of Wayland, where a service will be at 12:15 p.m. Sunday with the Rev. Stephen Porter officiating. Burial will be in Mount Vernon Evergreen Cemetery, Springwater.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Palmyra Fire Department.

**BRUCE A. WALKER**

**WAYLAND** — Bruce A. Walker, 78, of state Route 21, died Saturday (March 11, 1995) at his home, after a long illness.

Mr. Walker was born August 31, 1916 in Springwater, a son of Erwin and Maude (Smart) Walker. On March 30, 1940 in Cohocton, he married Jean M. Mehlenbacher, who survives.

He was a self-employed farmer and carpenter. A member and past elder of the Atlanta Presbyterian Church, he also was a charter member of the Atlanta-N. Cohocton Hatch Hose Fire Company.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jean M. Walker; two daughters, Mrs. James (Bunny) Domm of Wayland and Sandy Walker of Dansville; two sons, Tom (Debbie) Walker of Bath and Tim (Peg) Walker of Rochester; five grandchildren; two brothers, Burl (Marion) Walker and Erwin (Rose Mary) Walker, all of Wayland; two sisters-in-law, Frances Walker of Florida and Merle Walker of Warsaw; several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

There will be no prior calling hours. A memorial service will be held in the spring at the convenience of the family.

Contributions may be made to the Hatch Hose Fire Company or the Atlanta Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements are by the Walter E. Baird & Sons Funeral Home, 100 E. Naples St., Wayland.



9 miles  
after Emma's  
death up  
at Uncle  
Stanley's





Picnic at  
Hemlock Lake  
about 1896



Notation on reverse:  
"Picnic at Hemlock Lake  
1896".  
Man on upper left with  
X above his head is  
surely William Walker.



Alexander Smart - Carrie Whitman Smart  
Anna Smart Last



Alvira Clark Whitman 1834-1916  
Carrie Whitman Smart 1857-1928  
Maude Smart Walker 1879-1951  
Gladys Walker Love-  
land 1900-1924

#### ALEXANDER SMART

At the family home on East Naples street on Friday morning, April 23, 1920, at 1.45 o'clock, occurred the death of one of Wayland's prominent citizens, Alexander Smart. He suffered a stroke of paralysis one year ago last June, from which he has gradually failed until the end came at a rather unexpected time.

He was a patient sufferer, never complaining of his feelings, a most affectionate and loving husband, father, brother, uncle and friend has been taken from us, and will be widely missed among the young and old, as he always had a pleasant smile and thought or saying for all.

He was born June 28, 1853, in Burlington Green, Otsego County, being the son of John and Janet Smart, who came to this country from Scotland, but a short time before his birth. When but an infant his father was taken from this earthly home, leaving his mother and brother, Thomas and himself. After a period of time his mother married George Wright, after which the family moved to the town of Fremont, Steuben County.

He was united in marriage to Carrie A. Whitman of the town of South Dansville. They began life together on a farm on Bronson Hill near Loon Lake, which is still owned by him. He was supervisor for several terms and also held other public offices in his town, where his farm is located. Ten years ago he and his wife and daughter, Anna moved to Wayland and have always occupied the same residence where his death occurred.

He is survived by his wife and four daughters, Mrs. Ernest Walker, Mrs. Fred Magin, Mrs. Warner Holmes, all living near Wayland, and Miss Anna, who resides at home. One daughter, Mrs. Mattie Drum and an infant son preceded him to that eternal home. He is also survived by one brother, George Wright of Hornell and one sister, Mrs. B. W. Green of Arkport. His brother, Thomas, and sisters, Mrs. Jane Jenks and Mrs. Martha Cooley have also preceded him to that Haven of Rest. He leaves twelve grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

The funeral was held from the home on Monday afternoon at 1.30, after which services were held in the Evangelical Church, conducted by the Rev. Teeter. He was laid to rest in the Loon Lake Cemetery. The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

Those present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. George Wright and son, Bernard and daughter, Helen, from Hornell, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Green and son, Philip of Arkport, Mrs. Lottie Smart of Birdsall, Miss Elizabeth Smart of Jordan, John Wager and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jenks, Eugene Harter, Clarence Lander and Mrs. Albert Lander from Cohocton, Mrs. Wade Jenks of Rochester and Stanton Wolcott of Wellsville.



**Wayland Twins—Mrs. D. S. Rider and Mrs. Fred Magin, who got together for a mutual birthday anniversary on March 19.**

Leona and Lena Smart were born on Brownson Hill, town of Dansville, the daughters of Alec and Carrie Smart. Among their ancestors were the Whitman family, which included their great-grandfather, who kept the tollgate where the Perkinsville and Wayland road joined on Dansville hill. His brother was Marcus Whitman, famous missionary in the west before Oregon became a state.

They are in good health and working every day—Mrs. Rider

at the New Bryant hotel and Mrs. Magin at the Huguet plant.

The girls, "identical twins", have always borne a remarkable resemblance to each other. In earlier days, the story goes, one had to be marked with a bit of ribbon pinned on her dress, or even family members might fail to identify them.

Today, they still mystify Wayland friends, although both have been residents here for over 25 years.



Aunt Lena and Uncle  
Fred Magin - our love  
seat, our porch.

My grandfather is the label that Mildred has given to her maternal grandparent: Nelson Snyder, father of Alma.



Grandfather  
Snyder  
Nelson F.



My Grandmother  
Snyder  
Polly Ingoldby



My Step Grandmother  
Snyder  
Fannie Root



Charlie Snyder's family:  
Lizzie and Allie; also Nick  
Wolfanger who was Anna's  
son of her first marriage.  
Nick's daughters are:  
Hilda Moose  
Myrtis Bohall



Uncle Charles  
and Anna  
Snyder  
in Allie



Uncle Charles Snyder



Children of Nelson Snyder:  
Front left: Charles,  
right: Aubrey.  
Allie, Stanley, Eugene.  
(Eugene is father of Jettie  
Bastian).



Aubrey Snyder  
Aubrey Oregon



Uncle Louis Snyder



Uncle Louis  
Aunt Ella with  
Gene + Bertha  
in Ford 1st



Bonnie Snyder  
at 16.



Uncle Stanley  
and Dora  
Snyder



Ray Snyder



Fred Snyder  
in Navy uniform

Don

Gregory Family

Arthur

Henry





Uncle Aubrey  
Snyder  
Aunt Cora



Murray  
Snyder



Uncle James  
Snyder



Jessie  
Snyder



Bushman Boys.



Uncle Stanley's sons:  
Ray and Ronald, twins

Ray, Ronald and Fred.





Ernie Walker in berry  
patch.

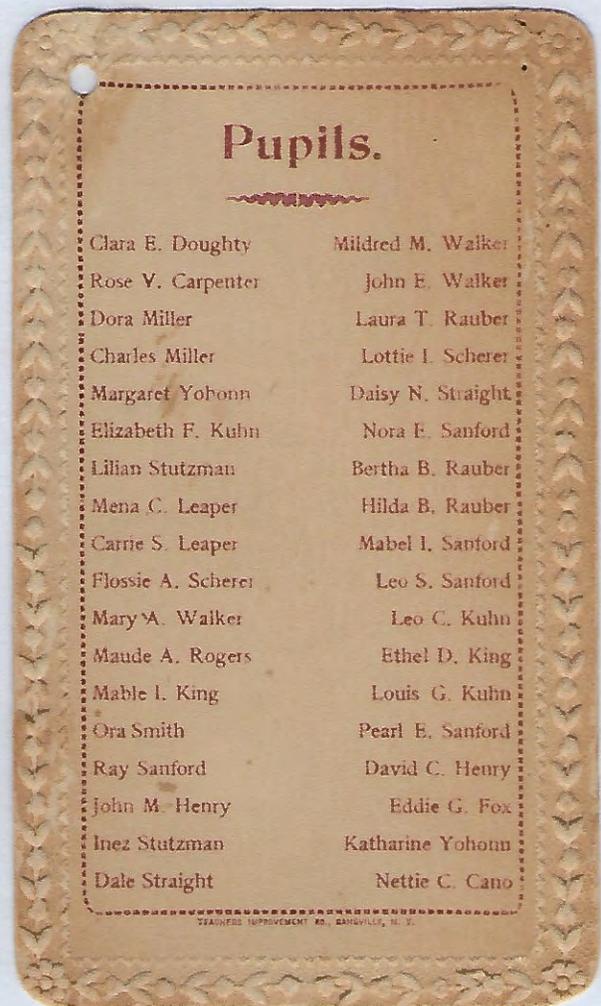
Bell School picture  
includes Florence  
Saltsman in back,  
Gladys, Alex, Ward,  
Ann Clayson, Ward  
Clayson, Lester  
Pragle, others.





Bell School House in 1911, Mildred Walker is the teacher. Alex and Ward are the two boys in front row and we think the girl on teacher's lap is Gladys Walker.

Bell School 1911



## Pupils.

Clara E. Doughty	Mildred M. Walker
Rose V. Carpenter	John E. Walker
Dora Miller	Laura T. Rauber
Charles Miller	Lottie I. Scherer
Margaret Yohonn	Daisy N. Straight
Elizabeth F. Kuhn	Nora E. Sanford
Lilian Stutzman	Bertha B. Rauber
Mena C. Leaper	Hilda B. Rauber
Carrie S. Leaper	Mabel I. Sanford
Flossie A. Scherer	Leo S. Sanford
Mary A. Walker	Leo C. Kuhn
Maude A. Rogers	Ethel D. King
Mable I. King	Louis G. Kuhn
Ora Smith	Pearl E. Sanford
Ray Sanford	David C. Henry
John M. Henry	Eddie G. Fox
Inez Stutzman	Katharine Yohonn
Dale Straight	Nettie C. Cano



## 48 Years Ago They Turned Out Thus For Reunion With Former Teacher

Above is a scene at Bell school, taken in 1903 by Frazer the Photographer. Occasion was to honor the visit of a former teacher at the school, Sarah Stillson. Many of the former students attended with their families.

While not grouped in definite rows, some partly hidden and otherwise obscured, the lineup has been deciphered by some of those

present at the event, and others may be able to do likewise with a little study, as follows:

Starting at left rear: Frank Salter, Edwin Carpenter (partly hidden), Murry Doughty, Charles Capron, Eva Rogers Capron, Allie Howe, Myrtie Walker Smith, Marietta Wilcox, Mrs. Daniel Wilcox, Mr. Bates, Cora Walker Shaver, Alvira Whitman, Jennie Parshall,

Lucy Stratton, Clara Wilcox Carpenter, Clara Doughty Pierce, Sarah Walker, John Walker,

Second row: Lola Salter, Gertie Artlip, Belle Dunkleburg, Emma Walker Abrams, Sarah Stillson (with veil, which she wore all day), Bina St. John, Alvira Walker, Sarah Carpenter Hoffman, Maude Rogers Uetzmann, Charles Rogers, Carrie Leaper, Dora Rog-

ers, Harry Rogers, Lewis Walker.

Sitting: Hannah Willis, Rose Stratton Doughty, Maude Smart Walker, Bert Fuller, Ella Snyder, Lucretia St. John, Mildred Walker Harvey, Beulah Brown, Rose Carpenter Green, John Howell, Addie Harter Lander, Maria Walker Rogers, John Howe, Edwin Walker, sons Alex and Ward, Fred Hoffman, Dorothy Dorr.



This is a recent picture of the Walker Farmstead which has stood firmly against many strong west winds and winter storms since it was built for my husband's grandparents in 1886 by a respected Springwater carpenter. Only Walker families have ever occupied the house, and the tradition continues as fifth generation teenagers snuggle into their second floor bedrooms at night.

We were married in the living room of this house sixty years ago, since my husband had purchased the farm from his mother. This was the only ceremony of its kind held there, but there were many births (he was one of nine born to Erwin and Maude), several funerals and many joyous reunions and family occasions.

It was noted by one neighborhood lad that it was a "mecca" for kids - ponds to swim in, horses to ride, woods to explore, a large barn for hide and seek, a wide porch for food and fun - 4-H clubs met there - a special attraction for some kids: two stairways, you could go up from the kitchen end, and "surprise everyone" when you appeared in the living room!

We never confirmed there were any ghosts, some strange noises though, when a mouse chewed in a partition, or a hapless bird flew down the tall chimney. There was lots of laughter, some tears of course, frustrations, disappointment and pain; who can forget the joy of a new puppy or the pain of losing "the only dog I'll ever love".

The house is a silent monument to the fortitude of a family.



View of dairy complex.



View of farmstead.



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OCTOBER 7, 1984**