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The few lines herein written
contain a brief summary of
the history concerning the family
of the late William B. Walker

The notes were collected
by his daughter
Mattie.

James Walker was of Scotch descent, born in Virginia Feb 29th 1788

Margaret Bailey was of Scotch descent, born in Virginia Sept 3rd 1794

James Walker and Margaret Bailey were married March 6th 1814

Four children were born to them namely William, Henry, Martha, and James.

William Sutherland Bailey Walker the eldest, was born January 5th 1816 in Bolivar County Virginia, When but two years old, his parents moved to Adair County Kentucky.

His Father lived only four years after coming here, dying September 18th 1822.

William when quite young entered a store as clerk, remaining here several years.

I have often heard him speak of

his home in the South, amusing
us by his stories of the darbies,
and their droll sayings.

In 1834 in company with his
Mother (a woman of Sterling worth)
his sister and two brothers, he left
Kentucky and settled in McDonough
County Illinois, where he bought
a nice little farm of one hundred
and twenty acres.

Here he lived with his family
until November 22nd 1839, when he
was married to Elizabeth M Head.

Elizabeth Margaret Head, daughter
of James and Isabel Head, was the
tenth of fifteen children, she was
born Jan 29th 1822, in Washington County
Kentucky

Of our mothers ancestors little
is known, the records having been
lost. They were of German descent and
born in Virginia, and were of the same family

Grand-father Head was a jovial sort of a man, fond of his jokes and never let an opportunity pass when he could play a trick on some one.

Grand mother Head maiden name was Martin, her given name Isabel.

I have often heard her spoken of as a very handsome woman.

When Elizabeth was a child, her family left Kentucky for Illinois

While crossing the Mississippi River on board the Steamer Cumberland, the boat struck a rock and sunk.

Several persons were drowned, Among the number was Joseph Head (our uncle)

The family settled in McDonough County, Illinois, where some of them still reside.

Grand-father Head owned considerable property.

At Elizabeth's marriage, there

was a large gathering of
friends and relatives.

She wore white at her wedding
Her second day dress was black silk.

After the marriage she went
to live with Father on his farm.

Twelve children were born
to them, seven of them on this
farm, myself being the seventh.

When John the second son was seven
months old Grand Mother Walker
died, aged forty seven.

The home in which we lived
was built of logs and had double
walls. Two large rooms at the
ends with a hall between.

In one room was a large fire-
place and chimney built of
brick, and in the other was one
equally as large of stone.

With the house was timber laid.
Here Father and his brother Henry

built a saw-mill and transacted
business together.

East of the house was a beautiful
bluegrass lawn, the favorite play
ground of John and James.

South of the house was the orchard
where was planted one hundred and
sixty fruit trees comprising
many varieties.

On the West stood the barn and
other out buildings.

Here our parents lived for
fifteen years. They then moved
to De Kalb County Missouri,
where he entered into partner-
ship with his brother-in-law
James Wilson.

They bought four hundred
and sixty acres of land, lying
four miles north of the Kansas
and St Joseph Rail Road near
Cameron, that being our Post Office.

We lived here eight years.
Three of the children were born
here.

Though long years have pass-
ed since leaving this home,
memory often takes me back to
it, and I live over again the
happy days of childhood.

Here, we children, gathered
stores of wild berries about the
fields and woodland.

We robbed an occasional
squirrel of his hoards of nuts,
while we were out in the autumn
days, gathering a store of these
for winter.

Then too, there was the old Crab-
apple tree at the end of the lane
near the school house.

Now the children loved to
play in its shade during the
hot summer days.

Our house here was very much like the one we had left in Illinois

He had a large orchard and great fields of waving Corn.

At the beginning of the Civil War, Father and Brother James, enlisted as volunteers in Company B Fifth Battalion Missouri Cavalry.

Father served as Wagon Master and James as Private

When mustered out of service, Father had lost nearly all of his property (by a security debt), so resolved to sell the balance and go to California.

In the fall of 1864 accompanied by his family he moved as far as Nebraska, where the Writer was spent.

May 18th 1863 He started again

for the "Golden State."

The train consisted of five families, namely, Fathers, his two brothers, James & Henry's, their brother-in-law's James Nelson and a man named Davis.

They were joined by a man named Black, when ^{out} two hundred miles. His two daughters were a source of great amusement to the older members of the train, they were so odd and droll.

The train now consisted of thirteen wagons, each with a good outfit.

Camp life was very pleasant at first, but soon grew tiresome.

The trip was made up the South Platte in Colorado, then across the Lawrence Plains

to the north Platte, thence
over the Rocky Mountains,
south of the Cheyenne-pass
along the route of the stages
to Salt Lake City.

Here at City-rock July 15th 1845
the youngest boy was born.

The train remained here
a few days, and then moved
on again.

From here on through, the
trip was rough. The teams be-
came jaded, and provisions
ran low. Many ^{things} needed were entire-
ly gone. The men were kept on
the alert on account of Indians
who made several attempts to drive
the stock off.

It required one hundred days
to make the journey between the
Missouri River and Harney
Ck. Here we remained ten days

to recruit the teams and lay
in a stock of supplies.

Again the line of march was
resumed, and we pushed on
through to Shasta Valley below
forms, where we again camped
for two weeks, then the last
camp was broke, and we moved
over the range to Scott Valley
where we have since remained.

The first year of our stay here
Father rented what is known as
the Holzhaus farm

Grandfather Head died in 1864
while we lived on this place.

We next went to live on
the Davidson farm where
we remained two years.

Sister Sarah was married
while we lived here.

In the fall of 1866, Father
bought the farm on which we

have since resided, from a man named William Radford.

The dwelling house on the place, was of logs and though old was quite comfortable.

We lived in the old house six years. Happy years to us children.

One great sorrow came upon us during that time in the death of our loving sister Sarah. This was a severe blow which time has not effaced.

Here our youngest sister Lizzie was born.

Although a new and more imposing structure has taken the place of our old log house, yet the pleasant memories clinging to it recall it often to mind.

The front part was framed and contained three rooms, one large room with a fire place was used as a sitting room.

the other two, as bed-rooms.

Back of these stood the log building with two rooms nicely ceiled. One of these was quite large with a fire-place in it was called Mothers room, the other was given to us girls for our bed-room.

A hall and kitchen connected the two buildings.

In the summer of 1872, Father built the new dwelling, and removed the old one.

The years have come and gone since then. Brothers and sisters one by one have sought new homes for themselves yet still this is home to me.

The world has its delights

And its delusions too

But home to a Calmer

bliss invites

More tranquil and more true.

Here in the Spring of 1878 our
Father passed from this, temporal
home to a spiritual one
our high.

How we have missed his loving
care, and guidance, through all these
years, none but those who have
suffered such a loss, can tell.

A light from our household is gone
A voice we loved is stilled
A place is vacant at our hearth
Which never can be filled.

Births

William B Walker.

Born January 5th 1816.

Elizabeth M Head.

Born January 29th 1833.

Married

In Mc Donough County Illinois
at the residence of the bride's
parents by Rev William Stewart,
November 22^d 1839

William B. Walker

to

Elizabeth M. Head.

Births.

James Henry Walker,	McDonough Co. Illinois	1870
John Montgomery	" " " " " Sept 13/84	1872
Sarah Emeline	" " " " " Oct 7. 184	1844
Margaret Maria	" " " " " Feb 11. 1847	1847
Mary Adeline	" " " " " July 20. 1847	1849
Joseph Mach	" " " " " May 7. - 1850	1851
Martha Isabel	" " " " " Sept 25. 1853	1853
Benjamin Franklin	De Kalb. Co Mo. Feb 21. 1856	1856
Ellen Lorena	" " " " " July 1. - 1858	1858
William Edward	" " " " " Aug 26. - 1860	1860
Walter Scott	" Salt Lake Utah July 24. 1863	1863
Lizzie	" Scott Valley Siskiyou Co Cal Apr 3. 1867	1867

Marriages

At Fort Jones Cal^a Nov 7th 1865 by
Rev J Reynolds
Pilo O Sampson to
Sarah E Walker

At Fort Jones Cal June 5 - 1867 by
Rev W H Linn
Chas A Abbott to
Margaret M Walker

At Fort Jones Cal Oct 14 1865 by
Rev J Reynolds
John M Walker to
L Marie Godfrey

In Scott Valley Cal at residence
of the brides parents Sept 5 1871
by Rev J Reynolds
James H Walker to
Mary E Cory

In Scott Valley at residence of the
brides parents, Sept 2^d 1877 by
Rev S A Redding
Chas S Abbott to
Mary A Walker

In Lassen Co Cal at residence of the
brides parents Sept 6 1876 by
Rev E B Preston.
John M Walker to
Alice M Stone.

In Scott Valley, at the residence of
the brides mother Jan 29 1880 by
Rev J W King Kendall
Albert E Doney to
Elen L Walker

In Scott Valley at residence of the
brides father, Dec 5 1883 by Rev W A Johns
B F Walker to
Larrie A Goodall

At Etwa Cal, residence of the
brides parents Dec 13 1883 by
Rev W A Johns
Joseph M Walker to
Mary J Taylor Died Feb 15 1932 at Etwa

In Scotts Valley at residence of the
brides mother Oct 12 1886 by
Rev R Rodda
Chas E Reynolds to
Lizzie Walker

At Williams Creek Cal residence of the
brides parents Dec 24 1888 by Rev R Rodda
William E Walker to
Sarah J Davis

At Dunsmuir Cal residence of the
brides parents Oct 16 1899 by
W W Shattuck J.P.
Walter S Walker to
Minnie Bar

Deaths

In Scott Valley Feb 14 1867
Sarah, wife of J. O. Sampson
Aged 23 years

In Kealdsburg Cal Feb 26 1875
Margaret, wife of Chas Sabbot
of Scott Valley
Aged 78 years 15 days

At his residence - Scott Valley, Cal
on Saturday evening March 16-1878 1878
William B Walker
Aged 61 years

Lines written on the death of
Sister Sarah by
E. Gall.

Come sister; kiss her cheek—
Her death: this faded brow—
She lies in dreamy sleep
An unknown depth—no waking.

So white, so cold, come Brother,
One last kiss: the light has faded
In those loony eyes: The grave
Deep, dark and silent a mystery untraced
Gods Calling

Dear Mother do not weep
A voiceless flower rests in sleep
In sleep eternal, no waking a resurrection
And then an Angel Anthem is sung
In Gods Care

Come Father, smooth her brow.
A last caress - a marble forehead cold
One long - one lingering look
For God is calling Sarah Come
Thine home is here.

Come husband, press those lips
Cold voiceless now, soon to rest -
The tomb uncessing rest
A spirit-winged its flight
One left
A babe sleeping by its Mother's side
Unconscious a Mother died.
Heaven's Angel came and bore away
The Mother's Care and left. - But - Clay

We will miss thee Sister
It will be lonely now
One flower faded - a star
In Heaven's Crown shines bright -
Adieu

Copy

Cameron Mo March 26th 1863

This is to Certify that
William B Walker served in the six
months service of Missouri Volunteer
for the service of the United States, as
Wagon Master for the Fifth Battalion
Cav M S M and was efficient in
the Capacity, and was regularly
mustered out of with Battalion at
the end of service

M Le James Major
Commanding 5th Bat
M S M

Copy

Cameron March 24, 1867

This is to Certify that James M. Macker
was a private in company B Fifth
Battalion, Missouri State Militia
and was a good and faithful soldier
and was honorably discharged when
the said Bat- was mustered out
of service at the expiration of the
term of service, it being on the
15th day of March 1867

M. Le. James Major
Comd'g 5th Bat M.S.M.

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Born to

Albert Eugene Doney
Ellen Walker Doney

Raymond W^m Doney
Walker Ranch, Scott Valley
Feb 17 - 1882

(over)

Arny Lorena Doney

Born Sept 11 - 1884 - Smithson

Married Nov - 1904 - Sisson

To Frank N. Woodard

Died Sept 14 - 1906

Leola Leata Doney

Born Aug 27 - 1889 - Sisson

Married - Feb 3 - 1912 - Sacramento

To Lloyd E. Nance

Margaret Albutine Doney
Born Oct 6 1895 - Grant Pass Cal.
Married Oct 20 1922 - Jan Lake
To Herbert A Wallace.

Raymond Wth Doney
Married - Oct - 1906
To Rose K. Schauer. S. F.
Married - July 7 1911
To Pearl A. Petty - Redding Cal.

Tom to Raymond Doney
Pearl Petty Doney

Albert Raymond Doney
Mar 20 - 1913 - Sisson

Eloise Annell Doney
Feb 17 - 1920 - Sisson

Born to Margaret Drey Wallace
Robert McLean Wallace
Aug 8 - 1924. Sacramento

Ellen Walker Doney
Died Jan 3 - 1933. Sacramento

