

# Walker Family of Hartford, KY

By Jerry Long



Monument of Elijah Dudley Walker (29 January 1827 – 15 October 1898)  
and wife, Elvira English Walker (14 July 1834 – 22 February 1898)  
Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY



**Kentucky: A History of the State, J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin, Louisville, KY, F. A. Battey Publishing Company, 1885:**

HON. E. DUDLEY WALKER was born at Hartford, Ky., January 29, 1827, son of Richard L. Walker, who was a prominent merchant of Hartford. Richard L. Walker was a native of Washington County, Ky., and, when a young man, clerked three years at Hardinsburgh, after which he came to Hartford, and engaged in mercantile and milling business until his death,

September 15, 1857. His wife was Miss Mahala Harris, of Breathitt County, Ky., who died June 29, 1860. They had five children, three now living: Martha, wife of Dr. W. J. Berry, who served two terms as State senator and one as representative from Ohio County, now residing in Florida; E. Dudley and Dr. W. L. D. Walker, of Logan County, Ky. Our subject was given a thorough literary training, and at seventeen went to Independence, Mo., and read law in the office of Robert G. Smart. At eighteen years of age he was admitted to practice, and soon after returned to Hartford, where he has achieved distinction as a criminal lawyer. Though making the practice of criminal law a specialty, he is retained in almost every case of prominence before the court of the county. In 1857, during the Know-nothing excitement, he was elected to the State senate, though opposed to Know-nothingism. He was the youngest member of the senate during his term. In 1860, during the Douglas campaign, he was Democratic elector for the Second Congressional District. In 1878 he was indorsed by a large part of the State press for governor, but declined to allow his name to be presented to the convention. In his business career he has been eminently successful. In August, 1857, he was married to Miss Elvira English, daughter of Maj. Robert English, a merchant of Hardin County, Ky., who held various positions of trust and honor, among which were those of sheriff and representative. By this union were born five children: Logie (wife of J. E. Rowe, of Hartford), Lizzie C., Lulie, Lidie and Robert D.



**Biographical Cyclopedia of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, John M. Gresham Company, Chicago & Philadelphia, 1896, pages 31-33:**

**Elijah Dudley Walker**, the leading lawyer of Hartford, son of Richard Logan and Mahala (Harris) Walker, and a descendant of one of the families whose names embellish the early history of the state, was born in Hartford, Kentucky, January 29, 1827. He received his literary training in the private schools of his native town, and began the study of law with Robert J. Smart in Independence, Missouri, when he was sixteen years of age, remaining there about twenty months. He was admitted to the practice of law in Missouri at the age of eighteen, but returned to Kentucky and read law with John H. McHenry and was admitted to the Kentucky bar in 1846, when nineteen years of age. He began his brilliant career as a lawyer in Hartford 1849, and will soon have completed a half century of professional work, having made a name and fame that extends beyond the borders of his state.

He was elected to the State Senate in August, 1857, and was the youngest member of that body. After serving one term of four years he declined a re-election, preferring to devote himself exclusively to his profession. He has, however, given much of his time to the furtherance of the interests of the Democratic party, his most recent service in that capacity being on the platform committee in the convention of 1895, which nominated P. Wat. Hardin for Governor.

While Judge Walker's professional career has been marked by signal success, having been prominent in hundreds of cases, many of which have been of historic interest, and, while a record of his experiences as lawyer, judge, legislator and citizen would serve as an object lesson for ambitious young men, and would be of deep interest to the legal profession in Kentucky, it is the purpose of this sketch to place on record a brief history of the families of which he and his wife are worthy and honored descendants. It has cost him an effort to keep out of politics, his name having been mentioned for Governor and United States Senator under circumstances which would have fired the ambition of almost any other man who would have grasped the opportunity, and, with only a little effort, reached fame and national distinction.

Judge Walker was married August 17, 1857, to Elvira English, whose interesting, ancestry is given herewith. They have five children: Mahala Logan, Lizzie Crutcher, Lulu Dix, Lida and Robert Dudley. Of these Mahala Logan married J. Edwin Rowe, Commonwealth Attorney of Owensboro, and they have three children: Ella Walker, Bessie R. and Lula E.

Lida Walker married A. J. Casey of Owensboro, April 17, 1894, and has one child, named Walker.

Robert Dudley Walker is studying law with his father. The other children are at home.

Lizzie Walker has attracted attention as a writer of verse, whose songs are adding so much to the literary treasure of the south. Following literature for the love of it, she has become an inspiration, not only to her own circle of friends and the people of her locality, but also to a wide circle of admiring readers. She inherits her literary talent directly from her mother, who is accomplished, brilliant and versatile, and whose literary ambition is merged with all the mother's pride in her daughter. Her ancestors were people of culture, some of whom possessed marked talent in literature. Her talent shone forth brightly even in early girlhood, and in school she was first and brightest, and she won the medal of honor in the Latin class in one of the best colleges in the south. Returning to her home in the freshness and enthusiasm of young womanhood she took to song as the form of literary expression best suited to her genius. Her poems at once rose to public notice and favor and were much admired. In every line of her work there is a delicacy and refinement and a sort of natural classicism that appeals strongly to the sympathy and admiration of the reader. The following lines are selected at random as an illustration of her work, in which the reflective element enters rather more than would be expected of one so young and joyous:

“ ‘Tis well that life hath much of gladness,  
Knoweth something, too, of sadness,  
Bringeth hope for each to-morrow;  
Sendeth comfort, oft, for sorrow;  
Giveth while it taketh pleasure;  
Teacheth man his soul to treasure;  
Showeth as the days go by  
How to live, how to die.

“Tis well—’tis well.”

Miss Walker is a beautiful young lady of medium stature, an open eye and a spiritual face, large blue eyes as clear as the lake or the sky above it; dark hair, easy address, with perfect self-possession and a dignity of carriage that impresses her friends with the sense of

“A soul at ease and beautiful.”

The Walker home at Hartford, which has long been in the possession of the family, is the ideal and type of that “Southern home where social and domestic virtues have so grown, flourished and blossomed as to make the name redolent with all the memories and musings which cluster around the word home in its best and most elegant estate.” The above quotation is from the pen of the distinguished historian. Dr. John Clark Ridpath, in his review of Miss Walker's poems.

#### JUDGE WALKER'S ANTECEDENTS—THE WALKERS.

Richard Logan Walker (father) was a native of Washington County, Kentucky, and was educated in the schools of that county. He removed to Hartford about the year 1820 and engaged in merchandising and farming, shipping the product of his farm and that of others to the Ohio River in wagons and thence by flatboat to the New Orleans market. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was sheriff of Ohio County from 1820 to 1827, and for one term subsequently. The date of his

marriage to Mahala Harris is not given. He died in 1857, and she survived him until 1860 and died, and is buried by his side at Hartford. They had five children: Nathan Harris, Richard Logan, Sallie Ann, Elijah Dudley and William L. D.

William Walker (grandfather) was a native of Fairfax County, Virginia, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He married Polly Logan, a member of a distinguished family of Virginia.

#### MRS. ELVIRA ENGLISH WALKER'S ANCESTRY—THE HYNES FAMILY.

William Hynes came from Coleraine, Ireland, Londonderry County. When he came to America he worked in the printing office with Dr. Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia in 1745.

Thomas Hynes, son of William, came from Maryland to Kentucky in 1779. A younger brother, Colonel Andrew Hynes, came with him. Thomas Hynes' wife's name was Abigail. They came down the Ohio River, and landed where Louisville now stands. There was only one house there, the fort built by General George Rogers Clark in the spring of 1779, after he had captured a number of British forts in the summer of 1778 and spring of 1779. Clark had but one hundred and seventy-five men, and for seventeen days they were up to their waists and chins in water at Vincennes in February, 1779.

Thomas Hynes and his wife, Abigail, and five children passed in a short time from the fort to the falls of the Ohio to a fort on the north bank of Salt River, about three-fourths of a mile above Shepherdsville. They had nine children: Hannah, Andrew, William R., Sally, Polly, Nancy, Thomas, Rachel and Elizabeth. Thomas Hynes, the father of the above named children, fought in the Revolutionary war, and was a captain under General George Washington.

After Thomas Hynes moved into the fort on Salt River he bought, in 1785, of Jacob Myers the upper half of said Myers' four hundred acre pre-emption on Salt River, including the site of the fort. The deed from Myers to Thomas Hynes is recorded in deed book No. I in the clerk's office of Jefferson County. In 1788 he moved to Nelson County, on Lick Creek, about four miles from Boston. Thomas Hynes died in 1796 in the thirty-fifth year of his age at the above mentioned place. Abigail Hynes died in Nelson County December 4, 1821, in the seventy-fifth year of her age.

The children of Thomas and Abigail Hynes married as follows:

William R. married twice; his first wife was a Miss Lawrence, by whom he had seven children; his second wife was a Miss Chenault, by whom he had twelve children, and among the number was Rev. Thomas W. Hynes of Bond County, Illinois.

Sally Hynes, Mrs. Walker's grandmother, married William Crutcher, and had six children.

Polly Hynes married R. C. Slaughter.

Colonel Andrew Hynes, Jr., died in Nashville, Tennessee, January 21, 1849. Mrs. Mary J. McReary of St. Louis and Mrs. Lavinia Gay are among his children.

Colonel Andrew Hynes was one of the trustees appointed by an act of the Virginia Legislature in 1780 to lay off the town of Louisville; and in deed book No. I, in the Jefferson County Court, will be found many deeds made by him. He was one of the delegates from Nelson County to the constitutional convention in 1792. He laid off Elizabethtown, and it was named for his wife Elizabeth.

Elizabeth Crutcher, youngest child of Sally and William Crutcher, married Robert English of Hardin County, Kentucky. She had three children, Elvira, Horace and Emma.

Many of the above facts are taken from papers written by Judge William R. Thompson, son of Polly Hynes, who married Volen Thompson. These facts were written by Judge Thompson only a short time before his death, which occurred in 1893. He was a member of the third

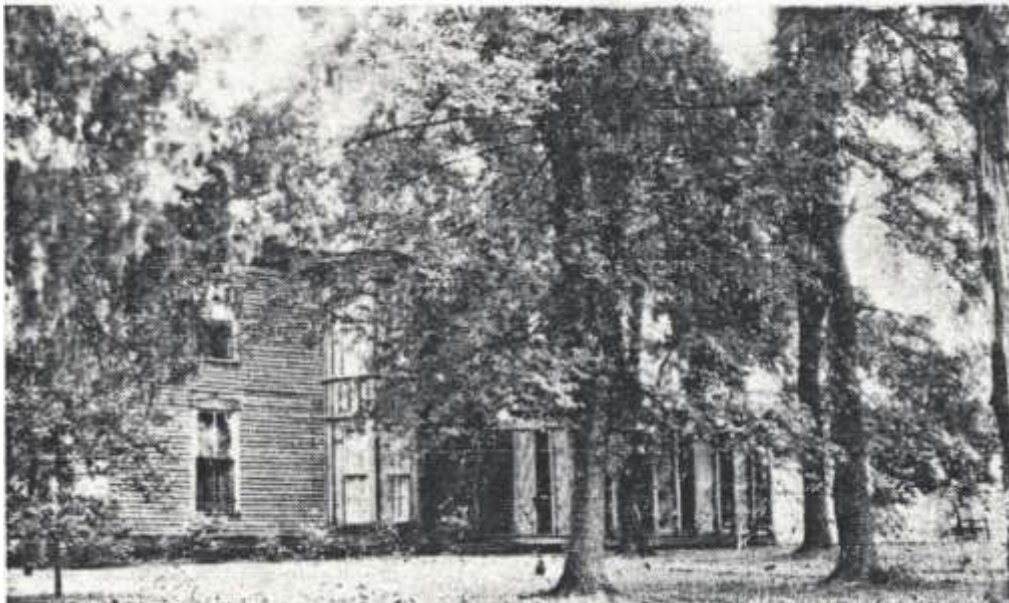
constitutional convention of Kentucky. The original from which these extracts are taken is in the hands of Mr. Robert Duvall, Nolin, Hardin County.



Elijah Dudley Walker (1827-1898) & wife, Elvira English (1834-1898)



**"Elm Shade" Home of Late Judge E. Dudley Walker**



From Historic Hartford Sesquicentennial Souvenir Program, 1958  
Stood at northeast corner of Clay & Walker Streets in Hartford and was razed in 1967



William Walker was born 10 February 1761. Family historian, James Murray Walker, Jr. wrote that William Walker, his third-great-grandfather, came to America from England and settled in Virginia (“The Family Tree of James Murray Walker”, James Murray Walker, Jr., Campbellsville College, 10 May 1957). He served in the Revolution under Gen. Greene. “He enlisted in Fairfax County, VA, and was with General Washington during the winter at Valley Forge as well as at the surrender of Cornwallis, being promoted to the rank of captain. After the war he settled in Virginia where he married Martha Logan. They came to Kentucky in 1784... He settled in what is now Washington County, where he became an extensive land owned and an active business man.”

The will of William Walker was probated in Washington County, KY on 9 October 1815.

**Washington County Will Book B, pages 456-457:**

I William Walker of Washington County and State of Kentucky being sound in mind do make this my last will and testament it is my desier that my Body be desently burried and all my just debts paid and then my estate be divided as follows 1st It is my deseir that my wife Martha keep possession of the tract of land wheron she now lives durin her life and also five Negroes (to wit) Jack Amey Edward and Margery and at her death both land and Negroes to be equally divided amongst my childern and if any of my childern shold dy leaving childern such childern shall be there parents heir. 2nd whereas I have five children married (to wit) Mary Gregory, Marget Parrot, Rosanah Gregory, Patsey Murry, and John Walker which I have given all redy one hundred pounds each which I give to them and their heirs forever. 3rd I give to my son Richard Logan Walker a Negro boy named Arrange. 4th I give to my son David Caldwell Walker a Negro boy named Burwell. 5th I give to my son Robert a negro boy named Samuel. 6th I give to my daughter Anny Mariah Walker a Negro girl named Libby. 7th I give to my daughter Elizabeth More a Negro girl named Betsy. 8th I give to my daughter Nancy Jane a Negro girl Named Anny and if the Negros that I have left to my unmarried children is not worth one hundred pounds at the time they are each to receive other property to the amount of one hundred pounds counting there Negros and the rest of my Estate not mentioned both real and personal shall be equally divid amongst my children. Nancy Jane is to have fifty dollars worth of schooling besides her equal division. A Negro girl that has not been named, named Judy I give to my wife Marthy given under my hand this twenty day of September in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Fifteen

Wm T Caldwell.  
Bernard Fowler

William Walker

At a county court held for Washington County held on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 1815 this last will and testament of William Walker deceased was proven by oaths of William T. Caldwell and Bernard Fowler subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Martha Walker, William T. Caldwell, John Walker and William Parrott executors therein named they having made oath and executed and acknowledged bond with security as the law directs a certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof and forin.

Atteste John Hughes, clk



Memorial in Walker – Grundy Cemetery, Washington County, KY

William Walker married Martha Logan about 1783. Martha was born 7 February 1766 Virginia. She was named in the will of her father, John Logan, recorded in 1807 in Halifax County, VA. Children of William Walker and Martha Logan were:

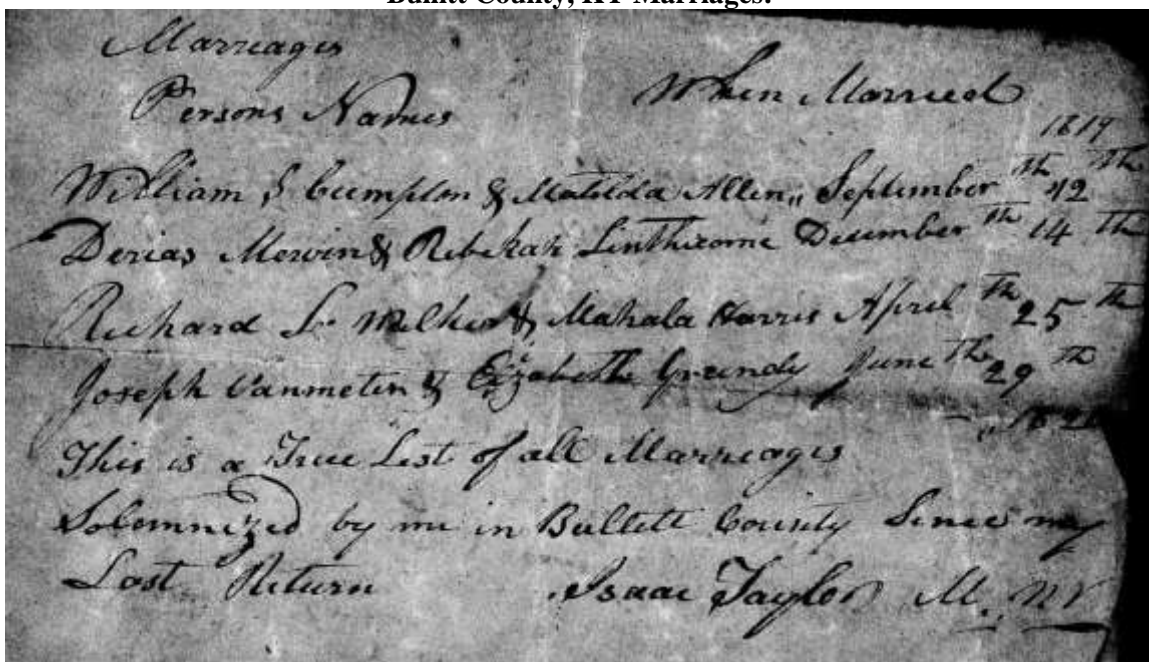
1. John Walker born 10 July 1784 VA; married Nancy Myers, 4 September 1809 Washington County, KY; he died 5 August 1839 Washington County, KY, where he was buried in the Walker Cemetery.
2. Mary ('Polly') Walker was born 3 February 1786 VA; married Leroy C. Gregory, 9 February 1802 Washington County, KY; she died after 1820.
3. Margaret ('Peggy') Walker was born 27 December 1787 VA; married William Parrott, 11 November 1807 Washington County, KY; she died 2 September 1871 Washington County, KY.
4. Rosannah Walker was born 5 February 1789 KY; married Godfrey Gregory, 10 January 1804 Washington County, KY; she died 27 July 1836 Washington County, KY, where she was buried in the Gregory Cemetery.
5. Martha C. ('Patsy') Walker was born 25 March 1792 Washington County, KY; married John Murray, 16 June 1808 Washington County, KY; she died 19 January 1862; buried Oak Grove Methodist Church Cemetery, McLean County, KY.
6. Richard Logan Walker was born 8 August 1794 Washington County, KY; married Mahala Harris, 25 April 1819 Bullitt County, KY; he died 17 September 1857 Hartford, Ohio County, KY, where he was buried in the Morton Cemetery.
7. David Caldwell Walker was born 5 January 1797 Washington County, KY; married Martha Sneed Grundy, 10 December 1818 Washington County, KY; he died 26 October 1857 Washington County, KY, where he was buried St. Rose Catholic Church Cemetery.
8. Robert Walker was born 13 July 1799 Washington County, KY; he died single on 21 September 1876 Washington County, KY, where he was buried Cemetery Hill Cemetery, Springfield, Washington County, KY.
9. Annah Mariah Walker was born 21 December 1801 Washington County, KY and died 29 September 1826 Washington County, KY.

10. Elizabeth More Walker was born 12 April 1804 Washington County, KY; married Dillis Dyer, 5 May 1824 Washington County, KY; she died during 1824-1831 leaving no children; Dillis Dyer (c1796-1858) was a lawyer and represented Ohio County, KY in the Kentucky House of Representatives for several terms; he laid out the town of Rumsey in McLean County, KY and died there; he was buried in the Morton Cemetery in Hartford, Ohio County, KY.
11. Nancy Jane Walker was born 25 July 1808 Washington County, KY; married John H. Parrott, 22 September 1828 Washington County, KY; she died 23 December 1884 Washington County, KY, where she was buried in the Cemetery Hill Cemetery, Springfield, Washington County, KY.



Richard Logan Walker, son of William Walker & Martha Logan was born 8 August 1794 Washington County, KY. Mahala was born 28 October 1790 Maryland. He was a soldier during the War of 1812. He married Mahala Harris, 25 April 1819 Bullitt County, KY. Mahala was the daughter of Zadock Harris & Sarah Burch.

**Bullitt County, KY Marriages:**



During 1819 Richard L. Walker removed to Hartford, Ohio County, KY. He is first found in the Ohio County tax lists in 1819. In that year he was taxed on two lots in the town of Hartford (town lot numbers 55 & 56). Richard L. Walker is listed in the 1820, 1830, 1840 and 1850 censuses of Hartford, Ohio County, KY. He was an early merchant of Hartford engaging in the mercantile and milling business. In partnership with Nathan Harris and Elijah Phipps he built and operated the water mill in Hartford. He served as sheriff of Ohio County, 1820-1827. On 20 August 1829 he was appointed postmaster of Hartford and served until July 1845. In the 1850 census Richard L. Walker was listed as being a tavern keeper. He died in Hartford on 17 September 1857 and his wife, Mahala, died 29 June 1860. They were buried in the Morton Cemetery, near the Wayland Alexander School in Hartford.





Richard Logan Walker (1794-1857)  
Morton Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY

**Ohio County, KY Will Book C, pages 186-187:**

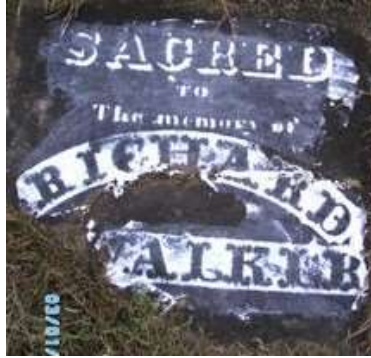
Abstract - Will of RICHARD L. WALKER, of Hartford, asks that his just debts all be paid as practicable as possible, and the money and property remaining is to be disposed of as follows: To daughter Martha Berry, \$1.00, she having received her full share, making her share equal to 1/3 part of the estate. To son Elijah D. Walker, \$1,200.00, and 1/3 part of all the debts due the testator by note or book account bar and store bill. To son William Walker, the whole of the money, being the proceeds of sale of the negro man Warren recently sold, and the house and lot of ground in Hartford purchased of Thomas Harrison for his use during his life, and at his death, to the use of his children, conditioned that son William may, at any time by the advice and consent of the executors, sell and convey said house and lot. All the balance and residue of the estate, real, personal, and mixed, to go to affectionate and beloved wife, Mahala Walker, for her use, enjoyment, and to be disposed of as she may deem proper. Appoints said wife Mahala, and said son Elijah D. Walker, as Executrix and Executor. Written 10 August 1857. Thomas Foreman and John Crow, witnesses. Probated October court 1857.

**Ohio County, KY Will Book C, pages 230-231:**

Abstract - Will of MAHALA WALKER, asks that all of her just debts be paid. Bequeaths to daughter Sally Ann Martha Berry the negro woman Chloe, and her youngest child Paul, to dispose of as she sees fit. Gives to son Elijah Dudley Walker, the negro man Pleas and the negro woman Almeda and the negro boy Anthony Paul, to hold during his life and then to descend to the heirs of his body. Gives to son William L. D. Walker the negro woman Mary Jane and the negro boy Cassius M., and the negro girl Marilda, to hold during his life and then to descend to the heirs of his body. Also to said William L. D. walker, \$100.00 Gives to granddaughter Mahala Logan Walker the negro girl Alma. Appoints E. D. Walker as sole executor without security. Written 6 December 1859. Q. C. Shanks and B. L. D. Guffy, witnesses. Probated 3 September 1860.

Richard Logan Walker and Mahala Harris had five children:

1. Richard Logan Walker was born c1825 Hartford, Ohio County, KY; died at age of 2 years & 10 months 15 October 1827; buried Morton Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY.



Richard Logan Walker (c1825-1827)  
Morton Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY

2. Sarah Ann Martha Walker was born 8 November 1822 Hartford, Ohio County, KY; married Dr. William Jefferson Berry, 26 July 1838 Ohio County, KY; she died 5 August 1894 Fort White, Columbia County, FL, where she was buried in the Fort White City Cemetery. William Jefferson Berry, son of Edward Berry & Mary Brazelton, was born 9 January 1816 Washington County, KY and died 13 December 1893 Fort White, Columbia County, FL, where he was buried in the Fort White City Cemetery. He was a cousin of Nancy Hanks Lincoln. William & Sarah had eleven children – Richard G., Elijah, Zelma, Samuel L., LaVega, Harris, Lelia Mary, Mattie, Edward, William J. and John Morgan Berry.

**The Biographical Encyclopedia of Kentucky, J. H. Armstrong & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, 1878, pp347-348:**

**BERRY, WILLIAM J., M. D.**, was born in Washington County, Kentucky, July 9, 1816. The family is of Scotch-Irish descent; came at an early date to Virginia, but afterwards settled in Kentucky. His father, Major Edward Berry, was an officer in the war of 1812, and was promoted for gallant conduct at the battle of New Orleans. His mother was Mary Brazelton, a Virginian, a relative of Abraham Lincoln's mother, who lived in the family of Major Berry for several years. He began his education in the county schools, attended St. Mary's College, near Lebanon, Kentucky, in 1834-5; commenced his medical studies, in 1836, in the office of Prof. Linton and Dr. Polin, at Springfield, Kentucky; and attended, in 1837 the first course of medical lectures ever delivered in the Louisville University, the professors being Drs. Caldwell, Miller, Cooke, Vandell, and Flint. In the Spring of 1838 he located at Hartford, Ohio County, where he has since remained, excepting two years spent in Missouri, building up an extensive and valuable practice. In 1848, he attended a full course of lectures at the St. Louis University, where he graduated. It is worth noting that he is the fourth physician, in the history of medicine who successfully removed the clavicle bone from a patient. It was this operation which distinguished Joseph Pancoast, of Philadelphia, he being the first to perform it, although it was claimed for Dr. McCrary, of Hartford. Doctor Berry has also attained great reputation as a successful obstetrician as well as in the general treatment of women and children. He has never been a politician, but was prevailed on by his friends, to make the race for

the State Senate, in 1851, and was elected; again, in 1853, was a candidate, but withdrew on account of illness in his family; was again induced, in 1853 to accept the nomination to the Lower House; won the election by a large majority, and, in 1873, was elected a second time to the State Senate; in 1874, was Republican nominee for State Treasurer, but was defeated. He married, July ad, 1838, Miss Sarah M. Walker, daughter of R. L. Walker, a prominent merchant of Hartford, Kentucky, and has had a family of eleven children, seven of whom are living. His son, Samuel, is a rising physician of Ohio County another son, Vega, is a distinguished physician of Vazoo County, Mississippi; a daughter, Selma, is married to Dr. W. F. Gregory, of Hartford Zellia is the wife of Moses Ellison, a druggist of Deasonvitle, Mississippi; and the other children are yet at home. He has taken great interest in the order of Good Templars; traveled at his own expense over a great part of the State in its behalf; has increased the number of lodges from sixteen to one hundred thirty-eight, and holds the office of Grand Worthy Chief. He is a man of strong affections and kindly sympathies, and the poor have in him a good friend and benefactor.

3. Elijah Dudley Walker was born 29 January 1827 Hartford, Ohio County, KY; married Elvira English, 17 August 1857 Hardin County, KY; he died 15 October 1898 Hartford, Ohio County, KY, where he was buried in Oakwood Cemetery; he was a lawyer.
4. William Logan Dyer Walker was born 5 November 1830 Hartford, Ohio County, KY; married Ann Elizabeth \_, 1848-1850 and Blendena Winifred Burgher, 16 December 1858 Butler County, KY; he died 30 October 1900, in June 1900 he was listed in the 1900 census of Muhlenberg County, KY; he was a physician.
5. Nathan Harris Walker was born 4 March 1821 Hartford, Ohio County, KY; died at the age of 18 years & 2 months on 4 May 1839 while attending Mt. Merino College near Irvington in Breckinridge County, KY; buried Morton Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY.



Nathan Harris Walker (1821-1839)  
Morton Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY

**Courier-Journal, Louisville, KY, 14 June 1839 p2:**

DIED,  
At Mount Merino College, on 1st inst., *Nathan H. Walker*, in the 19th year of his age—son of R. L. Walker of Hartford, Ky.  
At Hartford, Ky., on the 9th of May last, *Richard G. Berry*, infant son of Dr. Wm. J. Berry.



Elijah Dudley Walker, son of Richard Logan Walker & Mahala Harris, was born 29 January 1827 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. He married Elvira English, 17 August 1857 Hardin County, KY. Elvira, daughter of Robert English & Elizabeth F. Crutcher, was born 14 July 1834 Hardin County, KY. She was the granddaughter of Noah English & Frances Wyatt and William Crutcher & Sarah Hynes. Elvira Walker died 22 February 1898 at her home in Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Elijah Dudley Walker died at his residence at Elm Shade in Hartford on 15 October 1898. He was 71. He died of poisoning from kidney disease. He was interred with his wife at Oakwood Cemetery in Hartford. The monument that adorns their graves is possibly the most stately and impressive one in all of Ohio County.



Elijah Dudley Walker (1827-1898), Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, KY

**JUDGE WALKER DEAD**

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**FOR MANY YEARS A LEADING  
ATTORNEY OF HARTFORD.**

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**He Was Elected a Member of the  
State Senate in 1857, Declin-  
ing Re-election.**

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Judge Elijah Dudley Walker died at his home in Hartford, Ohio county, Saturday afternoon, after a lingering illness.

Judge Walker was born in Hartford January 29, 1827. He received his literary training in the private schools of his native town, and began the

the study of law with Robert J. Smart at Independence, Mo., when he was sixteen years of age, and was admitted to practice at the age of eighteen, but he soon returned to Kentucky and read law with the late John H. McHenry and was admitted to the Kentucky bar in 1846.

He was elected to the state senate in August, 1857. He served one term and was the youngest member of that body. He declined to stand for re-election, but devoted much of his time to the interest of the Democratic party.

Judge Walker was married August 17, 1857, to Miss Elvira English. Five children survive him. They are Mrs. J. E. Rowe, Mrs. A. J. Casey, Misses Lizzie and Lulu Walker and Mr. Robert D. Walker. He was one of the prominent attorneys of the Green river section, and was a very successful practitioner.

**Ohio County, KY Will Book D, pages 403-405:**

Abstract - Will of E. DUDLEY WALKER, made necessary by the death of his wife, asks that neither of his children be charged, while living with him, for any board, tuition, medical bills, clothing or traveling expenses, and said children do live with him except for daughter Lizzie. His children, as they all know, are welcome to come at any time, for a long or short time. States he may have Mr. Thomas and Lula Thomas, his wife, live with him at least while his daughter Lizzie Walker is single, but as boarders, and if he breaks up housekeeping and lives with them, it will be thus he shall, and with his other children, but distinctly he is not speaking of visiting. He has assisted his daughter Loga Walker and her husband in various ways, more than he now charges them with, towit, \$1,300.00. He is obligated for more for Mr. ROWE. There is a suit in the Ohio Circuit Court of testator and Rowe against Daniel and Pyne, for testator's benefit. If justice takes place, testator should recover \$1,000.000 as their (Daniel & Pyne) conduct is outrageous. They thinking that with some little irregularities in Mr. Rowe's monies, things would be confused. Whatever he may realize out of said suit, Mr. Rowe is to be credited upon the \$1,300.00. Testator says he is further obligated to Mr. [blank], and Marshall of Hartford was to see him yesterday concerning an execution on a debt now owed by Kirkpatrick Brothers, originally owing to George Rowe. For this and any debt that testator is obligated for, for him, he will allow him \$2.00 for \$1.00, that he may in his own name pay. States he was obligated to Mr. Morton as security for Mr. A. J. Casey to the extent of \$2,000.00. He credits his daughter, Lidah Casey, and husband, A. J. Casey, with five notes of \$100.00 each, all dated in Nashville, Tennessee, January 2, 1897, except the third and fifth which are January 4, 1897, as he recollects, on F. O. Wallace for part of printing press, notes all bearing interest. Said notes were not paid him, but on the Morton debt, Mr. Casey, as testator's agent, bought for testator a tract of land in Coffee County, Tennessee, of said Wallace. This property he values at \$500.00, may be worth more. He gives it to daughter Lidah, provided Mr. Casey pays balance of Morton's debt, as he does not want a cent off each of his children or do injustice or in favor of one. Testator's wife holds a note on Mr. Casey, filed in said suit at Owensboro, and there was a mixture of interest and claims and

likely prolonged litigation, and Young Givens not "being good" but embarrassed as Mr. (blank), he received \$200.00 of Givens, releasing him but not Mr. Casey. Testator did this as Administrator of wife's estate, and in what he conceived the best interest of his children. He has notes and judgments in Butler County, he and McHenry a judgment in Hardin County Quarterly and Circuit Courts. He has in Grayson County Circuit Court... Has a farm in Grayson County encumbered by the life of an old lady, and he is principal owner of a livery stable in Caneyville in said County. Has considerable other real estate in Ohio County, and judgments, bonds, mortgages, notes, accounts and deeds. With R. Y. Thomas, JR., he owns a little farm in Muhlenberg County. He has a \$1,000 judgment in Muhlenberg County Circuit Court, of which a small part has been paid... All of his children are dear to him, and some person has to administer or qualify as Executor, and his daughter being the only single one, and he having fullest confidence in her capacity and complete justness, he hereby appoints her as Executrix, to serve without bond. First, desires that she "plainly put me away," and pay his debts. Property to equally divided, between his children, share and share alike. The property devised to daughter Loga Rowe, Lizzie Walker, Lidah Casey and Lula Thomas, free from any husband they have. States has this day given, to his daughter Lizzie a credit on a note of his that she holds and that he owes. She will dispose of it the children as soon as she can. No one of the children shall have the right to sue her for three years after qualification and if he or she should, such one or ones shall not take un this will. He gives his law library to his son Bob Walker without charge. Requests Court to make liberal allowances to Lizzie for services. Written 24 June 1898. J. E. Fogle and Ben D. Ringo, witnesses. Probated November Court 1898.

Elijah Dudley Walker and Elvira English were the parents of five children:

1. Logan Mahala ('Logie') Walker was born 31 December 1858 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. She married Jacob Edwin Rowe, 'Jake', 29 November 1879 Evansville, Vanderburgh County, IN. Jacob, son of John Plain Rowe & Rebecca Ursula Igleheart, was born 19 August 1857 Ohio County, KY. Jacob was a lawyer. He died 9 June 1931 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Logie Walker Rowe died 15 November 1943 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. She was buried with her husband at the Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Logan Mahala Walker & Jacob Edwin Rowe had three children — Ella Walker Rowe (1881-1967, married Newton Howell Field), Elizabeth Rebecca Rowe ('Bessie', 1884-1987, married William Dix Morton) and Lula Edwina Rowe (1886-1938, married Frederick William Botts). Dudley Walker ('Mush') Morton (1907-1943), a grandson of Jacob & Logie Rowe, was a celebrated submarine commander during World War II.



Jacob Edwin Rowe (1857-1931)

**History of Kentucky, Vol. 3, Judge Charles Kerr, editor, by William Elsey Connelley & E. M. Coulter, The American Historical Society, Chicago & New York, 1922, p312:**

Jacob Edwin Rowe. No member of the Kentucky bar is generally acknowledged to have a more ready and sound judgment in broad and intricate matters of civil and criminal jurisprudence than Jacob Edwin Rowe, of Hawesville. His knowledge of the law is remarkable, both for its comprehensiveness and accuracy, and in its application he is earnest, concise, logical and forceful, which accounts in large measure for the high and substantial nature of his professional standing, and has led his fellow citizens to elect him to offices of importance.

Jacob Edwin Rowe was born on a farm in Ohio County, Kentucky, August 19, 1857, a son of John P. and Ursula Rebecca (Ingleheart) [sic] Rowe and of patriotic Revolutionary stock. He is a grandson of Robert and Nancy (Ross) Rowe, natives of Kentucky, and Jacob Ingleheart [sic]. The last named was a Baptist minister, ex-tensive farmer and miller, who was also a native of Ohio County, Kentucky, whose forefathers came from Maryland, having immigrated there from Holland and France as Huguenots. The mother, through her maternal ancestors, traces her lineage back to the famous families of Humphreys and Marshals. John P. and Ursula Rebecca Rowe had four children, as follows: Richard Perry, who was the eldest; James Albert, who died in 1892, aged thirty-six years; and Jacob Edwin and his twin brother, Robert Lewis, who died in infancy. The father was a farmer, merchant and tobacconist, and lived to be eighty-seven years old.

Growing up in Ohio and McLean counties, Jacob Edwin Rowe attended the common schools and Bethel College, from which he was graduated in 1877 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. For the subsequent two years he was engaged in teaching school, and then began the study of law at Hartford, Kentucky, under Judge E. Dudley Walker, and was admitted to the bar in McLean County in 1878. He began the practice of his profession at Hartford, from whence he moved to Owensboro, having been elected in the fall of 1892 commonwealth attorney for the Sixth Judicial District, composed of Daviess, Ohio, Hancock and McLean counties. Prior to that date he had acquired experience in public life as school commissioner of Ohio Comity, which office he held from 1884 to 1886. After serving for one term of five years as commonwealth attorney, being the first of the district under the present constitution, in 1897 he was reelected to the same office and served another term of six years. At the expiration of that period he resumed his private practice, continuing at Owensboro until 1917, when he came to Hawesville, where he has since remained, and he is now enjoying a large and valuable connection and is regarded as one of the ablest attorneys of this part of the state. He has always been a democrat.

In 1879 Mr. Rowe was united in marriage with Miss Logan M. Walker, eldest child of Judge E. Dudley Walker, of Hartford, Ohio County, Kentucky, a lawyer of marked ability and eminent success, under whom Mr. Rowe read law and with whom he was associated for many years in the practice. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe have three children, namely: Ella Walker Rowe, who is the wife of Newton H. Field, of Hawesville; Bessie Ree, who is the wife of William Dix Morton, of Nortonville, Kentucky; and Edwina, who is the wife of Frederick William Botts, an attorney of Miami, Florida. In all of the relations of life Mr. Rowe has been the exemplar of the high principles he has always held, and he sets an example to his associates in honorable practice and unflinching resourcefulness.

- Elizabeth ('Lizzie') Crutcher Walker was born January 1862 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. She never married. She died in Nashville, Davidson County, TN on 27 November 1903. She was buried with her parents in the Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY.



Elizabeth Crutcher Walker (1862-1903), Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, KY



Miss Lizzie Crutcher Walker (1862-1903) about 1885 issued a booklet of 15 poems entitled Not Altogether Fanciful. The following biographical sketch and three of her poems were published in the book Blades of Bluegrass: Choice Selections of Kentucky Poetry, Biographical Sketches and Portraits of Authors, by Mrs. Fannie Porter Dickey, Louisville, KY, John P. Morton & Company, 1892, pages 47, 163-164, 269 & 326:

LIZZIE WALKER,

Of Hartford, easily takes rank among the most beautiful and versatile of the younger writers whose songs are adding so much to the literature of the South. Her mother was Elvira English, of Hardin County, Kentucky, and her father is the eminent Judge E. Dudley Walker. Miss Walker seems to have been born for the literary career. Her talents shone forth brightly from early girlhood. She has cultivated several varieties of verse. The reflective element enters into her writings more than might be expected in one so young and joyous. This quality appears in the poem entitled "The Old Year." She uses dialect freely in the expression of her sympathies and loves for the external world. It is not often so exquisite a piece of nature-painting is found as that given in Miss Walker's poem, "November."

JOHN CLARK RIDPATH.

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How?

Pray, how could I help it —  
With the gate just between,  
All covered with sweet-smelling vines for a screen?  
And her red lips— Ah, dear me,  
So temptingly near me!  
Pray, how could I help it—  
With the gate just between?

—Lizzie Walker

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THE OLD YEAR

What! Dying, did you say?  
So soon! Why; it seems but yesterday.

We greeted the new-born in her christening gown,  
When youth was her dower, and hope was her crown.

With bright, joyous smiles, life's course was begun;  
Can it be, can it be, that course is now run?

Is, the shroud now the mantle that suits her form best?  
Must the hands be folded across her still breast?

Has the heart grown tired of traveling life's road?  
Does the footstep falter because of its load?

Were pleasures too often followed by pain?  
Or would it give pleasure to live life again?

The beauty of youth, the calmness of age,  
Are they willingly left, as a-bird leaves its cage?

Does it seem strange—the strangeness of dying—  
Does it startle the soul, or still the soul's sighing?

Do the Scythe and the Reaper come as in strife,  
Or come they to comfort, to bring a new life?

And the River of death—is it chilly and deep,  
Or only a lulling stream to rock gently to sleep?

Do the bier and the grave cause a smile or a tear?  
Answer me, answer me, O dying year!

I pause and I listen—am I unheard?  
Speak to me! Speak to me! Speak but a word!

The barque is now ready, the tide's ebbing low—  
Tell me, oh! tell me the things I would know!

Silent! still silent! Ali, light be the tread;  
Speak softly, speak lowly—the Old Year is— dead.  
—Lizzie Walker

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#### NOVEMBER.

Lonesome like an' kinder dreary,  
Winds a sighin', soundin' weary,  
Leaves a fallin' everywhere,  
Sadness some'ow in the air.  
Birds so quiet—quit their singin'-  
Pears like ever' day keeps bringin'  
Longer hours for to fill,  
Heap o' time that's hard to kill.  
Things seem mighty plain to say,  
"Life is passin' fast away."  
Makes a fellow sorter blue,  
Sets him thinkin', wonderin' too,  
'Bout this fleetin' thing called life,  
'Bout the death that ends the strife,  
'Bout the friends that's come and went,  
'Bout the days already spent,  
'Bout the absent, 'bout the dead,  
How they look, the words they said.  
Winds a sighin', soundin' weary,  
Lonesome like an' kinder dreary.  
—Lizzie Walker

3. Lula ('Lulie') Dix Walker was born 27 January 1866 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. She married John Christopher Thomas, 15 June 1898 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. John, son of David Ellis Thomas & Mary Ann Wallace, was born 30 August 1842 Ohio County, KY. Lula Walker Thomas died 2 September 1913 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. John C. Thomas died 3 July 1926 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. John C. & Lula were buried Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Children of John Christopher Thomas & Lula Dix Walker were – Dudley Walker Thomas (1899-1899), Elijah Dudley Thomas (1902-1957, married Anna Starr) and two others died infancy (an obituary of Lula Thomas stated she was buried beside her three children).



John Christopher Thomas (1842-1926), on right, and his brothers, David Ellis Thomas (1854-1908) and in center Ebenezer Peter Thomas (1846-1934)

4. Lidah ('Lidie') Lorraine Walker was born 18 April 1870 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. She married Andrew Jackson Casey, 17 April 1894 Ohio County, KY. Andrew, son of Andrew W. Casey & Mary Cagle, was born 15 November 1860 Russellville, Logan County, KY. Andrew J. Casey died 19 September 1921 Nashville, Davidson County, TN. Lidah Casey died Franklin, Williamson County, TN on 17 November 1959. She was buried with her husband at the Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Andrew Jackson Casey & Lidah Lorraine Walker had two children – Walker Casey (1895-1985, married Lula Celeste Hale) and Dudley English Casey (1897-1971, married Martha Johns DeBow).

**Biographical Cyclopedia of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, John M. Gresham Company, Chicago & Philadelphia, 1896, page 258:**

**Andrew Jackson Casey**, President of the Inquirer Publishing Company of Owensboro, son of A. W. and Mary (Cagle) Casey, was born in Russellville, Kentucky, November 15, 1860. His father was born in De Kalb County, Tennessee, August 19, 1827; married Mary Cagle August 19, 1846; was a farmer; served in the Confederate army and was colorbearer in Colonel J. W. Caldwell's regiment, and was killed in the battle of Shiloh April 6, 1862.

His mother, Mary Cagle Casey, is a daughter of Charles Cagle, whose wife was Mary Demonbreun, daughter of Timothy Demonbreun, who lived near Nashville, and for whom Demonbreun street in that city was named. She was educated in the public schools; is now a resident of Russellville, Kentucky, and although past seventy-two years of age, still retains a vigorous intellect. Her grandfather, Timothy Demonbreun, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Andrew J. Casey, after leaving school, which he did at an early age, found employment in the office of the Russellville Herald, and beginning as an office boy he was promoted step by step, learning the duties and how to perform them, in every department of the newspaper office, until, in 1885, he bought a half interest and became the editor of the Herald. He sold his interest in that paper in 1891 and purchased the Owensboro Inquirer, a daily and weekly Democratic newspaper, which, under his able management, has become one of the best papers published in the western part of the state, and a valuable property. Mr. Casey is of a retiring disposition, and has never sought political preferment or distinction, though he has numerous friends who would gladly thrust these honors upon him. His legion of admirers is the best evidence of his popularity. Mr. Casey was married April 17, 1894, to Lida Walker, daughter of the illustrious Judge E. Dudley

Walker of Hartford, whose biography is given in this volume. She is of that type of woman who have made Kentucky famous. They have one son, Walker Casey.

5. Robert ('Bob') Dudley Walker was born 10 November 1874 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. He married Ida Corinth Render, 8 June 1898 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Ida, daughter of William Berry Render & Gabriella Turns, was born 1 December 1875 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Robert D. Walker was a lawyer. He died 24 July 1929 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. His wife, Ida, died 21 April 1968 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. They were buried Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Robert Dudley Walker & Ida Corinth Render had four children – Berry Dudley Walker (1899-1968, married Evelyn Fair Thomas), Robert Sidney Walker (1901-1962, married Alice Blanch Cook), Harris Preston Walker (1905-1950, married Mabel Louise Bennett) and William Morton Walker (1909-1992, single).



**Fogle's Papers: A History of Ohio County, Kentucky, by McDowell A. Fogle, Ohio County Historical Society, Hartford, KY, McDowell Publications, Utica, KY, 1981, pages 246-255:**

#### The Walker Family

When my father, the late Judge Jesse E. Fogle, scarcely more than three months after he had received his attorney's license, came to Hartford on September 4, 1872, to begin the practice of his profession, he found at least half a dozen members of the local bar whose talent and ability put them among the most outstanding lawyers of the state. Most of the Hartford attorneys, as well as the other citizens of the town, made the new arrival welcome and tried to help him become established in his new home. The only exceptions were a few members of the bar who seemed to resent my father's location here, perhaps because he was associated in tile practice with his uncle, Congressman William N. Sweeney, of Owensboro. These few offered no encouragement to the legal neophyte in their midst. But, on the other hand, outstanding in his proffer of friendship and guidance to my father, from the time he reached Hartford, was Honorable Elijah Dudley Walker, one of the greatest lawyers ever produced by Ohio county and especially outstanding in the practice of criminal law. This friendship between them continued unbroken throughout Judge Walker's life, and he selected my father to assist him with the legal formalities incident to the disposition of his estate as well as to help and advise his daughter, Lizzie C. as executrix of his will. Well do I remember my father's account of his last visit to his mortally ill friend and how, despite his disability, he maintained both his courage and his sense of humor. And since, through the years, this cordial friendship of nearly 80 years ago, has continued and still continues until today between my sister and me and Judge Walker's "folks." This personal bond between our families renders my current sketch of the old Walker homestead an especially pleasant, heartwarming undertaking.

Though not quite yet a member of Hartford's coterie of century-old homes, "the old Walker place," christened "Elm Shade" by its builder and first master, now some 94 years old, has an especial distinction shared by only four other of the town's ancient dwellings, namely, the Gillespie home, the Captain S. K. Cox residence, the Harrison P. Taylor homestead and my own. These five old residences are still and have been, ever since they were built, owned by members of the family

of each of the original builders and masters of the respective dwellings. And the Walker homestead has the further distinction of having been occupied ever since its building by some member or members of that family.

The Walker family came from Virginia, settling in Washington county, Kentucky, where Judge Walker's father, Richard Logan Walker was born near the beginning of the 19th century. When a young man the latter clerked in a store at Hardinsburg, after which he came to Hartford, where he was engaged in the mercantile and milling business until his death September 15, 1857. He accumulated considerable wealth, owning both real estate and slaves. His wife, the former Miss Mahala Harris, of Breathitt county, died June 29, 1860. Both are buried in "the old cemetery" directly across Old Main Street from the Wayland Alexander grade school here. Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Walker were the parents of five children. A daughter, Sarah Ann became the wife of Dr. William J. Berry, prominent Hartford Physician and legislator, on July 20, 1838. Dr. Berry died December 13, 1893 in Florida where he had removed several years before, Mrs. Berry dying the following August 5. They too are buried in the old cemetery here, near the graves of her parents. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Walker, W. L. D. Walker, became a physician, practicing in Logan county.

Judge Walker, born at Hartford, January 29, 1827, was given a thorough literary training and, at the age of 17, went to Independence, Missouri, where he "read law" in the office of the distinguished barrister, Robert G. Smart. A year later he was admitted to the bar there but soon afterward returned to Hartford where he made his home and maintained his law office until his death a half century later, having in his prime, a practice extending throughout the entire "Green River Country" and a large portion of Western Kentucky.

In August 1857, the rising young lawyer was united in marriage to Miss Elvira English, daughter of Major Robert English, wealthy landowner and merchant of Hardin county who had served as sheriff and member of the general assembly. Ohio county clerk records show that Elm Shade, designated on the original plat of Hartford as Out Lots Nos. 52 and 53, was conveyed to Elijah Dudley Walker by deed executed by Frank Griffin and Martha, his wife, on March 5, 1863. The property conveyed was further described as six acres, "beginning on the street (sic) from Hartford to Morgantown, at the southwest corner of the Ohio County Agricultural, Mechanical, etc. Company's line (the old fairgrounds); thence north with said line 32 poles; thence due west 30 poles; thence south 32 poles to said street; thence with the latter 30 poles to the beginning." The purchase price was \$600, in the form of notes, which, the deed recites, had already been paid - \$300 on August 6, 1858 and \$300 on July 4, 1859.

The payment of the first note for the purchase price of what was to become the E. D. Walker homestead nearly five years before the execution of the deed indicates that a title bond or "bond for a deed", as it was then generally called, had been given to consummate the sale of the property to the young attorney and that he had probably been occupying the premises most of that time. The first note was paid only about a year after he had brought his young bride to Hartford and so the young couple probably lived elsewhere in the town only some 12 months, at the most, before moving to the home which family tradition says Judge Walker built for his charming helpmate shortly after their marriage. The purchase price of the 6-acre tract was so small that, even at the lower values of that day, it could account for only a small structure on it, certainly nothing at all resembling the imposing residence which has graced the site since the early years of Judge Walker's married life until the present. It is, of course, possible that the former building on the lot, if any, was incorporated bodily into the new home, but it seems more likely that it was razed and an entirely new residence constructed substantially on the lines of today's Elm Shade, a beautiful

eight-room specimen of Georgian colonial architecture, which is now owned and occupied by Mrs. Ida (Render) Walker, widow of Judge Walker's only son, the late Robert D. Walker. This conjecture fixes fairly accurately the age of the old homestead at some 94 years.

To Judge and Mrs. Walker five children were born: Lizzie Crutcher, heretofore mentioned; Logan, generally called "Logie"; Lula, Lida and the only son, Robert D., whose marriage has already been related. Lida became the wife of Andrew J. Casey, who became a successful journalist, Lula married John C. Thomas, one of 'the Thomas brothers,' outstanding Hartford merchants. Logan married J. Edwin Rowe, brilliant lawyer and commonwealth's attorney, while Lizzie C. was never married. "Miss Lizzie," however, in her own right, shared with her distinguished father in adding to the lustre of the family name, being a poetess of recognized ability. But, sadly, she died in the prime of life and accomplishment in the fall of 1903. Her best work was published in a small volume entitled "Not Altogether Fanciful," of which I have a prized copy autographed by the author and inscribed "To my young friend, McDowell Fogle, with best wishes for his success." Miss Walker was not only a gentlewoman of literary tastes and ability but a capable business woman as well, as was evidenced by her selection by her father as the executrix of his large estate. is heretofore mentioned, my father, consulted by his life-long friend, Judge Walker, in regard to the legal formalities necessary to make his testamentary wishes legal, then was selected by the ailing jurist to be the legal adviser of his fiduciary. So, both as my personal friend, friend of the family and client of my father, I knew "Miss Lizzie" unusually well in view of the fact that I was only an early teenage boy and she a mature woman, and learned thus that to know her well was to highly value her friendship and worth. Though her, earlier life had been a happy one, toward its close ill health made her following poetic couplet aptly expressive of her courageous philosophy:

'Remember this, O timid heart,  
Danger is restricted,  
No wound can ever scar the soul,  
Unless 'tis self-inflicted."

My longtime friend, E. M. Morton, Centertown druggist, business man, civic and church leader for nearly two generations, after reading my sketch of the Walker family in this column two weeks ago, was so kind as to write me, telling me that he enjoyed this and other of my articles and giving me an appreciated anecdote of his youthful friendship with Judge Walker - E. Dudley Walker, when formality was required, but to both his friends and the public in their every-day informal, home-folks contacts with him, just plain "Lige" Walker.

My sister, Annie Laurie, now Mrs. Thomas B. Petrie, Indianapolis, and Ernie Morton were schoolmates at old Hartford College and our father, the late Judge Jesse E. Fogle, and Ernie's father, that sterling citizen, the late Louis Cass Morton, were cordial friends. So, as both personal and family friends, Sister and I are indeed glad to learn that Ernie is convalescing quite satisfactorily from his illness of some months ago and wish for him complete recovery in the very near future. And we certainly appreciate his good wishes for us and ours.

Ernie, in his letter, relates his experience at deciphering the handwriting of Judge Walker, which reminds of the legendary jocularly as to the distinctive, unconventionality, if not to say, oddity of the penmanship of many, if not most, lawyers, physicians and other professional men. This rather common occupational trait of barristers, at least of those of the older generations of them, can, however, be readily understood when it is remembered that it is only within the last 50 years or so that they have had the advantage of stenographers or secretaries and that before that, for time immemorial, the long, tedious and complicated legal forms and documents, with which the lawyers

of those days so adeptly dealt, had to be written out in longhand by the attorney himself, unless, as in a very few instances, he had the assistance of clerks who had to use the same laborious method of transcribing by hand or the crude "letter-press. As the records and documents, which the old time lawyer had to write in longhand, were frequently long and voluminous and often had to be written under the pressure of onerous court and office duties and with a time deadline, it is easy to see why so many of the craftsmen of the law developed a style of penmanship somewhat hard to decipher. Two of my kinsmen, my father and Judge James S. Glenn, who married my cousin, Belle Barnes, who was reared from childhood until marriage by my grandparents, Virgil P. and Mrs. Dorcas Ann (Barnes) Addington, were, to a degree, examples of this distinctive legal style of chirography. In fact, my father used to laughingly tell on himself an anecdote apropos of his handwriting. He said that his father, Hon. McDowell Fogle, Casey county attorney and member of the legislature, often remarked that he enjoyed Jesse's letters better than those of any of his other children because "every time I re-read one of them, I find something new in it."

Back to Ernie Morton's letter, I quote, in part: "I read with very much interest your 'history' of the older folks of Hartford. My memory goes back far enough to make a lot of connections. I especially enjoyed your recent article about Judge Walker and his family. You know I was in the circuit clerk's office at Hartford when a young man and oftentimes I would see and hear him as he stood before a jury. I especially remember one experience I had with him. I was doing some copying for the office and ran into a notation that Judge Walker had made on a paper which had been made a part of the record. But I just couldn't read it. So I took it over to his office and asked him what it was. After looking it over carefully, he replied: 'Well, sir, son, I just can't read it either!'"

Another good friend of mine and the Walkers, who has told me of reading with interest my recent sketch of Judge Walker and his family, is Gentry Davis, of Route 3, Beaver Dam, who, as a youth, spent some ten years in the employ of the distinguished Hartford jurist, having, he tells me, worked in and around the Walker homestead, as a sort of general factotum, from the age of about ten or eleven years until Judge Walker's death, which occurred near Gentry's majority. This former family employee is devoted to the memory of Judge Walker and recounts enthusiastically the quaint humor and kindness of heart which always characterized him in his contacts with both the opulent and the humble despite the distractions of a strenuous professional life. Especially distinctly does Gentry recall the period of Judge Walker's declining health, his futile visit to a Missouri hospital and the courageous optimism with which he faced the inevitable.

In this installment I also want to thank Mrs. Robert D. Walker and her granddaughters, Misses Gabriella and Corinth Walker, for information they have given me in regard to their family and homestead "Gabie," following the preparation of a sketch of her paternal great-grandfather as a part of the research required of her by her history teacher in the Hartford high school, Mrs. Roy Barnhill, during her senior year, 1951-1952, was so kind as to give me the opportunity to read it. She too gave therein some "human interest" reminiscences, handed down in the family, illustrating the phenomenal clarity of mind and staunchness of character of her great-grandsire. One was his cogent remark, in the course of his support of the campaign to rid the community of saloons, through a "local option" election, in reply to the argument that a dry victory would result in "blind tigers." Said the Judge: "It would be better to have a blind tiger than one with two good eyes." Another revealing statement frequently made by Judge Walker was: "Evacuate the word 'can't' from your vocabulary. Give me a stick long enough and I will turn the world over."

Resuming my sketch of the Judge E. D. Walker homestead and to better catch up the loose strands of my narrative, I now relate some additional details as to his descendants. Two weeks ago I listed the five children of Elijah Dudley and Elvira (English) Walker, giving general marital

details as to those who married. I also gave, more in detail, a life sketch of their daughter, Lizzie Crutcher, who became noted in the literary world but v\was never married I will now summarize the information I have as to the other three daughters and the only son, Robert Dudley Walker. The pleasing old Southern custom of perpetuating family given names, through succeeding generations, is noticeably and well illustrated by the names of Judge Walker's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Living descendants of Judge Walker to the third generation, who do not bear the Walker surname, are as follows: Elijah Dudley Thomas, only child of Judge Walker's daughter, Lula, deceased, and the late John C Thomas. Elijah is a successful business man, residing in California.

Walker Casey, prominent Tennessee attorney, son of the former Miss Lida Walker, who married Andrew Jackson Casey, Nashville newspaperman.

Dudley English Casey, only other child of Mr. and Mrs. Casey, who is a leading Tennessee business man. Mrs. Lida Casey is still living near Nashville.

Logan, generally known as "Logie," the other Walker daughter, married Jacob Edwin "Jake" Rowe, scion of a family prominent in Ohio county since pioneer times He studied law under Judge Walker and became an excellent barrister, serving as commonwealth's attorney of this district for two terms, in which capacity he had the opportunity of displaying his remarkable oratorical ability. Three daughters were born to Commonwealth's Attorney and Mrs. Rowe: Edwina, who married Hon. Fred Botts, prominent Miami, Florida, attorney. Mrs. Botts died a few years ago, leaving two children, who have ably: contributed to the family prestige.

Ella, who married Newton H. Field, of Miami. They have five children who have been a credit to their heritage.

Bessie Rowe became the wife of William D. Morton, also of Ohio county lineage, and the mother of two sons, who have made their mark in the world. One of them is Dudley Walker Morton, who as a lieutenant commander in World War II, was skipper of the submarine raider, USS Wahoo, whose destructive attacks on Japanese shipping in the dark days of 1943, won for Lieut. Corn. Morton, a citation and decoration for valorous service from Gen. Douglas MacArthur, supreme Allied commander in the Pacific.

Those of Judge Walker's descendants bearing the family name are the children and grandchildren of his only son, Robert Dudley, who, like his father, became an attorney and continued a resident of his home town throughout life. Robert, "Bob" to his myriad friends, married Ida Corinth, daughter of the late William Berry and Gabriella (Turns) Render. Born to them were four sons as follows:

Berry Dudley, who married Evelyn Fair, daughter of the late Owen J. and Emma (Fair) Thomas. He is sales manager of the Dixie Cup Company for the state of Wisconsin and a portion of two adjoining states, residing at Milwaukee. They have two children Miss Carol and Robert Owen.

Robert Sidney married Miss Alice Cook, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Ira J. Cook, of Man, West Virginia, where Robert S. has been an employee of the Pond Creek Coal Co., for over 25 years, now being district manager.

Harris took as his wife Miss Louise Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bennett, Beaver Dam. He died November 16, 1950, leaving surviving his widow and four daughters, Misses Gabriella, and Corinth, Alice Marie and Harriet Lou. He was a valued employee of the Twentieth Century Coal Co., from the time it began operating in Ohio county until his untimely death as the result of a heart ailment.



Morton, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Walker, has, though only 41, attained remarkable success in the field of education. After graduating from Hartford high school in 1927, he took his undergraduate and master's degrees at the University of Kentucky. He then did graduate work at the University of California for two years. After completing his scholastic training, Morton returned to his native state and taught in Louisville high schools and the Southern Indiana center of the extension service of Indiana University before becoming instructor at the University of Louisville in 1946. The next year he was made dean of men of the institution and in January of this year was promoted to assistant to the university's president, which position he now holds. In addition he teaches English and Speech in the Speed Scientific School, the university's scientific department. Prof. Walker is also a member of the city board of education of Louisville and of the rent control board, not to mention other civic and professional positions of honor.

Turning from Judge Walker's family life to his public career, we find that he took time out from his busy law practice to serve his fellow citizens in the state's legislative halls. In 1857, during the Know-Nothing excitement and in opposition to that movement, he was elected to the state senate, as Democrat, serving four years and being that body's youngest member at that time. In the 1860 Presidential campaign he was Democratic elector from the Second congressional district. In 1878 Judge Walker was endorsed by a large part of the state press for Governor, but requested that his name should not be presented to the convention. Thus, with the exception of his term in the senate, Judge Walker devoted his time and talent to the practice of his profession and, though making criminal law his specialty, he was retained in almost every case of prominence before the courts of Ohio county and his services were also often sought by litigants in neighboring and other counties of Western Kentucky.

After having been in declining health for a considerable period and saddened by the death of his faithful helpmate, Judge Walker passed to the Great Beyond on October 15, 1898. Funeral services were conducted at the Hartford Baptist Church by its pastor, Rev. J. W. Vallandigham. Interment was in Oakwood cemetery here. The monument there, memorializing him and his family, the figure of an angel, dropping rose petals of remembrance on his last resting place, carved from Italian marble, is probably the most beautiful and artistic such memorial in Ohio county And I am glad to be able to report that it seems to have, in very great measure, escaped the ravages of time and of vandals, and still stands aloft, overlooking the Hartford-Fordsville highway, in its pristine beauty.

The Hartford bar adopted resolutions honoring Judge Walker's memory, the committee preparing them being composed of my father, Jesse E. Fogle, James S. Glenn and Ben D. Ringo. As adequately epitomizing Judge Walker's eminence, I plan to present in this column two weeks hence the eulogy of him made by my father when he presented the resolutions to the meeting of the bar.

"That was a beautiful tribute paid to the memory of his distinguished friend, Hon. E. Dudley Walker, by Judge Jesse E. Fogle on Wednesday morning last, when he moved to spread upon the minutes of the Ohio quarterly court the resolutions of respect passed by the Ohio county bar," . The Hartford Herald reported in its issue of October 26, 1898. "Judge Fogle arose quivering with suppressed emotion and said:

"If the court please, I arise this morning to perform a labor of pure friendship and fraternal love. Over a quarter of a century ago I came to the town of Hartford a youthful member of the bar and a total stranger to the people of the town and county. I needed friends and particularly an influential friend in whose sound wisdom and discretion the people had confidence and one upon whom I could rely for counsel in guiding youthful ambition. I found such a friend in the

distinguished dead, Judge Walker... Though a stranger he 'took me in' and to his disinterested friendship, sound advice and lofty example I owe much of whatever of success, professionally and financially, I have been able to attain. So I loved Mr. Walker and he richly deserved every throb of affection paid to his worth by this heart of mine. I thank a kind Providence for giving me such a friend. Faithful and constant, he was always true and loyal to the best interests of his friends.

"Judge Walker was so kind and gentle and solicitous of the feelings of others, that they might not be wounded, that no reasonable personal sacrifice was ever too great for him to make. His dignified courtesy, his genial smile, lighted up by his intellectual face were an inspiration to his associates; his family and friends may now have the consolation derived from the knowledge that, throughout his long professional career, there was not a member of the bar who did not have the highest esteem, respect, veneration, awe, love for this honored brother. He was a charming, refreshing, inspiring companion and faithful friend.

"Judge Walker was a great lawyer and faithful to his profession, turning his back upon political preferment that he might the more loyally devote himself exclusively to the law. Time and again a host of friends urged him to run for Governor of the State, and for United States Senator, with flattering prospects of success, but this able member of the bar, when he had just passed the portals that separate youth from manhood, served a term in the State Senate with marked ability, but, becoming surfeited with political life, he declined re-election and, barring one other canvass, ever afterward refused to enter the political arena in his own behalf.

"Judge Walker was faithful to his clients. No man, however poor, ever engaged the services of Mr. Walker, who did not, receive his best efforts. Oh, if these old walls could speak, they would tell a story of his skill and eloquence unequalled in the history of the county. And not only within these walls, but he carried the name of Hartford abroad and the walls of the courthouses in Owensboro, Calhoun, Madisonville, Morganfield, Greenville, Morgantown, Leitchfield, Hardinsburg, yes, all over Western Kentucky, would tell the same story of his skill and eloquence; and if all the people whose lives, liberty and property Judge Walker saved during his brilliant professional career of half, a century, could be marshaled, there would be such a tribute of honor and respect laid at the feet of this distinguished dead as rarely falls to the lot of man.

"When I came here more than 25 years ago the Hartford bar was composed of the following lawyers: Hons. E. Dudley Walker, Harrison D. Taylor, Henry D. McHenry, John Chapeze, John C. Townsend, Sam E. Hill, E. C. Hubbard, W. F. Gregory, D. H. French, E. H. Strother, J. N. Foster, George C. Wedding, F. P. Morgan, W. H. Rock, and P. R. Kelly. Now all that brilliant galaxy of lawyers is gone and I alone am left. They have passed away to the silent precincts of the tomb and the great mysterious life of the Beyond, except Gen. Hill, who has removed to Lexington, Mr. French, who lives in La Grange, Mr. Morgan, who resides in another state and Mr. Kelly, who is still in this county.

"At the time of which I speak that distinguished lawyer and able jurist, Judge Martin H. Cofer, afterwards on the appellate bench and chief justice of the State, was the presiding judge of the Ohio circuit court and this bar was frequently visited by an array of exceedingly able lawyers, such as Judge James Stewart and my revered uncle, W. N. Sweeney, of Owensboro; Judge George W. Williams, of Hawesville; Judge W. L. Conklin, of Leitchfield; Judge Jesse W. Kincheloe, of Hardinsburg; Judge Charles G. Wintersmith, of Elizabethtown, and Judge B. L. D. Guffy, now on the appellate bench, but then of Morgantown. And so, when I contemplate the ability of these men, I am constrained to say: 'There were giants in those days.'. Amid all this array of learned, astute, skilled lawyers and eloquent advocates, my friend, Judge Walker, was the peer of any of them and on all the great questions of law presented to these intellectual giants his advice was eagerly sought.

But Mr. Walker was not only great socially and professionally, he was a well rounded man, successful in business, consistent in religion and a wise and far-seeing statesman.'

"However, Judge Walker was greatest in the domestic circle. Around the sacred precincts of his cheeful hearthstone the star of his genius shone brightest. Here it was his wont to gather around him his typical Southern family, consisting of his wife, four daughters and a son, and, with rare elements of head and heart, bewitch them with his charming personality, nobly inspire them with his quaint philosophy, delight them with his rich fund of ripe experience and bind them all to him with his genial, gentle, kind, loving parental heart. But my poor words are inadequate to do Judge Walker justice or add the slightest luster to his name. Yet I lay this tribute of love on his grave. He sleeps Over Yonder;

"On fame's eternal camping ground  
His silent tent is spread  
And glory guards with solemn round  
The bivouac of the dead."



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