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THE FOUNDING OF WALKER CHAPEL

Walker Chapel is nearing its centennial.

The founding of Walker Chapel Methodist Church is marked by a meeting held at Mt. Olivet on July 9, 1871 when a group of "members and friends of the Methodist Protestant Church" made pledges "for the purpose of building a Methodist Protestant Church at or near Walker's grave yard". The original subscription list, as extended during the weeks following the July 9th meeting, is in the archives of Walker Chapel. It lists 53 names plus five anonymous donors with donations and pledges totaling \$386.50. A site adjoining Walker's graveyard was acquired by deed dated August 3, 1871, and the church building was in service before Christmas of 1871.

Walker Chapel was built six years after the end of the Civil War only one year after the end of the occupation of Arlington County by the Union Army. At that time Arlington County (then called Alexandria County) was rural, dotted with houses, mostly humble dwellings of farmers and truckers and their servants and field hands. The entire population of the County was only 3,185, according to the 1870 census. Of the three magistral districts into which the County was divided, Washington District comprising the northern end of the county, including the Walker Chapel section, had a population of only 558 divided equally into 279 whites and 279 negroes. The white population was mainly native Virginia, but there was a sprinkling of Northerners, mostly New Yorkers. Commencing about the middle of the nineteenth century some people who lived in Washington during the winter built summer homes in Arlington. However, the development of Arlington as a suburb of Washington was greatly retarded by bad roads that frequently were impassable except by foot or horseback, by the necessity of paying tolls to cross the Potomac, by lack of public transportation and lack of utilities. There were no public schools prior to 1870. The Walker Chapel area was then a community of truck farmers, and it remained so until after World War I. The area was referred to as "the garden of Washington City".

From prior to the advent of the white man there had been an Indian trail leading southward from where the Indians crossed the Potomac River at Pimmét Run below Little Falls. During the trade rivalry between the ports of Georgetown and Alexandria the Georgetown interests built a bridge across the Potomac at Little Falls to draw trade from inland Virginia. It was known as Falls Bridge until it was replaced by Chain Bridge in 1812. Falls Bridge relied on two existing public roads (both former Indian trails) to bring traffic to the Bridge. The first followed the course of present Virginia Route 123. The other, known as Little Falls Road, followed Pimmét Run a short distance, then veered south and connected with present Glebe Road at present Walker Chapel and continued west following present Little Falls Road to Falls Church. When Little Falls Road

left Pimmet Run it went up the west flank of a hill through the side of a little valley and came into Glebe Road on the west side of Walker Chapel. During the Civil War the Union Army built Military Road (connecting a line of fortifications) with an approach road running from Chain Bridge up Chain Bridge Hill to Military Road. Thereafter the original Falls Road route to Walker Chapel was abandoned in favor of the route up Chain Bridge Hill. The section of present Old Glebe Road running on the east side of the church to Military Road was not opened until after the church was built.

The history of Walker Chapel is interlinked with Mt. Olivet, its "mother church", which was founded as a Methodist Protestant church in 1854, and like Walker Chapel, was a church of the Potomac Circuit. Mr. Olivet was the first church built in Arlington County.

After Rev. Cox's connection with Mr. Olivet was terminated in March 1967 the church went into a decline, from which it was not revived until William C. Ames became pastor in March 1870. It was during his ministry that Walker Chapel was built.

There are no contemporary records of the religious activities in the community that led to the founding of Walker Chapel, and what is known on the subject is based on reports handed down by word of mouth and put in writing many years later by persons to whom the information had been transmitted. Perhaps the most reliable source of information on the subject is a paper, dated April 29, 1949, prepared by Rev. J. William Hough, pastor of Walker Chapel, based on interviews with old members, including one member then living who recalled events as early as 1869. Mr. Hough also prepared "A Historical Sketch of Walker Chapel Methodist Church" for the Building Fund Loyalty Dinner held on May 3, 1951. Both of these Hough papers are in the archives of Walker Chapel.

The earliest known meetings of the group that became the original Walker Chapel congregation were in 1869 at a home known as the "Nicholson House" a few hundred yards north of the present church. Sunday School and occasional preaching services were held at the Nicholson House until the church was built in 1871. When interviewed by Mr. Hough in 1949, William H. Elliott, then one of the oldest members of Walker Chapel, remembered having attended Sunday School there as a child in 1869. The historical sketch prepared by Mr. Hough in 1951 states: "It is also believed that Sunday School was held in a log house near the Foster home in the 3200 block of Glebe Road. A Mrs. Edwards was active in the Sunday School." The name of a Foster appears on the July 9, 1871 subscription list.

Walker Chapel is located on a tract of land known as Pimmet Run tract that can be traced back as having been owned by Councillor Robert Carter, who was a grandson of the famous Robert "King" Carter, the largest landowner in

Virginia. Councillor Carter (1728-1804) is the subject of a book by Louis Morton, Robert Carter of Nomini Hall, which has a list of his land holdings in 1775, showing that he owned in Fairfax County a tract on "Pimmit's Run". The present Arlington County was at that time a part of Fairfax County.

The earliest Arlington County record pertaining to the land on which Walker Chapel is located is a deed dated November 25, 1850, executed by Alfred Ball conveying to his niece, Elizabeth S. Bowen, a tract known as Pimmit Run tract "supposed to contain 300 acres" which was described by meters and bounds. The deed recited that the tract had formerly been owned by a "Councillor Robert Carter", the grandfather of Alfred Ball, that Ball had "inherited" it by the will of his mother and that Ball had given and conveyed the land to his niece, Elizabeth S. Bowen, sometime in 1843, but that the conveyance had never been made a matter of record. Arlington County was still a part of the District of Columbia in 1843.

The tradition that the site of Walker Chapel was donated by the Walker family is supported by the public records. By deed dated October 16, 1877, Elizabeth S. Bowen conveyed to Robert Walker the entire Pimmit Run tract "excepting from this conveyance such portions of such tract of land as have been sold and conveyed to William Walker, James Walker and the trustees of Walker's Chapel." The Walker family started using the Walker Graveyard as a family burial site in 1848 when David Walker was buried there. David Walker was the father of William Walker, James Walker and Robert Walker mentioned in the October 16, 1877 deed. In 1848, when the Walker family started using the graveyard site as a burial ground, Alfred Ball was still the owner of record of the land, but the fact that David Walker built a home on the tract during his lifetime and that members of the Walker family were buried there gives rise to a strong inference that David Walker purchased the Pimmit Run tract from Mrs. Bowen and used and occupied it under some form of unrecorded land purchase contract, although he did not complete paying for it and get title to it during his lifetime. The 1877 deed recited a consideration of \$600, and \$200 of the purchase price was still unpaid in 1877.

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1. A 19-acre tract deeded by Elizabeth S. Bowen to William Walker on October 17, 1854. This deed refers to the 19 acres as part of Carter's patent. William Walker was the oldest son of David Walker.
2. A 13-acre tract conveyed by Elizabeth S. Bowen to James Walker by deed also dated October 17, 1854. James Walker was then another adult son of David Walker. Robert Walker, the next oldest son of David Walker, was only 14 years old in 1854.

3. That part of the present site of Walker Chapel to the rear of the present church building that comprises the cemetery. The cemetery portion was deeded by Elizabeth S. Bowen in two parts as set forth below.

By deed dated December 1, 1858, Elizabeth S. Bowen conveyed the original Walker Graveyard, which was a small plot 30 yards square at the south-east corner of the present cemetery, near present Old Glebe Road. This was before Old Glebe Road was opened through there, and the deed also conveyed a 12-foot lane running from the burial plot to Little Falls Road (located about where the entrance road to the parking lot is now located). The deed conveyed the plot to William Walker, James Walker, James Read (Reid), John W. Read (Reid) and Robert Walker as trustees, the plot to be used as a graveyard. This was the "Walker's grave yard" that was in existence before Walker Chapel was founded. The Reids were related to the Walkers. David Walker's first wife was Dianna Reid, and his second wife was Nancy Reid, a sister of the first wife. The purchase price of the burial plot was \$25, which presumably was paid to the Walker-Reid family at the time of the purchase.

The site on which the first Walker Chapel church was built in 1871 was conveyed by Elizabeth S. Bowen by deed dated August 3, 1871 to Robert Walker, Samuel Titus, Joseph McNear (McNeir), Valentine W. Sellers and William Walker, in trust "for a building site for a Methodist Protestant Church and burial ground for the use and benefit of the congregation worshipping in the said church from time to time." This parcel, known as the Chapel Lot, is in the northern part of the present cemetery. The first Walker Chapel church was built on the northwest end of this lot facing on Little Falls Road. The recited purchase price was \$20. There is no record of who paid the \$20, but it seems likely that it was paid out of the \$386.50 subscribed at the meeting held at Mt. Olivet on July 9, 1871. James and Robert Walker headed this list of subscribers with contributions of \$25 and \$20 respectively, and subscriptions were also made by William, David and George Walker and several men related to the Walker family by blood or marriage.

The 1858 deed conveying the original Walker graveyard and the 1871 deed conveying the Chapel Lot covered only a part of the present cemetery site and did not include the land where the present church edifice is located. When Old Glebe Road was opened, this created a triangular tract bounded by Glebe Road, Little Falls Road and the rectangular tract comprising the site of the graveyard and the church built in 1871. This triangular tract was included in the tract deeded to Robert Walker in 1877. By deed dated October 1, 1879 Robert Walker conveyed this triangular parcel of land to the trustees of Walker Chapel for a nominal consideration of one dollar. This is the parcel on which the present edifice and part of the cemetery is located.

It does not appear that the trustees of the original graveyard plot ever conveyed it to the trustees of Walker Chapel. Any flaw in Walker Chapel's title to the entire church and cemetery property was cured by a proceeding under a Virginia statute which provides that whenever a church has had 25 years undisputed possession of real estate for which there is no deed of record the trustees of the church, after giving notice for four successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, may file a petition in the circuit court of the county and obtain an order for the appointment of a special commissioner to convey the land to the church. The trustees of Walker Chapel filed such a petition and obtained a court decree on January 21, 1949 under which a special commissioner was appointed and directed to convey the property to Walker Chapel, and the special commissioner executed a deed dated January 27, 1949 conveying the entire Walker Chapel property to the trustees of Walker Chapel.

Questions naturally arise as to what individuals were responsible for the founding of Walker Chapel and why it was organized as a Methodist Protestant Church instead of a church of the Methodist Episcopal Church South or some other denomination. Unfortunately there are no contemporary records pertaining to the founding and early years of Walker Chapel, except the July 9, 1871 subscription list and the August 3, 1871 deed giving the names of the original trustees. It was founded as a church of Potomac Circuit (then temporarily a Mission) and the records of Potomac Circuit were maintained at Mt. Olivet, the mother church, where the parsonage was located. All records for the Circuit were written in the same book. As this book became old or unusable for some reason, the names of the active members were transferred to a new book. The names of the inactive, transferred and deceased members were not carried forward to the new book, with the result that all record of them was lost when the old book was lost or destroyed. The oldest record book of Potomac Circuit is a worn and much faded ledger book with columns drawn in lead pencil, with a membership roll written by W. W. White, who was pastor of Potomac Circuit during 1881. This book is in the archives of Mt. Olivet. The earliest known records that were kept by Walker Chapel after it was organized is a "Minute Book" maintained by the Church Secretary, covering the period December 28, 1881 to March 2, 1913. This Minute Book is in Walker Chapel archives.

Despite the paucity of early records, some rather definite conclusions can be drawn about the founding of Walker Chapel. It was undoubtedly the result of missionary efforts of Mt. Olivet. Mention will be made of two licensed local preachers who were members of Mt. Olivet and probably participated in the religious activities in the Walker Chapel community that led to the founding of Walker Chapel as a Methodist Protestant Church.

Samuel Titus was a local preacher who lived at "Birchland" near the junction of Glebe and Little Falls, in the Walker Chapel neighborhood. His obituary in The Methodist Protestant, January 22, 1890, states that he was a "father of the Methodist Protestant Church", meaning apparently that his relationship to that Church went back to 1829-30 when the Methodist Protestant Church split off from the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was "a father of Potomac class" which formed Potomac Circuit in 1844. He was a founder member of Mt. Olivet. He was a founder member of Walker Chapel and a member of the original board of trustees, and his 27 year old stepson, Joseph E. McNeir, was also a member of the original board of trustees. He became a leader of the new "Walker Chapel class". The journal of Robert Walker contains numerous entries about attending "class meeting" at Walker Chapel. His name does not appear on the July 9, 1871 subscription list, and one wonders if he was the anonymous "member of the Church" who made the third pledge. A "passion for anonymity" is indicated by the fact that his grave at Walker Chapel was unmarked.

Horatio Ball, Jr., was another licensed local preacher and member of Mt. Olivet who became a member of Walker Chapel. He filled many positions of trust at Walker Chapel and was president of the board of trustees in 1889. The journal of Robert Walker has references to Horatio Ball, Jr., preaching at Walker Chapel.

The July 9, 1871 subscription list is as follows:

"We the undersigned members and friends of the Methodist Protestant Church do agree to pay on demand the Several Sums Set opposite our names for the purpose of building a Methodist Protestant Church at or near Walkers grave yard - Mount Olivet July the 9th 1871."

| Names | \$cts |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| James Walker x paid | 25.00 |
| Robert Walker x paid 10 | 20.00 |
| A member of the Church x paid 15 | 20.00 |
| George Walters | 5.00 |
| Charles Payne x | 5.00 |
| William Elliott x paid | 10.00 |
| John R. Minor | 10.00 |
| J. H. Ridgeway | 5.00 |
| Abram Binsca paid x | 5.00 |
| William Tucker x | 2.00 |
| Charles Curby (Kirby) paid x | 10.00 |
| J. H. Foster paid | 2.50 |
| T. A. Newman x paid | 5.00 |

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| A friend paid x | 5.00 |
| D. Catthell paid x | 2.00 |
| John E. Cox paid x | 5.00 |
| John T. Wood | 2.50 |
| Mrs. Sweeney paid | 1.00 |
| Mason Shipman | 2.50 |
| Mrs. Tibby paid x | 5.00 |
| Gilbert Vanderwerken x | 30.00 |
| R. O. Phillips x | 5.00 |
| F. Morningstar x | 5.00 |
| T. Langton x | 5.00 |
| Joseph McNeir x | 5.00 |
| Cash | 3.00 |
| Cash | 1.00 |
| G. W. Cropley-Lead | 3.00 |
| J. (L?) W. Coon By Paper | 2.50 |
| George Walker x | 5.00 |
| W. H. Wheatley Paid | 3.00 |
| A. Havener | 10.00 |
| John Tindsler | 10.00 |
| T. B. Frye | 10.00 |
| William Walker x | 10.00 |
| William Walker in labor x | 10.00 |
| David Walker | 5.00 |
| Valentine W. Sellers Paid 9 | 10.00 |
| Joseph Nicholson | 10.00 |
| Emley Murphy Paid x | 10.00 |
| James H. Read Paid 5 | 10.00 |
| William Marcey | 10.00 |
| James Marcey p. 2 | 10.00 |
| Samuel Marcey | 10.00 |
| Leroy Donelson Paid w | 5.00 |
| H. Caleb Birch | 5.00 |
| Charles Birch | 5.00 |
| Thomas H. Nelson Paid x | 5.00 |
| Robt. N. Reid x | 5.00 |
| Perry Elliott P aid x | 5.00 |
| West & Mason Havenner | 5.00 |
| S. Thos. Brown paid | 3.00 |
| J. O. Barron pd. | 1.00 |
| Benj. Miller paid | 1.00 |
| S. Coper (?) in paint paid | 2.00 |
| James Harrison | 3.00 |

Many of those who made pledges were members of Mt. Olivet that did not transfer to Walker Chapel. Some were members of denominations other than the Methodist Protestant Church. Some did not live in the Walker Chapel

section. Gilbert Vanderwerken, who made the largest pledge, was the founder of a coach line in Washington that was a forerunner of D. C. Transit Co. He bought an Arlington estate to have a place to pasture his coach horses, and his home, Falls Grove, was located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Glebe and Little Falls Roads.

Dorothy Ellis Lee's History of Arlington County states that Walker Chapel was started as a family church by the Walker, Marcey and Reid families, all of whom were related. The Elliott, Shipman, Havenner and McNeir families were also early members of Walker Chapel.

The following is the membership roll of Walker Chapel as prepared by W. W. White in 1881.

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| 1. Samuel Titus | 12. Joseph McNeir |
| 2. Robert Walker | 13. Sarah Elliott |
| 3. George Reid | 14. Jane Edwards |
| 4. William Walker | 15. Rebecca Harrison |
| 5. John Walker | 16. Martha Elliott |
| 6. Horatio Ball | 17. Ellie Croombaugh |
| 7. Mary Reid | 18. George W. Holt |
| 8. John Hager | 19. Andrew Ball |
| 10. Joseph Elliott | 20. Wesley Harrison |
| 11. Sarah Havenner | 21. Thos. Hitchcock |
| | 22. Henry Bauch, received Nov. 13, 1881 |

Walker Chapel was founded during the ministry of William C. Ames, and he is entitled to the lion's share of the credit for organizing and building the church. He was assigned as pastor of Potomac Mission in March 1870, during the two years he was there he proved to be a prodigious worker with a fine personality and outstanding ability. During his first year he built a parsonage near Mt. Olivet, and he started a new mission at Gum Springs and organized a new church with 30 charter members, including 14 conversions. His report to the Conference on March 15, 1871 showed 55 members, 36 probationers, two churches and a parsonage and a value of church property of \$3,200. At the end of his two-year ministry he reported to the 1872 Conference 71 members, 20 probationers, and 3 1/2 churches having a value of \$4,000.

He was known at Walker Chapel as "Preacher Ames" and "Fiddler Ames". In addition to his other accomplishments, he was a skilled carpenter, and it is reported that he personally did much of the building of the Walker Chapel Church himself.

When Preacher Ames reported at the end of his Potomac Mission pastorate that he had 3 1/2 churches, he evidently had reference to the fact that the church at Walker Chapel was not yet complete; although it is reported to have been in use

by Christmas of 1871. The construction of the church was completed during the ministry of Rev. Jacob Mathias Yingling, who was pastor of Potomac Mission for 1874-76. He was a gigantic physical specimen of untiring physical energy whose feats of strength were legendary, and like Bro. Ames, he used his own hands in church construction.

Early in 1875 Bro. Yingling reported that they had paid off the small debt at Walker's and spent \$110 in the completion of the church building there and it was ready for dedication, but the brethren had deterred it until "next summer", because "money is so scarce", but he said that the church was out of debt, and he added as a final comment: "Walker's Chapel is a handsome country church." It was dedicated on July 18, 1875 by Rev. Dr. F. Swartzell and Rev. T. D. Valiant, who was soon to become Conference President. Bro. Yingling did not mention his own name in connection with the dedication.

The report of the dedication of Walker Chapel in Robert Walker's journal is priceless: his entry for July 18, 1875 was: "Stayed home all day. Maggie was sick. Walkers Chapel was dedicated to the services of God". His oldest child, Robert Lewis Walker, was born on that day, and he had stayed home and missed the dedication on that account.

The original Walker Chapel building was an attractive structure of clapboard construction, with a small belfry and bell, built on a high foundation with a basement that was used for Sunday School. The building served the church until 1903 when it was moved from the site and a new church was built facing on Old Glebe Road. The original building was purchased by William H. Elliott, who rebuilt it into a residence that is now located at 3816 N. Glebe Road.

There is no record showing just how Walker Chapel got its name, but undoubtedly the name came from its being located at Walkers Graveyard and from the Walker family that donated the land. Early records show the name "Walkers" (plural without an apostrophe) Chapel.

Walker Chapel is frequently associated with Robert Walker, who was a young man on the threshold of his career when Walker Chapel was founded. He was the first president of the Walker Chapel board of trustees and was the leading member of the church from its founding until his death on November 30, 1908. His journal shows that frequently on Sunday he would go to church at Mt. Olivet in the morning, have dinner with the pastor at either his or the pastor's home, go to church at Walker Chapel in the afternoon, and attend church at Ball's Cross Roads (intersection of Glebe Road and present Wilson Boulevard) or the Presbyterian church at night. His journal contains numerous entries about Walker Chapel, showing work he did in maintenance and improvements to the church and grounds and in services to the pastor. According to an obituary letter written by Crandal Mackay, the Commonwealth's Attorney, for half a century Robert Walker was one of the most active and prominent

citizens of the county and a very devout Christian. He served as a member of the county board of supervisors and at the time of his death was a member of the electoral board and was supervisor of the poor. He was a pioneer in the cause of temperance. He was a member of the famous jury that dealt blow to the St. Asaph race track gambling resort. He was known as "The Peacemaker" in his community.

HISTORY OF WALKER CHAPEL

On July 9, 1871, a group of fifty-eight men met at the Mount Olivet Methodist Church in Arlington and pledged their resources to the building of a Methodist Church at or near "Walker's Grave Yard." On that day a total of \$385.00 was promised.

Among those present when Walker Chapel's history began were: James Walker, Robert Walker, William Elliott, Mason Shipman, David Walker, William Marcey, James Marcey, Samuel Marcey and Terry Elliott.

The church which was constructed in 1871 was the direct result of a Sunday School which had been started in a nearby home of a Mrs. Evan C. (Jane) Edwards in 1869. It was first organized in 1871 to become a "junior" church on the circuit with Mount Olivet Methodist Protestant Church.

The first building was a small frame structure and was located in the upper part of what is now the Walker Chapel Cemetery.

In 1903 the original building was replaced with a small white building with a bell tower. The second church was built at a cost of about \$2,000 dollars, with the labor almost all donated. Mr. Julian Elliott and Mr. William H. Elliott did most of the work of constructing the church. The minister at the time, the Rev. C. M. Zepp, is reported to have assisted by carrying lumber to the carpenters.

Some years after the second church was built, the original church was dismantled, the materials used to construct a dwelling, which now stands at 3816 N. Glebe Road.

Walker Chapel continued to be a "junior" church until 1923 when Walker Chapel and the Calvary Methodist Protestant Church were put together. In 1928 the Fort Myer Heights Methodist Protestant Church was teamed with Walker Chapel. Then, in 1939, the three branches of Methodism were united and the word "Protestant" was dropped. Fort Myer Heights was closed at that time and from its portion of the proceeds of the sale of this property, Walker Chapel was able to build a fine parsonage at 3832 North Dittmar Road, from 1940 to 1948 Walker Chapel was yoked with several different churches, but primarily with the Chesterbrook Methodist Church.

In 1948 Walker Chapel was made a "station" and for the first time in its history had a full time minister. The Rev. J. William Hough, who had been appointed to Walker Chapel in 1947, was the first full time minister.

On July 9, 1951, ground was broken for the construction of the Education Addition. This was completed in 1951. Among those active in leading the Building Committee at that time were Robert S. Clark, William A. Early, C. Wayne Miller, and James H. McCallister.

By 1954 the Walker Chapel Church School and other groups had so crowded the church edifice that it became imperative to continue the Building Program. Accordingly, a Building Fund drive was launched in May 1954. With financing assured, the contract was let for the completion of the Church School Unit. Construction started July 1, and the building was completed in October, 1954. Sidney R. Johnston served as Chairman of the Building Committee for this second phase of the Building Program.

In 1955 the Reverend Wilson Stanley was appointed to serve Walker Chapel.

An additional forward step was taken in the installation of an air conditioning system.

The ground was broken for the new chapel in the early Spring of 1958 when the Rev. Wilson Stanley was Minister. In June 1959 Dr. G. E. Hopkin's arrived as the new Minister. He organized a corps of Acolytes and then five choirs in which he was assisted by Mr. D. R. Boyer, Walker Chapel's Director of Music. Rev. D. L. George arrived shortly thereafter.

The new chapel was finally finished and was consecrated on Palm Sunday, April 10, 1960, by Bishop Paul Neff Garber. The entire cost was \$225,000. Mr. Malcolm P. McGregor and Mr. James A. Suffridge served as chairmen of the Building Committee.

Many memorials were given to the church. The offering plates memorialize members of the Walker family. The Altar cross and candles memorialize David Swanson. The Sanctuary lamp memorializes Mr. J. H. Doxtater. The cross and torches memorialize Richard E. Eiwien. The two flags memorialize P. Norman Fenton Jr. The chalice is a memorial to Orena Kidd Garber, late wife of Bishop Garber. The candelabra was given in memory of Mr. Hill.

DONATION OF LAND FOR WALKER CHAPEL BY THE WALKER FAMILY

There is a tradition that the land for the site of Walker Chapel Methodist Church was donated by the Walker Family. Set out below is information based on public records showing how the land for Walker Chapel was acquired, which information supports and substantiates the tradition that the land was donated by the Walker Family.

The earliest Arlington County record pertaining to the land on which Walker Chapel is located is a deed dated November 25, 1850 conveying a tract of land known as the Pimmèt Run tract "supposed to contain 300 acres" which was described by metes and bounds. 1/ Walker Chapel is located on this 300-acre Pimmèt Run tract. By this deed Alfred Ball conveyed the tract to his niece, Elizabeth S. Bowen. The deed recited that the tract had formerly been owned by Counselor Robert Carter, the grandfather of Alfred Ball, that Ball had "inherited" it by the will of his mother, and that Ball had given and conveyed the land to his niece, Elizabeth S. Bowen some time in 1843, but that the conveyance had never been made a matter of record. 2/

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a. The first part was a small plot, 30 yards square at the southeast end of the present cemetery, near present Old Glebe Road. This was before Old Glebe Road was opened through there, and the deed conveyed a 12-foot lane running from the burial plot to Little Falls Road (located about where the entrance road to the parking lot is now located). This plot was deeded by Mrs. Bowen on December 1, 1858 to William, James and Robert Walker and James and John Reid as trustees, the lot to be used as a graveyard 6/. The Reids were related to the Walkers. David Walker's first wife was Dianna Reid, and his second wife was Nancy Reid, a sister of the first wife. The purchase price of the burial plot was \$25.

The second part was a parcel of land conveyed by Elizabeth S. Bowen by deed dated August 3, 1871 to five named trustees (including Robert and William Walker) to be held by the trustees as a site for a Methodist Protestant Church and Burial Ground 7/. The recited purchase price was \$20. This parcel comprised the remainder of the original cemetery. The first Walker Chapel church was built on the northwest end of this tract facing on Little Falls Road. There is no record of who paid the \$20 purchase price for the tract, but it seems likely that it was paid out of the \$386.50 subscribed for the building of the church at a meeting held at Mt. Olivet Church on July 9, 1871 8/. James and Robert Walker headed this list of subscribers with contributions of \$25 and \$20 respectively, and subscriptions were also made by William, David, and George Walker and several men related to the Walker family by blood or marriage.

The above referred to 1858 and 1871 deeds covered only a part of the present cemetery site and did not include the land where the present church edifice is located. When Old Glebe Road was opened, this created a triangular tract bounded by Glebe Road, Little Falls Road and the rectangular tract comprising the site of the graveyard and the church built in 1871. This triangular tract was included in the Pimmet Run tract deeded to Robert Walker in 1877. By deed dated October 1, 1879 Robert Walker conveyed this triangular parcel of land to the trustees of Walker Chapel for a nominal consideration of \$1 9/. This is the parcel on which the present edifice and part of the cemetery is located.

Thus, it is established by records that the Walker family donated the land for Walker Chapel. Undoubtedly the Walker-Reid family paid the \$25 for the original graveyard deeded by Mrs. Bowen in 1858. The part where the present church is located was donated to the trustees of Walker Chapel by Robert Walker in 1879. The remainder, covered by the 1871 deed, where the first church was built, involved a price of only \$20, and the contributions made by the Walker family at that time for the building of the church were far in excess of this \$20.

There is no indication that the trustees of the original graveyard plot ever conveyed it to the trustees of Walker Chapel. Any flaw in Walker Chapel's legal title to the entire church and cemetery property was cured by a proceeding under a Virginia statute 10/ which provides that whenever a church has had 25 years undisputed possession of real estate for which there is no deed of record the trustees of the church, after giving notice for four successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, may file a petition in the circuit court of the county and obtain an order for the appointment of a special commissioner to convey the land to the church. The trustees of Walker Chapel filed such a petition and obtained a court decree on January 21, 1949 under which a special commissioner was appointed and directed to convey the property to Walker Chapel 11/, and the special commissioner executed a deed dated January 27, 1949 conveying the entire Walker Chapel property to the trustees of Walker Chapel 12/.

Robert Walker, the principal donor of the land, was for half a century one of the most active and prominent citizens of the county and a very devout Christian 13/. He served as a member of the county board of supervisors and at the time of his death in 1908 was a member of the electoral board and was supervisor of the poor. He was a pioneer in the cause of temperance and was a member of the famous jury that dealt the death blow to the St. Asaph race track gambling resort. He was known as "The Peacemaker" in his community. He was the first president of the Walker Chapel board of trustees and was the leading member of the church throughout his life. His diary shows that frequently on Sunday he would go to church at Mt. Olivet in the morning, have dinner with the pastor at the pastor's or his home, go to church at Walker Chapel in the afternoon, and attend church at Bailey's Cross Roads or the Presbyterian church that night. His diary contains numerous entries about Walker Chapel, showing work he did in maintenance and improvements to the church building and the cemetery and services to the pastor.

Footnotes

1. Arlington County Deed Book 7, p. 120.
2. A deed (recorded in Deed Book 7, p. 304) conveying 19 acres of this Pimmet Run tract to William Walker refers to the 19 acres as "part of Carter's patent". Councillor Robert Carter was a grandson of the famous Robert "King" Carter, the largest landowner in Virginia. Councillor Robert Carter (1728-1804) is the subject of a book by Louis Morton, Robert Carter of Nomini Hall (1941), which (p. 70) has a list of his land holdings in 1775, showing a tract on "Pimmet's Run".
3. Deed Book C-4, p. 586.
4. Deed Book 7, p. 304.
5. Deed Book 7, p. 48.
6. Deed Book 7, p. 594.
7. Deed Book A-4, p. 445.
8. The original of this subscription list is in the archives of Walker Chapel.
9. Deed Book G-4, p. 107.
10. Va. Code 1950, Section 57-17; Michie Code 1942 Section 46a.
11. Arlington County Chancery Book 31, p. 236.
12. Deed Book 865, p. 538.
13. Obituary of Robert Walker, published in The Alexandria Monitor, Rosslyn, Va. The name of the county was not changed from Alexandria to Arlington until 1920.

DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT WALKER

Children of Robert Walker

Nancy Walker
Nora V. Walker (unmarried)
Robert Lewis Walker
George Lewis Walker
Maggie Walker
Eva May Walker
Bertha Walker
Frank Lee Walker
Arthur E. Walker

Children of Nancy Walker Elliott

Esther Elliott Mooney (Jack Mooney
(Nancy Mooney
Frances Moshman (Suzanne Mann
(Donna Martin
Grandchildren ?

Children of Robert Lewis Walker

Robert E. Walker
Mae E. Walker Connor
Edith A. Walker Trittipoe
Margaret T. Walker Gamble
Ethel L. Walker Broadt
Barbara Walker Thompson

Grandchildren of Robert L. Walker

Robert L. Connor
Earl A. Connor
Richard E. Connor
Erbara E. Trittipoe Christoff
Betty Lee Gamble (deceased)
Robert L. Gamble
Margaret A. Gamble Mandel
Marjorie Walker Stephens
Betty J. Walker Skinner
John B. Thompson Jr.
Barbara Anne Thompson Hendricks
Linda Lee Thompson Martin

Great-Grandchildren of Robert L. Walker

Robert L. Connor, Jr.
James Connor (deceased)

Edward C. Connor
Dottie M. Connor
Robin Connor
Edith A. Connor
Richard E. Connor, Jr.
Randy Connor
Kimberly A. Connor
George N. Christoff
Frederick L. Gamble
Yvonne Gamble
Elaine Gamble
Michelle Mandel
Scott Mandel
Diana Stephens
Brian Stephens
Marrienne Stephens
Christopher Stephens
Sarah L. Thompson
Ruth G. Thompson
John B. Thompson III
W. Andrew Hendricks
Pamela Anne Hendricks

Great-Great-Grandchildren of Robert L. Walker

Duane A. Connor
Kevin L. Connor
Lauri A. Connor
Robin L. Connor
Sherri Connor

Children of Maggie Walker Gutshall

Margaret Gutshall
Mercer Gutshall Hagan

Children of Frank L. Walker

Nora L. Walker Broches
Margaret Walker Hayes
Jean Walker Ruckman Hendrix (deceased)

Grandchildren of Frank L. Walker

Dianne Rust
William R. Hayes

Great-Grandchildren of Frank L. Walker

Jennifer Lynn Rust
Michael Ruckman
David Hendrix

ROBERT WALKER

From: The Alexandria Monitor, published every Friday at
Rosslyn, Va. - undated. A letter to Editor Monitor
from Crandal Mackey:

"The death of Robert Walker deserves more than passing notice. While his departed spirit is tasting immortality in lands beyond the sun, here in the midst of his old associations Robert Walker still lives, and above the black banners of death memories of his good deeds shine like stars. No man of his means and opportunity in life did more for the welfare of Alexandria county ~~did~~ more than he, and for half a century he was one of our most active and prominent citizens. He performed many public services and enjoyed the confidence of every judge who sat upon the bench and he was frequently called by Judge Chichester, Judge Love, Judge Nicol and Judge Thornton to serve upon important commissions. At the time of his death he was overseer of the poor and also a member of the electoral board. He possessed to a marked degree both physical and moral courage and when he espoused a cause he advanced it by all his force and energy and untiring patience. He was a pioneer in the cause of temperance, and both by teaching and example did more than any other man in the county to promote the moral issue. He was a member of that famous jury that delivered the death blow to the St. Asaph race track gambling resort, and in the jury room, as elsewhere, when a principle was involved he stood unbending as the oak and as firm as the rock-ribbed mountain. In his immediate neighborhood he was known as 'The Peacemaker', and if he had an enemy in the world that enemy came of some effort on the part of Robert Walker to bring peace and good will in the place of hatred and estrangement. With him kindness was a strength which he used to promote Christian virtue and to repel the allurements of vice. It is said that 'Life is but expanded by the stroke of death' and we can well believe that his spirit has not abandoned the sphere in which he lived. Robert Walker will be remembered in all those pleasing recollections by which we cherish an urbane, kind and courteous gentleman. He gave an example of Christian life to all for observation, approval, study and imitation, and as long as returning springs weave their carpet of green above his grave, the social circle, the domestic fireside, the altar of private friendship, will give to his memory tender tributes of love."

DATES OF BUILDINGS

- I. 1869 -- Sunday School established.
- II. Founders Day -- July 9, 1871.
- III. Second building -- 1903.
- IV. Ground broken for Educational Building -- July 9, 1951.
- V. 1959 -- Ground broken for new Walker Chapel.
- VI. April 10, 1960 -- Educational Building dedicated.

BUILDING PROGRAM AT WALKER CHAPEL

The completion of the Chapel marked another step ahead in our projected Walker Chapel building program. The educational plant was erected and furnished at a total cost of approximately \$75,000, raised during the pastorates of Rev. J. William Hough and Rev. Wilson Stanley. It had been constructed and furnished at a cost of approximately \$225,000. Besides, we renovated our educational building and added new rooms to it.

A word of deep appreciation on behalf of the ministers and the congregation is due the officers and members of the Building Committee. They have wrought well. And to the Rev. Wilson Stanley, our former pastor, to whom much of the credit of what has been done belongs. We also remember the hard work and solid accomplishments of two of our members who ably served the committee as chairmen at an earlier period: Malcolm P. McGregor and James A. Suffridge.

SYMBOLISM IN THE CHAPEL

The new chapel's architectural style is of the late Colonial period and is strongly reminiscent of many churches found throughout the New England states and the Southern tidewater. The exterior, with its many-paned circular head windows, is painted pure white. The spire, with its several stages of gradually diminishing sizes and transitional shapes, rises skyward above the entrance portico and supports a ten-foot high Celtic cross of gleaming stainless steel. The cross rises 103 feet from the ground.

The nave is cruciform with the chancel at the traditional location, flanked on each side by the transept. The walls are Williamsburg "Appollo Room" blue with the pilasters and plaster cornice painted light blue of complementary hue.

The dominant architectural feature of the interior is the high reredos of Georgian design. The head of this feature is of the "brokenbow" type with a white descending dove seemingly suspended in space at the top. The dove, representing the Holy Spirit, was executed by Geroge Giannetti of Washington, D.C., one of America's foremost architectural sculptors. Born in 1897 in Florence, Italy, he immigrated to the United States as a youth. Mr. Giannetti's work is included in such well-known churches as the Washington Cathedral and the Greek Orthodox Church of Sts. Constantine and Helene, and in the new extension at the Capitol.

The other Persons of the traditional Trinity are symbolized by applied handcarvings near the top of the reredos. Beneath these are twelve plain panels representing the Apostles.

In front of the reredos, the altar continues the symbolic theme with hand carvings of wheat and grapes by Stan Kochinski of Lynchburg, Va., a Polish refugee artist who came to the United States in 1951. Mr. Kochinski was born in 1923 in Piotrkow, Poland. Prior to World War II he lived in Lodz, from where he was taken to Germany and finally ended up in a Displaced Persons Camp. Some of his more notable work is to be found in the First Methodist Church of Douglas, Georgia, and in the recently built Noland Memorial Methodist Church in Newport News. Besides the altar and reredos carvings, he carved the Eagle of the Gospels for the lectern and the Chi-Rho symbols on the altar and the tester.

While our altar is central, it in no way overshadows the octagonal pulpit of the wine-goblet type, located so that all worshippers have an unobstructed view, or the lectern with its notable eagle. Thus we combine with equal regard Methodism's threefold heritage: the liturgical emphasis of the English Catholics, the deep devotion to the Bible of the pre-Reformation Moravians, and the Protestant emphasis on the preached word. An octagonal tester is suspended above the pulpit by a brass rod.

Colonial-type maple pews of white and walnut and wine-red carpeting complete the decor of the chapel.

Kneelers are found in every pew to encourage our people to return to the traditional Methodist practice of kneeling when we pray. How often the Scripture and our Methodist ritual call on us to kneel before God--and how seldom we do! It is a good practice to kneel when we first enter our pews to ask God's guidance for the Service--and to pray for our pastors, ourselves, our parish. It is meet and right to kneel when we confess our sins to God, during the other prayers, and at the benediction.

The paraments follow the colors of the Church Year. Appliqued on them are embroidered symbols especially suitable for the season. On all pulpit scarves is the traditional symbol of the Church, used in the seal of the World Council of Churches. It reminds us that Walker Chapel is affiliated, through our denominational channels, with both the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

The white full frontal altar cover contains the Chi-Rho symbol with the Alpha and Omega, signifying the eternal nature of Christ and his teachings. The purple full frontal has appliqued the symbol for the Lamb of God (Agnus Dei). The green superfrontal altar cover contains Epiphany crosses on each side of a large symbol of the cross surmounted on the World (or imbedded in a circle representing truth). The red superfrontal supports a large dove, denoting the Holy Spirit.

Woven into the fair linens used at Holy Communion is a Fleur-de-lis Greek Cross.

The Outten Memorial Baptismal Font, containing an alabaster baptismal bowl, is surmounted by a Maltese Cross.

The Altar set, memorializing David Swanson, is traditional brass.

The Doxtater Sanctuary Lamp, symbolizing Christ, the Eternal Light of the World, burns continuously. Its light is transferred each Sunday before Holy Communion by Acolytes.

Used in the processions are the Crucifer's Cross and the torches, memorials to Richard Eiven; the American and Christian flags, memorials to P. Norman Fenton, Jr.; and one of the four embroidered Gospel banners assigned to various departments of the Church School. The banner carried in the procession is that of the department with largest attendance at the past month's Family Worship.

The missal stand on the altar was presented by the Youth of the Church.

The Chalice used in Holy Communion is a memorial to Orina Kidd Garber, late wife of our ^{former} Bishop, Paul N. Garber.

The offering plates memorialize members of the Walker family, from which the Chapel takes its name.

The Chapel was designed by ^{the late} Elmer Cappelman, ^{formerly a} noted Arlington architect, who specializes in churches. The building was constructed by Miller Brothers of Arlington. The church furnishings are by Winebarger of Lynchburg, Virginia.

FENTON LIBRARY

The (new) (renewed) Walker Chapel Library which was started at the suggestion of Dr. Harry G. Balthis, is small in size but large in content.

There are nearly 500 books in the collection dealing with a variety of subjects ranging from kindergarten to adult level including art, history, teaching material and a complete reference set. Some will be valued as collectors' items (in the future).

On December 19th 1965 the room was dedicated to the memory of P. Norman Fenton, Sr.

The furniture as well as quite a number of the books have been contributed by relatives and friends.

It is a pleasant and restful place to visit and browse.

Martha Fenton

ACOLYTES

Corps of acolytes was originally composed of 1 crucifix, 2 Torch Bearers, 2 Candle Lighters, 1 Missal Bearer and 4 Banner Bearers. Each position had a substitute for a total of 20 boys; age limits were 8, then 16.

The substitutes were considered neophytes until such time as they had served a probation period in which it was necessary to study the Acolyte Manual and certain other church rituals and then pass a test prepared by the minister.

The robes they wore were made in the Holy Land, and the design on the robes was planned by Ginna Taul, the daughter of Col. and Mrs. James Taul.

Mr. Ed. W. Naehner

CATERING COMMITTEE

The catering committee began the second year that Dr. Hopkins was our minister. When it first started it was for all the women of the church and remained that way for two years. After that it became a part of the Womens Society, and has continued as so.

Monies from the catering committee have been used to purchase many silver items such as punch bowls, tea service, spoons, etc., to be used when we are asked to cater weddings. A lovely brass bud vase was bought for the altar and other miscellaneous items, including linens for our receptions.

We have assorted sandwiches on hand at all times, which are for sale.

Mildred Powell

W. S. C. S.

The Ladies' Aid was organized at Walker Chapel by Rev. Peyton Adams in 1925.

Mrs. Molly Hardy was the first president.

Mrs. Mary Powell was vice president.

Mrs. Lena Poore was treasurer.

Mrs. Hazel Davis was secretary.

Total membership was eight. Other than the officers the members were Mrs. Fannie Elliott, Mrs. Wm. Shipman, Mrs. Henry Baugh and Mrs. Ella Gamble.

This small group of women put on Ice Cream and Strawberry Festivals, also a dinner once a month to raise money to help pay the pastor's salary and other expenses of the church. We also raised enough money to put a floor in the basement, which up to now had been dirt.

We had a cook stove placed in the already crowded furnace room, and carried all the water from the cemetery, and the pots and pans from home, but did we have fun and great fellowship together.

On April 21, 1940 the Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized at the first W.S.C.S Virginia Conference in Danville, Va.

Our Walker Chapel W.S.C.S. now has a total membership of 74.

The Chairman of Local Church Activities divides the work between the four Circles, such as the Methodist mens dinners, our monthly fellowship dinners and Refreshments for the General Meeting of the W.S.C.S.

We try to have someone attend each of the District meetings, the Annual Conference and the National Assemblies.

When the E.U.B. and the Methodist Church united, we became the United Methodist Church. The Woman's Society of Christian Service became The Women's Society of Christian Service.

The first National Assembly was held in Houston, Texas on May 7 to 10, 1970.

I am indeed grateful to have had the privilege & pleasure of attending this Assembly.

Hazel Davis

SENIOR CITIZEN GROUP

In 1965 a project was begun to bring together the elderly members of Walker Chapel. Dr. Balthis, our minister at the time, gave his approval and full support. The Craft Class was organized with Peg McCarthy, Sylvia Prisk and Eloise Clingerman ~~Ramsay~~ ^{Gleason} in charge, and gathered momentum at each meeting, attracting people from other churches who became active members. The leaders supplied ideas, obtained materials, demonstrated handicrafts and shared their artistic abilities with the class members. Ladies of the Church Women's Group contributed their support by providing transportation for the elderly members for each of the weekly meetings. Many friendships were formed and Thursday afternoon became a time of sharing experiences and working with the hands. The paper flowers that were made didn't always look like the pictures in a seed catalog, but results improved with experience. We did our share to bridge the generation gap when the Walker Chapel Youth Group joined the effort. Around Christmastime the youth group showed the clothes hangers, lint brushes and honeycomb candles, taking orders for these popular items. Although profit was not a goal, some was realized. Many donations from this group were made to the Church and to the Alcoholics Halfway House. A tree was bought and planted near the bus stop outside the Church, to offer shade for waiting passengers.

When Dr. Balthis was transferred, a luncheon was given by all the class members, leaders and volunteers who had so generously given of their time. Dr. Balthis was presented with a picture of a scene from his travels. The class continued for a year after Dr. Balthis' departure.

Jane Parkinson

PROJECT OF W. C. MEN'S CLUB

About eight years ago our former pastor, Dr. Harry Balthis, attended a luncheon held by the Kiwanis Club of Arlington, where he heard a talk by William Thurgood, who at that time had recently started an alcoholics rehabilitation project (Bill is an alcoholic who has maintained his sobriety for 12 years) strictly on his own funds and initiative. His project became so successful that he was able to obtain a State Charter under the title of Alcoholics Rehabilitation, Inc., a non-profit Charitable Corporation, in recognition of which Arlington County Board now subsidizes it to a limited extent, due to the greater number of men jailed who need this open air treatment and counseling.

At the suggestion of Judge Paul Brown of the Arlington County Court Bill purchased a 97 acre farm at Tyro, Virginia, 176 miles south of Washington, situated 2,000 feet up a canyon (wooded) near Skyline Drive, where he can now accommodate 19 men at a time. Bill has over 150 pigs, 17 beef cattle, a horse and two ponies, 10 dogs and cats, about 150 chickens. There is about one acre under cultivation by the men, about another 1,000 feet above the farm on a plateau. Our Dr. Balthis became so enthused about this project, which now includes three Half-way houses on and near Wilson Boulevard in Clarendon (35 man capacity and full), that he presented the idea to the Walker Chapel Men's Club. The Club immediately became eager to help promote this idea and has over the past six years contributed over \$1,000. Soon Walker Chapel congregation became interested, and for the past few years has incorporated a goodly sum in the annual budget of the church earmarked for A.R.I. Walker Chapel has also seen fit to grant the use of not only the Youth Lounge each month where the Directors have met for the past three years, but has also made it possible to accommodate the AA chapter in Arlington to hold its weekly meetings in Fellowship Hall each Thursday evening, for the past three years, at no cost.

Bill has taken over alcoholics to the Farm for three to four weeks for a drying-out period at no cost to the guests, since he started this project on his own some eight years ago.

Walker Chapel people are proud to have been able to assist in some small way in rehabilitating so many victims of this disease and thru Bill's efforts 75% of these men have not lost their sobriety and have again become useful citizens of Arlington, and have been accepted back into society. Some, however, have had to make a second trip to the Farm, but only a few.

Robert Clark

A. R. I.

In the winter of 1965, Judge Paul Brown and myself, Wm. Thurgood, gave a talk at Walker Chapel U. Meth. Men's Fellowship Club concerning the skid row type of alcoholic. By God's grace we were well received.

Sometime later Dr. Harry Balthis, knowing of our financial plight, offered to try and help us thru these financial crises by enlisting financial aid from the Men's Fellowship Group. The response was amazing from these good members.

Under the leadership of Tom Sullivan, then President of the Men's Club, we were able to carry on. Our patients ? then, were only from five to seven men at a time, but still costly. The program consisted then of a period of three weeks at the farm in Nelson Co., called Beth-Nimrah. The men were then returned to Arlington where rooms and employment was found for them.

A.R.I. was first chartered under the laws of Va. in August 1964. We had eleven directors. The program grew and under God's grace we were highly successful but our financial costs were also rising to the point where we were unable to carry the burden. The Kiwanis Club of Arlington, of which Dr. Balthis was a member, was also helping to carry the burden, but between the two groups, the costs had become more than could be successfully carried on. Other civic groups and churches had contributed, but the program had grown now to the point we had to reorganize and attempt other means of financing. About two hundred men had gone thru the program by November 1966.

Dr. Balthis called a meeting of some of the men representing the Men's Fellowship club. We reorganized, with Ted Groom as Institutional Representative. We became a tax deductible organization. Thru Robert E. Morrison, chairman of the housing committee, we obtained our first 1/2 way house in Arlington, in January 1967. We raised the number of board members to twenty, over half of which were members of the Men's Fellowship Group. The ministers of Walker Chapel have served as Presidents or directors of ARI since originating with Dr. Balthis, then Col. Milner, and Robt. Clark now serving his second term as President.

Walker Chapel opened its doors to our organization and we organized an A.A. Group which has now become one of the largest groups in Northern Virginia. It is listed in the world wide directory as the Walker Chapel Alcoholics Anonymous Group., held every Thursday Night of the week.

At Christmastime all the members of the church help in making it possible for a Xmas party for the children of the men who have been thru the farm program. Over fifty children, some having their first real Xmas, attend and the excitement and joy of the children, I know, bring tears to the eyes of the members of the church when they see what joy they have contributed to by their efforts in bringing this about. The young peoples' group entertain us with their Xmas hymns.

The women of W.C. have also done a tremendous job of helping towards the success of the program, Mrs. ^{P.V.} W.C. McCarthy, Mrs. W.K. ~~Scheenover~~ Solomon and Mrs. Sylvia Prisk, always seeking ways in which to help with their co-workers of the Women's Art League and Bible Classes. Mrs. Jane Dortzbach deserves so much credit for having been our Secretary from the original board of directors. Mr. Eugene Fairman has willingly lent a helping hand.

In summary, the ARI could not have existed without the help and understanding of all the members of W.C. who have now been directly and indirectly responsible for the recovery and re-uniting of over seven hundred men and their families, each a living Christian testimony of the great work performed by the members of Walker Chapel.

Once each year we have a candle ceremony at W.C. for the men who have attained a year or more of sobriety. The candles are presented by the Judges of Arlington County. Another part, the Church as a whole has provided for the reclamation of the man who had nothing but thru the good graces of the Church was brought back to a useful purpose in society. It should also be mentioned that this program has now become a model for rehabilitation throughout the Nation. Walker Chapel has really served God in helping his fellow man.

Bill Thurgood

WALKER CHAPEL'S ACTIVITIES IN SCOUTING FOR BOYS

Boy Scout Troop #641 and Cub Scout Troop #641 have been active at Walker Chapel since the unit's chartering in the fall of 1952. The units have had very dedicated leadership in both scouting areas and have had very successful years in serving the scouting needs of youth in the Walker Chapel community. Most of the leaders in these scouting units have been members of the Walker Chapel congregation.

Of all the leadership roles in scouting, the most demanding in terms of time and special talents is that of the scoutmasters and cubmasters. The troops are especially grateful to those men who through the years have given a good part of themselves in filling this role during their tenure. The Walker Chapel congregation is grateful to all those men who have assumed these positions of responsibility in working with these developing youths, and especially for the fine qualities of leadership among the scoutmasters and cubmasters.

The first Eagle Scout Award, the highest award in boy scouting, was made to Judson Mason, Jr., on June 1, 1961. The Eagle Award has been presented to nine other young men during the succeeding years up to the present. In 1964 the recipients were James Charles, James Niederlehner and Gordon Young; in 1967, Dennis Freemyer, Stephen Janaske, Stuart Hill, Albert Metts III and James Montgomery; in 1970, David Payne. In addition, about 12 young men have earned the God and Country Award of the Methodist Church. We are justly proud of the accomplishments of each of these young men.

Dr. L. Herwig

SCOUTMASTER LEADERSHIP AT WALKER CHAPEL, 1952 to 1971

| YEARS | SCOUTMASTER | TROOP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN | INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVE | TROOP SIZ APPROXIMA |
|---------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1952-3 | Frederick Ives | Charles F. Carson | J. William Hough | 20 |
| 1953-4 | Frederick Ives | Thomas A. Pitcher | J. William Hough | 27 |
| 1954-5 | Lynndell Keene | James W. Holt | Charles Dortzbach | 28 |
| 1955-6 | Mayo Hadden, Jr. | James W. Holt | Harrison Pells | 28 |
| 1956-7 | Ralph Elliot, Jr. | Woodrow Wilson | Harry Stafford | 45 |
| 1957-8 | Ralph Elliot, Jr. | Woodrow Wilson | C. Wayne Miller | 55 |
| 1958-9 | Judson Mason | G. W. Brown, Jr. | C. Wayne Miller | 35 |
| 1959-60 | Albert Whitley | Ralph Janoschka | C. Wayne Miller | 31 |
| 1960-1 | Albert Whitley | Leonard Niederlehner | C. Wayne Miller | 30 |
| 1961-2 | Albert Whitley | Leonard Niederlehner | C. Wayne Miller | 42 |
| 1962-3 | Ruel Luckingham | Leonard Niederlehner | C. Wayne Miller | 23 |
| 1963-4 | Paul Janaske | Leonard Niederlehner | Raymond Mcgehee | 30 |
| 1964-5 | Paul Janaske | Leonard Niederlehner | Raymond Mcgehee | 21 |
| 1965-6 | Paul Janaske | Warren Martin | Leonard Niederlehner | 15 |
| 1966-7 | Richard Morris | Warren Martin | Leonard Niederlehner | 25 |
| 1967-8 | Lloyd Herwig | William Cash, Jr. | Leonard Niederlehner | 30 |
| 1968-9 | William Pfund | William Cash, Jr. | F. Stewart Brown | 30 |
| 1969-70 | Arthur Worns | Lloyd Herwig | F. Stewart Brown | 35 |
| 1970-1 | Arthur Worns | Hugo Brandts | William Cash, Jr. | 40 |

| YEARS | CUBMASTER | CUB COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN |
|---------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1952-3 | Robert Tauscher | James B. Bain |
| 1953-4 | Robert Tauscher | James B. Bain |
| 1954-5 | William Tuck | Paul S. Dove |
| 1955-6 | Albert J. Stein | Paul Herrell |
| 1956-7 | Russell Ferry | Albert J. Stein |
| 1957-8 | N. Eugene Stoner | Paul F. Wagner |
| 1958-9 | John Weaver | C. K. Madison, Jr. |
| 1959-60 | Harold Sanderson | Leonard Niederlehner |
| 1960-1 | Harold Sanderson | John McComb |
| 1961-2 | Paul Janaske | E. C. Burnett |
| 1962-3 | Paul Janaske | E. C. Burnett |
| 1963-4 | Sam K. Brown | Albert Whitley |
| 1964-5 | Harold Hochmuth | Albert Whitley |
| 1965-6 | James J. Allen | Larry L. Booda |
| 1966-7 | James Kennedy | Herman Bading |
| 1967-8 | Herman Bading | Leonard Niederlehner |
| 1968-9 | Andrew Mansinne, Jr. | Douglas Frazer |
| 1969-70 | Andrew Mansinne, Jr. | Michele Smith |
| 1970-1 | | Robert Foster |

MUSIC AT WALKER CHAPEL

Music has been an essential part of Walker Chapel from the earliest days with the little pump organ to the present day with our fine baroque pipe organ.

Members have always been generous with their time and talent because they believed music at their church was important. Mrs. Marjorie (Robert) Clark was organist in the days of the pump organ. She was active and interested in the music program over the years. Later Mrs. Peg (Daniel) McCarthy arrived on the scene. With three free lessons from Campbell's Music Store and a baby sitter provided by the church, Peg became combination organist and choir director. For twelve years the choir thrived under her direction, and during these years a youth choir also came into being. In later years, Mrs. McCarthy served as the backbone of the Girl's Choir--its accompanist.

As Walker Chapel grew in membership, a Director of Music, D. Royce Boyer was hired as a member of the staff in 1959. The music program was directed by him under the auspices of a music committee. Members again came forth to give time and talent in developing an extensive music program for children. Mrs. Virginia Pettit sparked an unlimited enthusiasm among the children and parents alike. A clipping from the Northern Virginia Sun in December, 1960, tells of the children's choir activity and adds, "There are openings for singers in the Seraph Choir (4 and 5 year olds), Boys Choir (9-13), The Chapel Choir (Youth) and the Chancel Choir (adults). Applicants for the Cherub Choir (6-8) and Girls Chorus (9-13) will be wait-listed for vacancies. There are also vacancies in the Brass and Woodwind Choir". At this time there were thirty members of the Cherub Choir with a waiting list of eight. Choir mothers were Mrs. Fannie Mae (J.W.) Boykin, Mrs. Ann (C.G.) Smith, and Mrs. Betty (W.L.) Schoonover. Mrs. Molly (M.A.) Solomon was accompanist. Later Mrs. Virginia (Ted) Groom took over as director of the Cherubs with Nancy Boykin as accompanist and Mrs. Pat Winsted as choir mother. Other Cherub Choir directors were Mrs. Nancy (Allen) White and also Mrs. Joan (Halvor) Myrah and Mrs. Jan (Marshall T.) Golding with Lisa Herwig as accompanist.

When the Boy's choir was started in 1959, it was directed by Norman Fenton. Later this choir was under the direction of the minister of music. The Seraph Choir was directed at various times by Mrs. Corbie R. Truman and Mrs. Jane Elliot. The Girl's Chorus, which later was called the Girl's Choir, was started about 1959. It was directed by Mrs. Ruth Dankert with Mrs. Mildred (Cabell) Powell and Mrs. Rosalie (Carman) Rogers serving as choir mothers.

When Mr. Boyer came, he directed the Chapel (youth) and Chancel (adult) choirs and also the Brass and Woodwind Choir. One Easter, when Mr. Boyer was director, an unusual service took place. The congregation assembled on the front steps of Walker Chapel and the service began with a fanfare and sunrise by the Brass and Woodwind Choir. Later a solemn procession

moved to the cemetery where Brass Chorales were included in a traditional Easter sunrise service. It appears that the Brass and Woodwind Choir and the Seraph Choir were discontinued when Mr. Boyer left Walker Chapel.

Mrs. Ruth (Cecil) Ferguson made a great contribution with her services as organist at the early 9:00 A.M. service every Sunday morning for many years. She later played for both services for some time.

Over the years the Chapel and Chancel Choirs presented many evensong programs, particularly during the Christmas and Easter seasons. The children's choirs also contributed to the community on many occasions. Each year the Girl's Choir provided a program of music at the Hermitage and they also served refreshments to the residents and visited with them after the program. The Cherubs also provided musical programs at the Hermitage. The children's choirs annually went caroling at Christmas time, singing at the local hospitals, homes of shut-ins, and at the Hermitage. One year the Girl's Choir had an opportunity to sing at a Sunday morning service at the River Road Methodist Church in Richmond and also at the Methodist Children's Home, where they joined the children for Sunday dinner.

Each year the Music Committee at Walker Chapel sponsored several evensongs featuring well-known soloists in the area. These were enjoyed by church members and many others in the community.

A pipe organ was long a dream of many Walker Chapel members. In 1966 Miss Elmira Bier helped to bring this dream to fruition when she learned of a fine organ to be sold by a Washington church. Noel Zelle spent countless hours as chairman of the committee to have the organ installed at Walker Chapel and Tedd Kelley headed the fund drive to raise money to pay for the organ and installation. This three-manual Hook and Hastings organ containing 22 stops and 26 sets of pipes is an unusually fine example of a baroque organ. The dedicatory recital for this organ was presented by William Watkins, an internationally known teacher of organ and the organist-choirmaster at Georgetown Presbyterian Church.

Also in 1966, the Boys' and Girls' Choirs were joined to form the Wesley Choir. In 1969, the church returned to having one morning service rather than two, and at this time the Chapel and Chancel Choirs were also combined to provide music for the one service.

Walker Chapel has enjoyed the services of a number of fine choir directors and organists since 1960. In addition to Mr. Boyer, other choir directors have been: Jerry A. Hohnbaum, Allan White, Joel Stegall, Martin LeBeau, Don L. Lester, and Mrs. Pauline (Neil) Raudabaugh. Organists have been Ruth Marcey, Marjorie (Robert) Clark, Mrs. Peg (Daniel) McCarthy, Mrs. Myron Bond, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Joel Stegall, Mrs. John Melnick, Mrs. Ruth (Cecil) Ferguson, and Mrs. Sue (William) Pfund. At the present time the church has a combination organist-choir director, Neal Campbell.

The music program at Walker Chapel continues under the charge of the Music Committee. Present members are: Mrs. Jan (Marshall) Golding, chairman; Mrs. Virginia (Ted) Groom; Mrs. Ruth (Cecil) Ferguson; Miss Elmira Bier; Mrs. Edith (Elmer) Carlson; Mrs. Neal Campbell; Rev. Percy D. White; and Mrs. Donna (Lloyd) Herwig.

Betsy

Donna Herwig

THE NORTH ARLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL AND FISH PROGRAM

The North Arlington Parish Council, organized in the fall of 1966, was formed by delegates from five churches in the area of Arlington roughly north of proposed route 66. Its first chairman was Robert E. Morrison of Walker Chapel. Founding churches were Christ Methodist Church, Rock Spring Congregation Church, Little Falls Presbyterian Church, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and Walker Chapel (Methodist). By 1970 other churches adding their weight to this local ecumenical effort were Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, NOVA and Trinity Presbyterian Church.

"The purpose of this organization is threefold: (1) to affirm our mutual Christian belief in our common Lord and promote an ecumenical spirit of one church under God; (2) to join for specific common Christian purposes where we together may better love and serve our neighbors; thus to be and to extend the Christian Community; and (3) to share projects and programs with churches and groups of other faiths, including those without formal religious affiliation, who will espouse and actively support the purposes of such common undertakings." (Quoted from the Council organizational document.)

The prime project sponsored by the Council is FISH, begun on Easter Sunday 1967. Mrs. Carl Ostrom is the representative from Walker Chapel to this organization; she directs approximately 25 volunteers from Walker Chapel during the week our Church has the responsibility for answering calls for neighborly help from people living in North Arlington. A variety of calls is received, but as the program developed it became apparent that most of the need is for assistance in getting to and from medical aid, especially in the case of older people and small children. Answering these calls is more than taxi service; it is the hand of human fellowship extended in the name of the Churches of our community. It is not possible to measure the effect of Christian sympathetic witness on another person under stress. The FISH movement has spread over other parts of the metropolitan area as well as other parts of the country; the southern half of Arlington County is covered by churches in that section who have also formed a FISH council.

Other worthwhile projects of the North Arlington Parish Council are: (1) the Summer Swim-a-Long program, (2) North Arlington Parish Child Care Center, and (3) the University of Faith. Still other projects have been sponsored on a one-time basis or for a limited period. This year for the first time a Pentecostal Picnic was initiated with the idea that it might become an annual festival of ecumenical worship.

"Meals - On - Wheels"

Harriet Eiwien

SENIOR M.Y.F.

The Senior M.Y.F. program 1963 thru 1968 was based on a weekly Sunday evening program. The traditional time of this meeting was 7:00 P.M. and usually ran about an hour and a half. At this time there was a study program in the form of a guest speaker, discussion group, film, or some other planned format. The Seniors with their counselors developed these programs. Immediately following the program there would be a period of informal fellowship.

In addition to this weekly program there would be additional special activities. These would include each year at least two weekend retreats away from the local church. They were frequently held at Camp High Road but at various times were arranged at such places as Camp Letts, state parks and private summer homes. It was at such retreats that the planning for the winter's programs was completed and activities planned for the growth of the participant's spiritual life were pursued.

The Seniors also regularly tried to carry their own program financially, donate to a special M.Y.F. fund for benevolences, and contributed to church projects. To this end they engaged in such activities as ice cream socials, spaghetti dinners, soup sales, slave days, and car washes. These activities provided both money and fellowship for them. With the money raised from such activities they managed to buy hymnals for the church (1968), paint and decorate the Youth Lounge (1966) and contribute to work in the parking lot (1962).

In addition, they have each year provided programs for Family Night Suppers, carolled at Christmas time, participated in District activities, and in general have been involved in related church programs.

Many others have helped greatly with the programs -- as for example, Col. Rogers, who provides leadership for the spaghetti dinners, and the Boykins, who have worked with the Ice Cream Socials.

Alice Lott

JUNIOR M.Y.F.

The Junior High Youth Fellowship in the years 1967-1968 met regularly and with the help of parents had weekly or bi-weekly meetings. Mr. Steve Swecher was the Seminary Student at that time.

In August 1969 Mrs. Reading became the full-time educational assistant and counselor of the Junior Highs. They continued their outings, sold address books, and newspapers, and continued having their retreats twice a year. The officers in 1969 were Ruth Cash - president; Patti Wald - vice president; Debby Barr - secretary; and Lisa Boren - treasurer. With the help of these officers the Junior Highs began to plan more of their retreats and were quite successful in their planning.

They have also lent a helping hand in the Spaghetti Dinners, Ice Cream Socials and Fellowship Suppers, as well as supporting the Halfway House Christmas Party and working as helpers in Vacation Church School.

The officers for 1970 are: Ruth Cash, president; Leslie Bond, vice president; Lisa Boren, Secretary-treasurer; and Jan Ward, calling secretary.

MEMORIES OF MRS. MARY ELLEN BROWN

Harry and I were married and lived in the 3 room Merritt Cottage (later 4316, 4322) No. Glebe Road.

Before we were married, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton McNeir lived there and where Marion was born, also my oldest son Elmer was born, December 2, 1912.

There was no electric lights, no water, carried water across the road where Mrs. Belle Elliott lived.

Glebe Road just wide enough for 2 horse and wagons to pass, deep muddy and rough. Just before Xmas a meeting was held at the church and as my husband wished to go, he said, I'll carry the Baby and you bring the lantern, we started but I was left far behind. Found only a few huddled around the heat. Shortly we returned home, oh o o so cold windy and dark. In winter there was very little work for anyone. Had to prepare for winter during the summer months. Mr. Samuel Morris, Mr. Jake Elliott and my husband Harry L. Brown worked at the Zoological Park from April 1 or 15 depend on the waather, until December 31. Left home 6 a.m. for street car at Chain Bridge Station, walking and return 6 p.m. or later in the evening. \$1.25 per day, car fare 50 cents a week. House rent \$5.00 per month.

One time Mrs. Langton and her daughter Mary were members of Walker Chapel Church and Mary was janitor, she received \$3.00 per month pay.

In 1913 we moved to Mrs. Langton's cottage, across Glebe Road from the cemetery. Harry was janitor at the church 1913-1914 at \$5.00 per month. Mr. Horatio Reid Sr. hauled wood in long lengths. Harry cut it in short pieces for the furnace.

In 1912 there was no electric lights on Glebe Road. Later in 1913 at Sunday School Mr. W.C. Shipman superintendent gave Mrs. Gertrude Reid and Mrs. Mary E. Brown names of several electrical stores in Washington, D.C. to get best prices and lights for the church. Soon the decision was made and the lights purchased. The first lights hung from the ceiling by a long chain with a white dome with 4 lights hanging under each. Later the lights were removed and lighted from inside the dome. At this time going to church was by horse and buggy, wagon or walk. A long shed was built between the church and Little Falls Road, to protect the horses in bad weather.

Rev. Hoffman was minister at Walker Chapel at this time, he administered our marriage and christened all of us at home in Walker Chapel.

Mrs. Langton had a little country store in her home across Glebe Road from the church, a stable, a 3 room cottage and a wonderful well of pure water. In the stable she always kept a stall for the Doctor "Palmer" to shelter his horse when attending patients in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Langton a good Samaritan and really, Mother of Walker Chapel. Before the water main came down Glebe Road anyone to be christened in church, they could borrow a bowl of water from Mrs. Langton's well. Her store was Post Office for Walker Chapel. The roads so bad at times the mail carrier with horse and buggy could not reach the store before 9 or 10 o'clock at night.

Mr. Robert Walker was supervisor of roads at this time and his brother Arthur hauled stone on the road through Walker Chapel and my husband cracked them which made a good foundation to build on.

Walker Chapel has had a number of Ups and Downs in its history. (This was told to me) acquainted later.

A man from Washington, D.C. bought and built his home in Walker Chapel, later built a hall, with good intention of breaking up Walker Chapel Church but found Our Heavenly Father had much greater power and gave up.

In fall of 1914 a lawn party was held in Cherrydale and had a contest and prize for the Fattest Baby, and one of our church members baby won the prize, Little Martha Jane Stalcup, and she was pretty too.

Then Rev. Hoffman of Walker Chapel, said, why not have a lawn party and contest here, for the Prettiest Baby? Some jumped at the idea, but not me. After a lot of persuading, I finally gave up and entered Elmer in the contest. The date was set for September 17, 1914 at night, his bedtime and not too anxious to cooperate, with the assistance of my brother-in-law which Elmer liked very much, made the grade. They left for the little one story church just inside the cemetery (first church). Mr. Shipman brought 3 judges (strangers) from Washington, D.C. They lined the little ones up on one of the wooden slat pews to be judged. The 3 judges made their decision and pinned a tag on the winner, Elmer Brown.

In a short time they were back home just across Glebe Road. Elmer with a little gold chain around his neck which was given by Rev. Hoffman. I kept this gift and gave it to Elmer a few years before he died, which he prized and so proud of. His wife has it in safe keeping.

Church

Cemetery

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| Mr. C.W. Shipma - Chairman | s | |
| Mr. Henry Bauch - Secretary | | Mr. Bauch had charge of cemetery |
| Mr. Horatio Reid Sr. | a | long as able |
| Sunday School | m | |
| Mr. Shipman - Superintendent | | |
| and | e | |
| Mr. Howard McNeir - would alternate - later Mrs. Lucy Hardy was Superintendent | | |

Mr. Henry Bauch - Treasurer
Mrs. Gertrude Reid - Secretary
Mrs. Lottie Reid - "
Mrs. Louise Elliott - "
Mrs. Mary E. Brown - "

In the first 1920s, Mrs. Eve Walker Marcey was Organist (played by ear). She lived on Marcey Road, each Sunday rain or shone she walked with her husband to the church and played the organ. She was one of the Walker family but never joined the church, at death the rules of the cemetery only members could be buried in the Church Cemetery. Fortunately her sister and brother-in-law Mr. Harry Gutshall had lots and let them have one.

In October 1915 we moved to Mr. W.F. Roberts 10 acre truck farm "Glenmore". Later he bought the Horatio Reid farm 32 acres. They had Delco lights in their home, we had kerosene lamp lights. In winter the roads were so bad we would get our mail from Rosslyn P.O. to Roberts Lane on Military Road once a month. We could not get to church often walking with 2 babies. April 17, 1920 we bought our home in Walker Chapel from Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Walker, now 3814 N. Stafford St., Arlington, Va. "Was Alexandria County".

Again Harry was janitor at the church, often had to go across Little Falls Road to the woods and cut long pieces, bring on his shoulder to have fire in the church. In 1923 he gave the janitor work up. They they bought coal.

In 1920 there was some difficulty in the church, I never knew what, and don't to this day. But all at once everybody stopped coming to church even the minister "Rev. McCaslin". A Mr. Blackwell came on Sundays by bus to Glebe and Dittmar Roads and walked down the road toward Chain Bridge calling on the people. He would be back to church in time to eat a sandwich for lunch which he brought with him (sit on the church steps), before time for Sunday School. Mr. Blackwell, little Marion McNeir, Elmer and Richard Brown, Jimmie Sumner, and Mary Brown were all that came for month or so. The minister went to see Mr. Shipman at his home in Georgetown on O St., to see if he would try to get some of his salary (\$16 or 17.) per month, said he was really hungry. At once, Mr. Shipman telephoned Mrs. Langton store which was the only phone in the community at that time. He asked her to tell the people when they came in to be sure to be at church on Sunday, which they did. He described the pitiful situation and collected \$60.00 which was gratefully appreciated by the minister as he had a wife and several children.

Then came Rev. Green in 1921 and times grew brighter and brighter. The Sunday School grew to 125 on roll, counting grownups and children. Some could hardly believe it, but I was secretary at the time and had the record. 7 teachers - Rev. Green, Mr. W.C. Shipman, Mr. Howard McNeir, Mrs. Gertrude Reid, Mrs. Viola Walker, Mrs. Lottie Reid and Mrs. Mary

Brown. At Sunday School Mr. Shipman said, the teacher that made every Sunday that year he would give a prize. Rev. Green spoke up quick, count me out. The only one that made the 52 Sundays was Mary Brown. The prize was a \$10.00 gold piece.

Cemetery: Mr. Bauch had charge of the cemetery for years, had to give up when his health failed. Mr. Gaddy then took over. The lot owners were to take care of their lots, but some were terribly neglected by many. Mr. Gaddy found it hard to get help to cut the grass with a push mower, it was rough and so much wild growth. Along Glebe Road side, was covered with large clumps of broom-sage. Mr. Gaddy asked Harry Brown to give him a lift, he agreed, and grubbed the largest part of that side and hauled it in a wheelbarrow to the woods across Little Falls Road, \$1.50 per day. If anyone passed away and the family not able to pay for digging the grave, neighbors and friends would help free of charge. Then Mr. Shipman was manager 1945-49, he contacted all lot owners he could, and asked for a donation of \$3.00 per lot a year to help get a power mower which was a grand help. After some years a new fence around the cemetery was needed, and short of money. They decided to put the back gate down front and extend the fence across the road in back, which was a terrible mistake. Mr. Arthur Elliott was living in the Merritt house (now Lilac Cottage), Arthur decided to widen his back yard and dug back into the road, outlet from the cemetery and planted some spruce trees which are still there. Mr. Norman Carson put up the last new fence. In 1948 & 49 Mr. Shipman's health was failing fast, his brother John and Mr. Walter Marcey helped him part of the last year until their health broke down. The last work these 3 men did on this earth was in Walker Chapel Cemetery. They left this world a few months apart. Then Mr. Earl Connor took over for 7 or more years with plenty of hard work and headaches. He made improvements for the entire cemetery and how thankful by all. 1956-57 Mr. Paul A. Colvin came for a year of help which was appreciated very much. Then came Mr. Barclift, in a time of need, and was very successful in getting help for the longest number of years which I think everyone feels very grateful for.

This was told to me by several who lived in Walker Chapel earlier. The Brown twins 2 girls age 3 years buried in the cemetery between the pump and maple tree, while moving from the State of Kansas to Chesterbrook, Va. with mule and wagon, one twin died and was buried on way. After reaching Chesterbrook the other twin died. The parents went back and brought the first one on and buried both together in Walker Chapel Cemetery. The parents Elizabeth and John Brown. Will, Jim, Ed and John were brothers. One of the Browns, perhaps a son of one of the boys at one time was janitor at Carne school now John Marshall.

One day while I was working in the cemetery a lady came in and kept walking around. I asked if I could help her, she said I hope so, and if I knew if a Carrie walker was buried in this cemetery. I do not know, but go to the church and inquire, said I have been, and they have no record. She said Carrie Walker is my mother and was buried in Alexandria or Walker Chapel. Neither have a record. Then I began to ask

questions and found Carrie Walker is buried in Walker Chapel Cemetery, perhaps in the old part with no marker. She was a daughter of William Walker (Weeks place).

Mr. Amberger of Georgetown, D.C. had the water line put in the cemetery and paid entire cost, soon after the line came down Glebe Road. Mr. Amberger married Ruth Crumbaugh and her mother and father are buried near the water pump.

(Double) Mr. and Mrs. Amberger - were married in the Episcopal Church,
(Wedding) Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Langton Potomac & O St.,
Georgetown, D.C.

Mrs. Langton died August 13th 1940
Buried in Columbia Garden Cemetery

MEMORIES OF MRS. MAE CONNOR

My first memory of Walker Chapel Church was a very small church. When they had a supper, which was always ham or oyster, they took everything out of the pulpit. The members would bring in an oil stove and all their cooking utensils and serve a wonderful supper. Their coffee was made in a large granite coffee pot by Mr. McNeir on a potbelly stove which sat in the center of the church. There was a long shed next to the church where the members would tie their horses. In those days you walked or drove a horse and buggy.

We always looked forward to the Sunday school picnic. Parents packed a large lunch and supper basket and the Sunday school gave free ice cream and lemonade. On my way to Sunday school one time a large black car drove up beside me and stopped. An elderly man handed me a jar of candy. I found out later at Sunday school that it was President Wilson.

It seemed that we always had to have suppers or lawn parties or rummage sales, anything to pay our ministers' salary and pay other bills. At that time we had about 30 members. After we moved into the 1903 church we still had to raise money to help pay expenses. We still did not have a kitchen, but we had a basement, so we made a kitchen in the corner of the furnace room. This room was about 12' x 12', furnace and coal bin included. We still had to borrow a stove and cooking utensils and carry all of our water from Mrs. Langton's store for cooking and washing dishes. This was across the street from the church. One of our largest suppers served was about two hundred. This one supper still stands out in my mind, the amount we served and where we served it. After that we were able to buy a gas stove and have water installed.

Mrs. Mae Connor

MEMORIES OF HARRY GUTSHALL

1. Early meetings were held in a small log house on Glebe Road near the Foster home, 3200 block of Glebe Road. Among those (all ladies) who helped was Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Lockwood's sister and aunt of Mrs. Foster. This was prior to 1871.

2. Many helped in the building. Some were very poor and donated a day's labor or in some cases two days. Mr. Vanderwerken donated \$20.00, the largest donation. I do not know who were the first officers. Mr. Henry Bauch (deceased) was a charter member. The first building was erected in 1871. In the early years of the church Mr. Payne and Mr. Horatio Ball came from town and helped to carry on, adding much to the success of the church by their ability and influence.

6. The painting was executed by Mrs. John Kearnes White (recently deceased) and given by her to the church when she and Mr. White moved to Thurmont, Md.

7. Mr. Henry Bauch and Mr. H. Reid, sr. and family have been active and a great help for a long time. For many years Mr. Robert Walker and Mr. Charles Shipman were very helpful (Mr. Walker deceased 1908) Mr. Joseph McNeir and others.

8, 9, 10. I cannot answer these questions.

I think Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Elliott of North Stafford Street could possibly answer some of them. I think Mr. John Marcey or Mr. George Marcey could help.

This is about the best I can do to help.

Respectfully,

Harry E. Gutshall

MINUTES SEPT 10, 1929

Quarterly Conference held at Walker's Chapel. Called to order by the pastor.

Report of Secretary of Sunday School. Attendance etc. not so good.

Report of President, young peoples Society -- very favorable.

Discussion of work and progress of Board of Stewards.

Board of Trustees discussion on repairs to Church, regarding colors to be used in church -- left open, be decided upon Wed. night, Sept. 11th.

Discussion regarding amount of General Conference assessment, decided that Walker's Chapel pay same proportion as last year, that is, 4 to 6 for Walker's Chapel and Fort Meyer Heights, respectively.

Reports on Parsonage rent fund, pledges, collections, etc. Very few pledges have been obtained, rent paid to Sept. 1, 1929, and \$5.00 on hand.

Reports on works of Ladies' Aid -- matter of papering (?) (or repairing) church to be turned over to Board of Trustees.

Voted to hold next Quarterly Conference at Walker's Chapel.

Discussion regarding piano for the church. Suggestion that Organ be traded in on a piano. Left open.

Suggestions regarding revival services during this fall. Left open.

Discussion on painting for back of pulpit. Mrs. White to see about cost, etc.

Moved and seconded that meeting adjourn. Ordered --

Adjourned 9:45 p.m.

S. S. Snow

Acting Sec'y.

REPORT OF QUARTERLY CONFERENCE JANUARY 31, 1930

During this past quarter I have attended Sunday Services every Sunday.

I carried on a Revival meeting for two weeks with one conversion.

Three people have united with the church.

I conducted one funeral service and assisted in another one.

Last month we organized a teacher's council in the S.S. with the of taking a teacher's training course.

My S.S. Class is doing well.

My salary is paid up to date. The rent is paid until Jan. 15.

I would like to make some recommendations.

1. A hearty support in the Kernahom Campaign.
 - A. By prayer
 - B. By paying twenty cents per member.
2. That Walker's Chapel pay one half of conference assessments.
3. That we instruct the Trustees to discourage the holding of funerals on Sunday afternoons in this church.

Signed I. M. Dinkle

PASTOR'S REPORT --- JULY 25, 1932

Your pastor has not a very lengthy report due to his short stay with you to date.

He has been in the pulpit the five Sundays since he arrived. He has visited all sick of whom he has heard with only one exception; and that because he was called home to his sick father in Baltimore last week.

The pastor is disappointed to state that he has not been able to make as many pastoral calls as he had planned to make. He hopes, however, to call on all the members and friends of the church in the near future.

Your pastor has called this Quarterly Conference at such an early date for two important reasons. One is that it is Dr. L.B. Smith's suggestion that we try to pay one-twelfth of our entire budget by the end of each month. It is necessary that this body hear about it as soon as possible. The second reason is in connection with Sunday's sermon which was concerned with the evangelization of our community and church. The pastor wishes to solicit your aid and backing to this end. And through you he wishes the same cooperation of the whole church.

Sincerely,

Your pastor, J.J. Von Hagel.

Nov. 30, 1932.

PASTOR'S REPORT AT SECOND QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The pastor reports some of the things which have been done since his arrival and especially in the last few months. There have been three funerals at which he either helped to officiate or took complete charge. There have been a wedding and a baptism. Eight members have been received in our churches together, which is a joy to the pastor as well as to all. One hundred and thirty-six pastoral calls have been made, & the Lord's Supper has been administered several times.

The pastor expresses gratitude for the efforts made thus far to raise the assessments. \$14.00 have been sent for Gen'l Com., \$5.00 for presidents salary and \$18.00 for Md.Con. with \$8.00 in hand to be turned over at the District Conference. I hope this good work will continue, which I feel confident it will.

The pastor is happy because of the way all of you have helped him in every way. It has made no difference whether it was for the Revival, the Home Coming Day, suggestions for the preachers own good or even cleaning up around the church; whenever help was needed it was available.

And now with this cooperative spirit in our hearts and hope and prayer in our souls may we all "press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Respectfully submitted,

Your Pastor

J.J. Von Hagel

Total Rec'd 159.41

" Expenses 123.86

Bal. \$ 35.55

Less Gov't tax on checks of 14¢ \$ 35.41

Dec. 1st 1932. Bal. 30.75

" 2nd " Cleared on oyster supper 31.06

" 6 Mrs. Hillery donated 2.25

" 6 Dues 1.60

Jan. 3, 1933 " 1.40

Feb. 1 " Cleared on turkey supper 68.57

" " Dues 2.30

" 21 Cleared on Washington birthday party 21.48

Total \$159.41

Paid for cleaning church 9.00

" " Hdwe & Plaster board for basement 39.02

Flowers 4.50

Phil. Gas Co. 1.46

Va. Public Service Co. 2.88

Organ 67.00

Total expenses \$123.86

EXCERPTS FROM ROBERT WALKER'S DIARY

- Jan. 1, 1874 - I went to Frank Mills and bought 1 cord of wood.
Paid 1.50.
- Jan. 5, 1874 - I went to Alexandria. I was on the Grand Juro and
a Petet Juro. Tom shucked some corn. Helled in rain
in the evening.
Expenses \$1.00
- Jan. 7, 1874 - I went to the Bridge to get some Barrels to Pack Pork in
Bought 3 Barrels Paid 2.50
1 sk of Flower 2.50
1 lb of Tobacco .60
Sold to Page $\frac{1}{2}$ Bus of Corn .20
Sold to Garom 1 hundred Cabbages 5.00
5 lbs of Sausage .50
I was on a Juro A Man Hung himself William Osborne.
Weather Clody & Raney.
- Jan. 8, 1874 - I Pack pork Part of the Day, Received for holling A
Dead Man from the Bridge 2.00
From Isatey Ball For Turnips & Potatoes ,15
- Jan. 10, 1874 - I went to Town with 2 hundred Cabage Received
for the 200 6.00
Bought 1 lb of tobacco .90
Toail .35
Lent to Mrs. Corbett 2.00
Had my over Coat Stolen from me at the Central Market.
Weather quit plesent.
- Jan. 15, 1874 - I went to old Samuel Birches Sale and Bought
1 Stove Paid .50
Very cold. Tom Done Nothing.
- Jan. 16, 1874 - I went to town and Bought
1 Galon of Coail Oil .30
1 Qt. of Whiskey 1.00
1 Lb Candles Sperm .50
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Tea .45
2 lbs Coffee .66
8 Bars of Soap 1.00
Toail Across the Bridge .35
Vary Cold and Winday
Tom Done Nothing.
Give Wilson Smith a Order to Mr. Groass for 2 Dollars
worth of Grocerys

Jan. 19, 1874 - Rain in the Morning. Me and Tom oiled Som Harness Delivered to Wilson Smith, 50 cabage, Part Payment. I am thankful that the Lord has permitted Me to See A Nother Birth Day.

I am thirty four years old To Day.

April 8, 1874 - Went to move Bro. Mathew To the Depot. Paid for framing Mairage Stificet - 1.40

June 10, 1874 - I Went to Market and Sold 450 qts. Stromberys. Sold at 5 and 3, Receved - 21.25
Paid Stromberys Pickers - 12.89
Paid to Mr. H. Ball My Taxes 2.51
Paid for Pickin Stromberys 7.50

June 15 I went to Alexandria to Put Before the Board of Supervisors Registration Bills,, the amount of them was

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| For Posting Notices | 1.00 |
| 7 Days Setting | 14.00 |
| Judge of Alection | 2.00 |
| Returning Ballot | 1.00 |
| Commissoner of Alection | 2.00 |
| Posting Notices of All that Registered | 5.00 |

July 6, 1874 - I went to Alexandria. I was Apointed the assisor of Arlington town ship.

July 8, 1874 - I Carried Arond Skedgels All Day.

July 14, 1874 - Assised Personal Property

Aug. 3, 1874 - Burres thrashed my rye. Boyd work my Canterloaps. I was taken the School Childrens Names for School.

Aug. 14, 1874 - I went to Market Taken in 6.60
Left with Mr. Wilirt
17 Doz Corn 4 Box of Tomatoes - 3.70
33 Cuckenbers 33,
30 Simolins 30 .63

Aug. 19, 1874 - Received A Order for ten Dollars And thirty four cents for Taken the Sencess of School Children in Arlington Town Ship.

Aug. 27, 1874 - I went to Market Taken in 14.30
Paid to Mr. Wibirt 10.00
The Town Ship Bord Met at Balls x Roads
I went to the Sunday School Pic Nic

- Aug. 31, 1874 - I went to Alexandria to have the Handbills Printed for the fair at Walker Chapel cost 3.00
- Sept. 7, 1874 - I went to Walkers Chapel to take Some Plank for to make Tables for the fair. Made horse Trones in the evening.
- Sept. 8, 1874 - I went to town to get the Things for the fair Rain in the morning and evening
- Sept. 11, 1874 - I went to George Town to Bring A Load of Men to the fair at Walkers Chapel
- Sept. 12, 1874 - We went to Market taken in 13.33 I went to the fair at Nite It Broke up
- Sept. 14, 1874 - I went to town to Carry the Things Back that was left at the Fair Brought Back Lime & Sand & Plaster for the Church
- Sept. 16, 1874 - I went to Town and Paid to Mr. Libbey in full to Date on Walkers Chapel \$56.00
Paid to Mr. Wibirt 10.00
Rain Very hard All Day
- Oct. 18, 1874 - I went to Walkers Chapel To see About the Paintin at the Church.
- Dec. 6, 1874 - Sunday I went to Mt. Olivet To A Class meeting. Went Frome Thair to Walkers Chapel Hampton Dye preached We taken supper with William T Walker We came to Mt. Olivet Bro Riddle Preached
- Dec. 25, 1874 - Christmas I Plowed All Day on Mrs. Cathcart Farm I went to church at Nite
- Jan. 23, 1875 - I went after A Load of Monour Monour & Toll 1.10
Had my Monour fork State Bought 1 fork 1.10
- July 14, 1875 - I stade home All Day Mag was sick Walkers Chapel was Dedericated to the Services of God
- Nov. 7, 1875 - Sunday I went to Walkers Chapel to Class Meeting and to Preaching I stade to Preaching at Nite Protracted Meeting Commence at Walkers Chapel
- Dec. 25, 1875 - I went to the Parsonage to take Bro Yingling Some Meat.
- Jan. 3, 1875 - I am thankful to the Lord That He has spared My Life to See the End of a Nother Year

- Feb. 22, 1876 - I went to Town after a Load of Lumber for the fence at Walker Chapel
- Feb. 23, 1876 - Holved a load of Lumber for the fence at Walker Chapel.
- Feb. 27, 1876 - Sunday I went to Walkers Chapel to Preaching Stade To Prayer Meeting at Nite.
- March 5, 1876 - Sunday I went to Mt. Olivet to hear Bro. King preach in the morning. I taken Bro. King to Walkers Chapel at Nite to Preach.
- April 10, 1876 - I went to help fence Walkers Chapel Burying Ground.
- April 11, 1876 - Went to work on Walkers Chapel Burying Ground.
- April 23, 1876 - Sunday went to the Bridge after Mr. Sweet to Preach at Walkers Chapel and at Mr. Olivet.
- April 29, 1876 - I went to town after Plaster and Stuff to Make a Gate for Church at Walkers Chapel.

EXCERPTS FROM ROBERT WALKER'S JOURNAL

(This consists of two bound volumes. The first 143 numbered pages, covers the period Jan. 1, 1874 to April 30, 1876. The second, ends Feb. 21, 1883. The first 45 pages of the second volume have been used to make a child's scrapbook and cannot be read. These journals are now owned by Mrs. Barbara (Walker) Thompson.)

- Feb. 3, 1874 - I went to the parsnage to settle account with Walker Chapel.
- Feb. 15 - I went to Walkers Chappel for Class Meeting.
- Feb. 22 - Sunday I went to Mt. Olivet to Class Meeting
- March 1 - Wm. H. Sherier came to my house. Me and him went to Mt. Olivet To preaching. After dinner we went to Walkers Chappel
- March 8 - I went to Mt. Olivet to church in the morning. Taken dinner with Brother Mather. Then went to Walkers Chappel to preaching.
- March 15 - Me and Mother and Martha Sherier went to Mt. Olivet to hear Bro. Lewis preach. After dinner we all went to Walkers Chappel to hear Bro. Ames preach.
- March 22 - I went to Mt. Olivet to hear Bro. Mather preach his farewell sermon. Bro. Dye came home with me taken dinner went to Walkers Chappel to hear him preach.
- April 5 - Sunday. Mr. Tingling preached his first sermon at Mt. Olivet and at Walkers Chapel.
- April 8 - I went to move Bro. Mather to the Depot.
- April 12 - Sunday I went to Mt. Olivet to services at 11 o'clock Taken dinner with Bro. Tingling. Then went to Walkers Chapel services at 3:00.
- May 9 - Sunday ? and his wife was over. I went to church. Bro. Tingling came home with me.
- May 17 - Went to Bailey's Cross Roads to church.
- June 14 - Went to Walkers Chappel
- June 21 - Me and Maggie went to her fathers. Came home and went to Mt. Olivet church.

June 28 - Went to funeral, was one of Paul bearers.

July 19 - I went to Mt. Olivet to services. Taken dinner at Bro. Tingling.
Went to Walkers Chapel to services.

Aug. 16 - I went to Walkers Chapel. H. Ball preached.

Aug. 30 - I taken Maggie to Carolines. I went to church.

Aug. 31 - I went to Alexandria to have the handbills printed for Walkers Chapel
cost \$3.00

Note: Numerous entries about his truck farming and taking produce to market

Sept. 6 - Sunday. I went to Walkers Chapel. Taken dinner at Carolines.
Give Bro. Tingling for stable \$1.00.

Sept. 7 - I went to Walkers Chapel to take some plank for to make tables for
the fair.

Sept. 8 - Went to town to get the things for the fair.

Sept. 9 - I went to fair.

Sept. 10 - I went to town to get things for the fair.

Sept. 11 - I went to Georgetown to bring a load of men to the fair at Walkers
Chapel.

Sept. 12 - I went to the fair at nite. It broke up.

Sept. 14 - I went to town to carry the things back that was left at the fair.
Brought back lime and sand and plaster for the church.

Sept. 18 - I plowed the road at Bailey's Cross Roads.

Sept. 27 - Sunday I went to class meeting. We had a general class meeting
A glorious times.

Oct. 4 - I went to Mt. Olivet church in the morning. Went to Walkers Chapel
in the evening.

Oct. 11 - I went to Mt. Olivet to class meeting.

Oct. 18 - I went to Walkers Chapel to see about the paintin of the church.

- Oct. 25 - I went to Mt. Olivet to services in the morning. I went to church at Bailey's + Roads in the evening.
- Nov. 21 - Sunday I went to class meeting at Mt. Olivet in the morning. I went to meeting at nite. Bro. Riddle preach.
- Nov. 29 - I went to meeting at nite at Mt. Olivet.
- Dec. 6 - Sunday I went to Mt. Olivet to class meeting. Went frome their to Walkers Chapel. Hampton Dye preached. We taken supper with Wm. T. Walker. We came to Mt. Olivet. Ero. Riddle preached.
- Dec. 7 - I went to Alexandria to Bord of Supervisors. Met at the cort house.
- Dec. 13 - Sunday I went to church at Mt. Olivet to hear Bro. Little preach. I went to the Prispertering church. I went to Mt. Olivet at nite.
- Dec. 25 - Christmas. I plowed all day on Mrs. Cathcart's farm and went to church at nite.
- Dec. 27, 1874 - Sunday I taken Mother up to Carolines. I stade to class meeting and to preaching.
- Jan. 3, 1875 - Sunday I went to Mt. Olivet to church. Hampton Dye came home with me. We went to prayer meeting at nite.
- Jan. 11 - I went to Alexandria in the morning to Bord of Supervisors meet.
- Jan. 13 - We done nothing. I went to Mt. Olivet Church to hear the President of Conference preach.
- Jan. 17 - Sunday I went to Mt. Olivet to church at 11 o'clock. Came home. Went to the Prespering church at 3 o'clock in the evening.
- Feb. 1 - Went to Alex. to Bord of Supervisors meeting.
- Feb. 8 - I went to Alexandria. Was on the grand jury.
- Feb. 16 - I went to Walkers Chapel. the last quarterly conference met. Cut wood at wood pile.
- Feb. 21 - Sunday I went to Mt. Olivet church in the morning to Walkers Chapel in the evening and stade to meeting at nite.
- March 6 - I went to Walkers Chappel to a trustee meeting.

April 4 - Sunday I went to Walkers Chapel. Brought Mother home from Carolines. Stade to class meeting and services. Bro. Titus preached.

April 25 - Sunday I went to Mt. Olivet church to class meeting. I went to Walkers Chapel to class meeting. and services by L. M. Tingling. Taken super at Bro. Titus house. To Mt. Olivet services at nite.

May 2 - Sunday I went to Walkers Chapel to services. The Lord's Super was administered.

April 3 - I posted notices of registration in the morning. I went to town after a load of manour.

May 16 - I went to Mt. Olivet church to services and to Walkers Chapel in the evening.

May 17 - I went to Alexandria was foreman grand jury.

May 27 - I was Judge of Election.

May 28 - I went to Alexandria to Return the Election. Taken papers for the assessing of property.

July 18 - Stade home all day. Maggie was sick. Walkers Chapel was dedicated to the services of God. Note: Their son, Robert Lewis Walker, was born on this day.

Aug. 8 - Sunday Sherier came to my house. We went to Mt. Olivet the church. They was none. We came back. Taken dinner. Went to Vanderwerken's. I went to see Tom Langton. He was sick at Shipman's.

Nov. 2 - I was Judge of Elections.

Note: There are numerous entries about visiting the sick and attending funerals.

Nov. 3 - I went to Alex. to return ballots

Nov. 4 - I went to Alex. to canvas the ret.

Nov. 7 - Sunday I went to Walkers Chapel to class meeting and to preaching. Stade to preaching at nite. Protracted meeting commences at Walkers Chapel.

Dec. 6 - I went to Alex. The Bord of Supervisors met.

Dec. 13 - I killed my hogs. Mr. Burrows and Peter T. Birch helped me. I plowed after dinner.

- Dec. 25 - I went to the parsonage to take Bro. Tingling some meat.
- Dec. 26 - I went to church at Mt. Olivet to services. Mrs. Edwards and Harry came home with me. I went to see how Mr. Birch was.
Note: At that time Mrs. Edwards' oldest son, Henry, was 27 years old. He became a Methodist preacher.
- Feb. 4, 1876 - I went to Washington with Bro. Tingling to see about his horse's eyes.
- Feb. 5 - I went to Walkers Chapel to the Last Quarterly Conference.
- Feb. 18 - I went to town after a load of lumber for Walkers Burying Ground. Brought home a load of bean poles.
- Feb. 20 - Sunday I went to Mt. Olivet to services. Joseph McNear came home with me. We went to the Prespertering church in the evening.
- Feb. 22 - I went to town for a load of lumber for the fence. Had the horses shod.
- Feb. 23 - Halled a load of lumber for the fence at Walkers Chapel.
- Feb. 26 - I went to the Quarterly Conference at nite at Mt. Olivet.
- Feb. 27 - Sunday I went to Walkers Chapel to preaching and stude to prayer meeting at nite.
- March 5 - Sunday. I went to Mt. Olivet to hear Bro. King preach in the morning. I taken Bro. King to Walkers Chapel at nite to preach.
- April 10 - I went to help fence Walkers Chapel Burying Ground.
- April 11 - I worked on Walkers Burying Ground.
- April 23 - I went to the Bridge (probably Rosslyn) after Mr. Sweet to preach at Walkers Chapel and Mt. Olivet.
- Feb. 16, 1883 - Sunday. Snow in the morning. We had no class meeting. No school. A small prayer meeting. Very muddy. I sat up with Mother. She was sick and all the children.
- Feb. 25, 1883 - Sunday. We had class meeting. Sunday School and services. Bro. H. Payne was present.
- Feb. 26 - I went to Alexandria with Wm. H. Sherier's family. I went on Bro. H. Ball's bond as County Superintendent of the Poor.

- March 4 - Sunday. We had class meeting, services and Sunday School. The sackerment of the Lord's Super was administered and Joseph McNeer child was crissen.
- Ma rch 11 - Sunday. We had class meeting, Sunday School and services. Paid Bro. white in full and one dollar over which made \$1.001
- March 25 - Sunday. We had class meeting, services and Sunday School. Bro. Payne was at my house.
- April 8 - Sunday. The new preacher preached his first serment. We had class meeting and School.
- April 21 - Mother died at 10 minutes to 8 o'clock in the emorning.
- April 25 - My Mother was buried at 3 0'clock. A very large funeral.
- Aug. 26 - Sunday. We had class meeting, School and Services by Rev. Oliver Cox.
- Sept. 23 - Sunday. We had class meetings, Sunday School and Services. Livingston preached.

MEMORIALS

| Item | Donor |
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| Crucifer's Cross | Eiwens |
| Candle holders | Babylons |
| Chalice | Bishop Garber |
| Offering plates | Robert L. Walker & his wife Anne Walker |
| Communion trays | Robert L. Walker & his wife Anne Walker |
| Baptismal font | Oутten <i>William L. Sp.</i> |
| Sanctuary Lamp | Mary Doxtater Beatty |
| Flag | Fenton |
| Missal Stand | M.Y.F. |
| Cross <i>4 vases</i> | Swansons |
| \$5,000 from Gutshall estate, in WCPOEF (cemetery) | Marion McNeir |
| Cemetery fund contribution in memory of Dora Brown | |
| Milner Fund (Scholarship) | Miscellaneous (family & friends) |
| Marcey Fund (cemetery) | Miscellaneous |
| Shade Tree | Crafts Class |
| Office lights | Catering Committee |
| Hymnals | Miscellaneous |
| Fenton Library | Miscellaneous (family & friends) |

Mr. V.L. Gaddy has presented to Walker Chapel a Bible written in German, owned by William Bauch, father of Henry Bauch, who served Walker Chapel as Superintendent of the Sunday School for 25 years. William Bauch, "a grand old man", came with his wife, Gertraut, from Germany. Not being accustomed to local customs of dress, for years he wore an out-of-date high beaver hat. He settled here in the years immediately prior to the War Between the States. He died in 1910. Henry, the son, was born in 1859 and died in 1946. The Bible will be preserved in the P. Norman Fenton Memorial Library.

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| In memory of Martha Hynning | \$10 from friends |
| In memory of Garland Hopkins | -- " " |
| In memory of Annie M. & G. Wesley | |
| Ament | By Catherine A. Lewis (now Justice) |
| In memory of Marjorie Babylon | \$1,000 from Ethel Hill (her mother) |
| In memory of William John Hill | \$1,000 from Ethel Hill (his wife) |
| In memory of Robert L. & Isabel | |
| Bier | \$1,000 from Elmira Bier (their daughter) |
| In memory of Fred Dortzbah | \$1,000 from Charles & Jane Dortzbach (son & daughter-in-law) |
| In memory of Dale J. Hensley | Miscellaneous (family & friends) |
| In memory of P. Norman Fenton | Miscellaneous (family & friends) |
| In memory of Robert L. Moorman | Miscellaneous (family & friends) |
| In memory of Anna Knapp Charnley | Molly C. Solomon (her daughter) |
| memory of Walter W. Davis | Miscellaneous (family & friends) |
| memory of Marjorie M. Clark | Miscellaneous (family & friends) |
| In memory of P. Paul Plunkett | Nera M. Plunkett (his wife) |
| In memory of Katherine Sabri | Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Sabri (her parents) |
| In memory of Ruth Sullivan | Miscellaneous (family & friends) |
| | \$50 Averill Stewart |
| | <i>\$50 Robert Price</i> |