

## WALKER FAMILY CEMETERY

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

William Walker Born April 14, 1800 Footstone: plain	William Henry - son of William & Jane Walker Aged 13 ys 3ms & 13ds Footstone: W.H.W.	Charles J. Walker Born Jan'y 21, 1843 Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Footstone: plain
Jane Walker Born May 4, 1804 Died Oct. 5, 1877 Footstone: J.W.	Rebecca Frances Dau. of Wm. & Jane Walker and Wife of Tom Holeman, Jr. Born May 12, 1836 Died March 31, 1861	Mary L. Walker Daughter of A.N. & A.E. Plunkett Born Nov. 6, 1842 Died Oct. 7, 1867 Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord Footstone: plain
Mrs. Sarah T. Fant Daughter of Wm. & Jane Walker Born Oct. 1. 1830 Died July 30, 1850 Footstone: plain	Mary Vanhook - dau. of Rebecca F. & Tom Holeman, Jr. Born Oct. 29, 1860 Died June 30, 1862	Infant of C.J. & M.L. Walker Born Oct. 1, 1867 (only date) Footstone: plain
William W. - son of B.S. & Sarah T. Fant Born May 1, 1850 Died July 18, 1850 Footstone: plain	Richard A. - son of Wm. & Jane Walker Born April 1, 1840 Died April 17, 1849 Footstone: plain	
Henry Holeman Born March 24, 1823 Died Jan. 2, 1852 Footstone: H.H.		

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