

Dr. Perry Green Walker (1868-1924)

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Greenwood Cemetery: 1821 Leitchfield Road, Owensboro, KY
Jerry Long (Utica, KY: McDowell Publications, 2006) p.14
(list of Greenwood Cemetery Association stockholders):

Walker, Dr. Perry Green, 3 shares. Born 27 September 1868 Baltimore, Maryland; son of Perry G. Walker & Mary E. Snowden. Died 26 May 1924 Owensboro, KY (death certificate 1924 - #11161). Buried Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA. He is listed with his parents in the 1870 census of Frederick County, MD and in the 1880 census of Alexandria, VA. On 23 January 1894 he was granted a license to practice medicine in the state of Kentucky (Daviness County Medical Register, p57). His license reported that he was a graduate of the medical department at Howard University in the District of Columbia on 15 April 1891. In 1900 he was serving in the US Army's 48th Infantry and was stationed at San Fernando in the Philippine Islands, where he was enumerated in the 1900 Federal Census. He was serving as a hospital steward; his place of birth was given as Maryland and his residence as 717 Green Street in Henderson, KY. Listed immediately after him in the census was Randolph F. White, both shortly located in Owensboro. Mr. White, a pharmacist, was also one of the stockholders of Greenwood Cemetery. Dr. Walker's obituary states "he had been city physician for the Negroes of Owensboro for a number of years. He came here twenty-two years ago from Westminster, Maryland. Dr. Walker served in the medical corps of the United States army in the Philippines, and made a good record". He is first found in the Owensboro Directories in the 1903-04 edition; he was at this time one of four Negro doctors in Owensboro. He is enumerated in the 1910 & 1920 censuses of Owensboro. In 1903-04 and at his death he was a resident at 411 Poplar Street, the home of Richard & Ellen Varian, prominent leaders of the Black community. The 1900 & 1920 censuses reported that he was single. The P. G. Walker Apartment complex in Owensboro, dedicated on 1 September 1950, was named in his honor.



The Directory of Deceased American Physicians, 1804-1929 (Ancestry.com) lists "Perry Green Walker", an allopath doctor, who died of heart disease in Owensboro, KY on 26 May 1924.

He was a graduate of Howard University College of Medicine, in Washington, D.C. in 1891. He was issued a license to practice in Kentucky in 1894 and in Washington, D. C. in 1897.

Dr. Perry G. Walker was enumerated twice in the 1900 federal census – he appeared as a hospital steward in the Philippine Islands and as a physician in the city of Baltimore, Maryland. The latter lists Perry G. Walker, physician, with a wife of six years, Lucy; they were residing with her parents, George F. & Mary Bragg; they had no children. In Henderson County, KY in 1906 Lucinda Walker filed for a divorce from P. G. Walker; she claimed an abandonment of five years (Henderson Gleaner, Henderson, KY, Sunday, 18 March 1906, p.8).

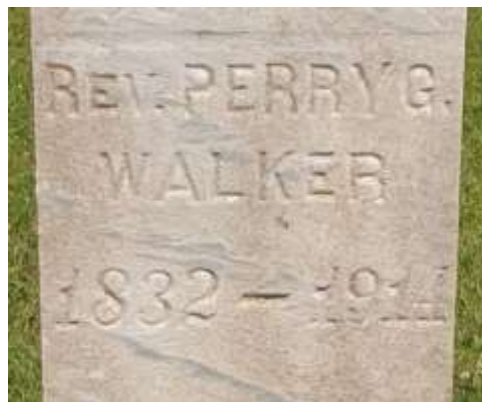
Dr. Perry G. Walker's father, Perry G. Walker (1832-1914) and grandfather, Rev. John Baptist Snowden (1801-1885), were prominent Methodist ministers. Rev. Walker, his wife, Mary Elizabeth Snowden (1832-1903) and Rev. Snowden & his wife, Margaret Coone (1809-1870) are buried in the Ellsworth Cemetery, at Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland. The following was an obituary for Rev. Walker:

The Afro-American Ledger, Baltimore, MD, Saturday, 31 January 1914, p.1:

DEATH OF FOUNDER OF WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Westminster, Md., Jan. 28 – Rev. Perry G. Walker, one of the founders of the Washington M. E. Conference, died at his home here a few days ago. He was ordained a deacon when the conference was organized in the old Sharp Street Memorial Church, Baltimore, in 1864. Among the prominent appointments that he has filled were Sharp Street, Asbury, Ames and Metropolitan Churches, Baltimore. He WAS superannuated several years ago. Rev. Walker had been an active churchman for 63 years.

Funeral services were held at Union M. E. Church, Monday of last week. The principal eulogy was delivered by Rev. N. M. Carrol, the last surviving founder of the conference. Rev. J. A. Holmes had charge of the services. Delegations of ministers from Washington and Baltimore were in attendance.





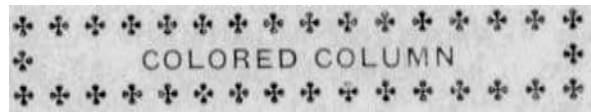
Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Tuesday, 6 February 1894, p.5:

NEWS OF NEIGHBORING COUNTIES

Dr. P. G. Walker, a colored physician from Baltimore, has located in Henderson. He is a graduate of Harvard university [note - should be Howard University] and comes highly recommended.



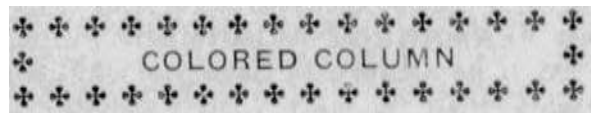
Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Sunday, 14 July 1901, p.10:



Dr. P. G. Walker, formerly of this city, who was a surgeon of the 49th Volunteer regiment of American troops, stationed in the Philippine islands, will again locate at Henderson. He was mustered out of service at San Francisco, Cal., some days ago. Henderson is preparing to give him a royal welcome.



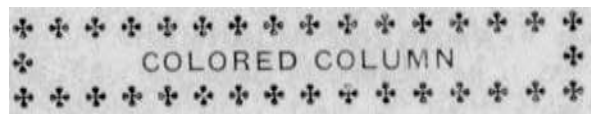
Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Sunday, 7 December 1902, p.2:



Dr. P. G. Walker, formerly of this city, but lately hospital steward for the U. S. army in the Philippines, will return in a few days to practice his profession. Dr. Walker had the pleasure of attending the clinics of Dr. Lorenz. the great Austrian surgeon, during his visit to Chicago.



Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Sunday, 14 December 1902, p.6:

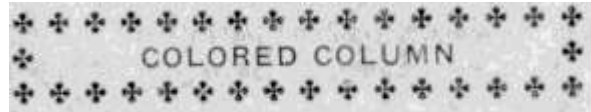


Dr. P. G. Walker, late of the hospital corps of the U. S. army, who arrived in the city last Wednesday, will locate and engage in the practice of medicine. He has had wide experience,

having been with the army in the Philippines and Porto Rico. He attended the clinics of the great Austrian surgeon Lorenz, at Chicago.



Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Sunday, 15 March 1903, p.12:



Drs. P. G. Walker and R. L. Varian have formed a partnership for the practice of medicine in the city. They have fitted up an elegant apartment on Elm between Fifth and Harriett streets. and are now prepared for any call.



Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Wednesday, 22 July 1914, p.2:

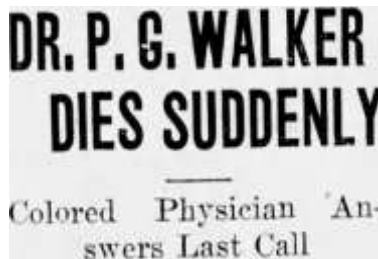
ARTICLES ARE FILED BY NEGRO CHAUTAUQUA

The Owensboro Negro Chautauqua and Amusement company was incorporated on Tuesday when the required articles were lodged with County Clerk Weir. The capital stock of the concern is placed at \$500. each share placed at \$2. Prominent colored men in the city are behind the move in an attempt to render aid in the uplift of the colored race, and believe this is a means of doing it. The session of the chautauqua was commenced last Saturday at the colored park near the fair grounds and will continue during this week.

Following are the incorporators as set out in the articles, and the amount of stock owned by each: P. G. Walker, 40 shares; J. A. Agnew, 33 shares; S. L. Barker, 30 shares; E. Clements and Marietta J. Wheatley, 10 shares each; John Wells 3 shares and J. P. Martin and T. E. Barrett, 4 shares each.



Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Monday, 26 May 1924, p.10:



Dr. P. G. Walker, colored, 58, dropped dead at 9:30 this morning in front of the Stark Motors company on Fourth street, from heart failure. He had lived in Owensboro for 22 years, coming here from his home in Westminster, Maryland. Dr. Walker was a graduate in medicine of

the Howard university, Washington, D. C. completing his studies there in 1891. He practiced his profession at various locations until the Spanish-American war when he volunteered and was assigned to duty in the Philippines, where he served in the medical corps, with Dr. R. F. White, West Fifth street, this city. for two years. He came to Owensboro in 1902 and has practiced his profession with much success.

For the last eight years Dr. Walker has served as city physician for colored people, and has cooperated in every way in bringing to the people of his race preventive medicine and bettering their conditions physically and otherwise. He was a good citizen and esteemed by the citizens of Owensboro, among whom he had a wide acquaintance, both white and colored. He was greatly admired for his devotion to his people throughout the entire time he had lived in the city.

Surviving are two sisters living at a distance and a nephew who visited him last Wednesday and was intending to return to his home in Washington Sunday, but Dr. Walker prevailed upon him to wait over until today. He was removed from the scene of his death to the undertaking establishment of R. F. Agnew, West Fourth street and later removed to his home, 411 Poplar street. He was a member of the colored Masons, United Brothers of Friendship, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and a popular member of the Ashbury M. E. church. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.



County <i>Madison</i>		Registration District No. <i>410</i>		File No. _____
Vol. Pat. _____		Primary Registration District No. <i>2145</i>		Registered No. <i>171</i>
Inc. Town _____		City <i>Owensboro Ky</i>		(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)
No. _____		St. _____		Ward _____
2 FULL NAME <i>Perry G. Walker</i>				
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS				
1 SEX <i>Male</i>	4 COLOR OR RACE <i>Black</i>	5 MARRIAGE STATUS <i>Single</i>	6 DATE OF DEATH <i>May 26 1924</i>	
7 DATE OF BIRTH <i>Sept 27 1868</i>		8 AGE <i>55 yrs 7 mos 29 ds.</i>		
9 OCCUPATION <i>Physician</i>		10 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) <i>Maryland</i>		
11 NAME OF FATHER <i>Perry G. Walker</i>		11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) <i>Maryland</i>		
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <i>May E. Snowden</i>		13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) <i>Maryland</i>		
14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) <i>W. S. Wheatley</i>				
(Address) <i>230 The Arcade St. Owensboro Ky</i>				
15 FILED <i>May 27 1924</i> <i>L. L. Carpenter</i> Registrar				
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH				
I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____ 1924 to _____ 1924				
and that death occurred on the date stated above at _____ m.				
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <i>Apoplexy</i>				
Contributory (Secondary) _____ (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.				
(Signed) <i>William E. Agnew</i> M.D. <i>May 27 1924</i> (Address) <i>Owensboro Ky</i>				
*Indicate the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes state: (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal or Homicidal.				
16 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents) _____ at place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. In the State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.				
Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? _____ Former or usual residence _____				
17 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <i>Washington D.C.</i>		DATE OF BURIAL <i>5-27-1924</i>		
18 UNDERTAKER <i>G. A. Agnew</i>		ADDRESS <i>Owensboro</i>		

Kentucky death certificate 1924 – certificate #11161



The Sunday Star, Washington, D. C., Sunday, 1 June 1924, p.5:

Deaths

WALKER. Suddenly, Monday, May 26, 1924, at Owensboro, Ky., Dr. PERRY G. WALKER, son of the late Rev. Perry G. Walker and Mary E. Walker, brother of Mrs. Elizabeth Myers. Mrs. Matthew W. Clair and Lorenza B. Walker. Funeral was held Wednesday, May 28, at Owensboro, Ky. Remains now resting at Thomas Frazier's parlors, 723 T st. n.w. Short services at Thomas Frazier's parlors Monday, June 2, at 1:30 p.m. Interment in Arlington cemetery. (Baltimore papers please copy.)



Grave of Dr. Perry Green Walker
27 Sep 1868 – 26 May 1924
Hosp Stewd 48 Inf US V
Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, Virginia



Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Friday, 30 May 1924, p.10:

Dr. Cornelius Appointed Negro City Physician

The city commissioners have appointed Dr. A. Cornelius as colored city physician, to take the place of Dr. P. G. Walker, who died suddenly last Monday. Dr. Cornelius was highly recommended to the commissioners by the leading negroes of the city.



Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Thursday, 29 April 1926, p.5:

Circuit Court Suits.

R. F. White, as administrator of the estate of Dr. Perry G. Walker, negro physician, who died May 26, 1924, filed suit in circuit court Wednesday against Lorenzo Walker, a brother of the dead physician, and a sister, several children of another sister and several unknown heirs of Dr. Walker, whom the administrator states he is not familiar with, for settlement of the estate of Walker. The administrator states in his petition that Walker left an estate, all personal property, which he has turned into cash, worth \$5,496.08, and left debts aggregating \$2,198.13, all of which he has paid. He asks advice of the chancellor in distributing the remainder of the estate and that the matter be referred to the master commissioner to advertise for debts and heirs.



P. G. Walker Apartments, 715 Sycamore Street, Owensboro, KY, was named in honor of Dr. Perry Green Walker, (Jr.). The apartments, a public housing project, consisting of 50 units for Blacks, was dedicated on 1 September 1950.

