

## **20 Years of Research Notes and Findings**

**By William C. Hayes Jr.**

**Buckingham County, Virginia Church and Marriage Records 1764 - 1822 by Mary Warren** - A Tillotson Chronology, although the parish was created in 1761, surviving records begin in April 1771. These persons named in the Vestry Book pages - Walker, Elmer 3/1774 and Walker, John 8/1773. On 24 November 1774, To Elmer Walker for tending Susanna Robertson & her Daughters, 1000 pounds of tobacco. The petition of Sundry of the inhabitants of Tillotson Parish in Buckingham County 17 May 1779 list Josaph Walker, Henry Walker, James Walker and Dav'd Walker. A 10 November 1786 Petition list a Randolph Walker. A 15 November 1794 Petition list a John Walker. A Memorandum of Marriages by R. Chastain - 1788 John Walker & Mary Kidd - Retn'd [Marriage Bond at VA State Library: Surety Edward Herndon, witness John Nicholas, J.P.]. Surviving Buckingham Co. Marriage Bonds - Joseph Walker to Mary Kidd, 1/28/1786. Bondsman Edward Herndon. These are all the Walker's in the book. The book list no LaSalle or variant of it. There are several with the name Salle. Rev. Chastain's membership list of 1789 (Cumberland February) shows a Mary Salle - gone

**Elmore Walker** was listed in "Virginia Tithables" in Buckingham County, VA in 1773 and 1774 with 1 tithables.

His wife is said to be Mary LaSelle (LaSalle or Lascelles), I have never found any proof of this. However a writing from a descendant of Richard Walker's daughter Martha H. (Walker) O'Brien states Richard's mother was Susan Chatalene who married a man named Walker.)

Almer Pennewell, author of "Voice in the Wilderness" states there were sons Jesse, James, Elmore, David, Richard and Alexander (or Sandy) and one sister (unknown). Jesse was first born, June 7, 1766 and **R**ichard **W**alker was born on March 30, 1770.

"Virginia Tax Payers" (Fothergill & Naugle) list an Elmore Walker, 1 poll in Buckingham County VA in 1782.

Charles P. Walker of IN wrote a family sketch in "Greater Terre Haute and Vigo County" published in 1908 by the late C. C. Oakey. He stated that Elmore Walker was in the Continental Army and participated in the Revolutionary War "[Battle of the Guilford Courthouse](#)", his home being near that his wife and son heard the roar of the cannon. I have never found any proof of this but I believe it to be true. However a private Moore Walker received 640 acres on December 20, 1783 in Davidson county could this be Elmore?? The Rev War Roster CD shows a Emmer Walker Pvt., Roll Box 70, Rol-Rec 246 and a More Walker Pvt., Roll-Box 110, Rol-Rec 246.

The NC state census, 1786 in Capt. Hickman's District of Surry County list a James, Moses and a Jesse Walker, 1 WM 21-60, and a Martha Smith 3 WM <21 - >60 and 6 WF.

Rockingham County NC Deed Abstracts 1785 - 1800 by Irene B. Webster: Book A, page 54. State of N. C. to Elmore Walker 200 A on both sides Majas Cr. May 16, 1787. Book C. page 64. Elmore Walker to Shadrack Lewis for 30 pds 103 A on Jacobs Cr. Feb. 25, 1790. A. Phillips, Stephen Mitchell, Caleb Blagg. Book E, page 11. Elmore Walker to Elisha Wade of Charlotte Co., Va. for 3 pds 50 A on Moses Cr adj sd Walker, Thomas Henderson, Widow Scurry. Feb. 23, 1797.

Robt. Napier, Thos. Lowe. Book E, page 133. Elmore Walker to Elisha Wade of Charlotte Co., Va. for 50 pds 92 A on Moses Cr adj Thomas Henderson. Feb. 23, 1797. Thomas Wade, Robt. Napier. Numerous listings for Alexander, David, James and other Walkers.

The NC 1790 census shows a Richard, John, George, and (2) James Walkers in Guilford county. There is a Joseph Walker in Surry county. Rockingham county (Formed from Guilford) list an Alexander, David and David Sen, (3) Elmore's, Jesse, James and several other Walkers. A David Walker in Stokes county.

**[Note: Marriages of Davidson Co., TN 1789 – 1847 book has - Marriage Book 1, page 11 – Walker, David to Phoebe Finley, Sep. 25, 1797. This indicates our David was in Davidson Co., TN by 1797.]**

The NC 1800 census has a David and Joseph in Surry county, (2) James in Guilford and Alexander & James in Rockingham county.

The 1804 & 1805 Early TN Tax List by Sistler list in 1804 Richard Walker in Grainger County.

The 5th District grants of TN - March 1808 entry by Richard Walker for 50 Acres in Grainger Co., between the Holston River and Richard Creek on the head of Inman's Mill Creek adjoining Jonakin' s Survey (the entry was for part of warrant #15 for 640 Acres issued to Thomas Jonakin (Jarnagin of Greene/Jefferson Co's.) from Carter's Office, date not cited). The Grainger Co entries agree with the family & bible transcript I have.

The NC 1810 census has a David and Richard Walker in Surry county and a David in Stokes County.

Pioneers of Davidson County, TN by Edythe Whitley: Free Male

Inhabitants of Davidson County in 1812 listed - #185. Alexander Walker in Captain Butler's Militia Co., #776. David Walker in Captain Cloyd's Militia Co., and #1887. Almore Walker in Captain McAdams Militia Co. There were several other Walker' of various given names listed. Also listed was an Emily Walker, pension No. 89794, Post Office Nashville. She was the mother of a service man who was deceased and she was granted a pension February 1867.

The "Early East Tn Tax List" (by Curtis) has (2) Jesse and a Jesse Jr., Walkers in a 1815 Bledsoe County Petition.

The "Early East Tenn Taxpayers" (by Lucas) has a Richard Walker, 82A in the 1819 tax list, in Capt. John Lewis Dist., Rhea Co., TN.

The 1830 Bledsoe County Census page 278 list a Richard and Jesse (page283) and other Walkers.

The 1830 Davidson County Census, TN list Alexander, Elmore and James Walker which would appear that Elmore and Alexander stayed in Davidson county with James.

The TN Will and Administrations by Sistler list James 1830 (wb-9-377), Elmore 1834 (wb-10-348) and Alexander 1840 (wb-12-33) which may or may not be Elmore's sons.

## James Walker

**It is believed that James first wife was Anna Perkins, have found no proof of this except his son William G. said his mother was Anna. James married 2nd – From: Marriages of Davidson Co., TN 1789 – 1847, Walker, James to Sally Page, Nov. 18, 1817. Sol. Nov. 20, 1817, Th. Edmiston, J.P.. Sally Page was the widow of Robert Thomas Page, her maiden name was Sally Ann Harding, born 15 June 1776 in Goochland Co., VA , daughter of Giles Harding and his 2nd wife Amidia Morris. Giles was born 15 June 1749 in Goochland Co., VA. The Virginia Genealogists Vol 7, page**

**72 also states Giles removed to Davidson Co., TN in 1797. The LDS records shows Sally (Sarah) Harding and Robert Thomas Page were married 24 Oct 1789 in Goochland Co., VA and Robert T. Page died in Williamson Co., TN with burial in Davidson Co., TN.**

**James Walker 1830 - Actual papers on file (never found the actual will)  
are:**

**Will Book 9, page 360 & 361, Feb. 24, 1830 - Sale of the estate of James Walker, deceased. Several items listed. Peter J. Walker, admr. Jan. term 1830.**

**page 377 - Mar 7, 1830 - Sarah Walker Widow Support**

**page 381 - Mar 11, 1830 - Sarah Walker Widow Dower**

**page 496 - Mar 12, 1831 - James Walker Deceased Sale**

**page 521 & 524 - Aug 19, 1831 - James Walker Deceased Land Divided - The children listed were Nancy McCallister, Elly T. Cole, Elmore, William. G., Margaret Lewis, Nicholas, Bethenia, Jesse, Peter J., Elizabeth Vaughn, Charles P., James and Harriet Cole.**

**[Note: Marriages of Davidson Co., TN 1789 – 1847 book has - McCallister, Wilson to Nancy Walker Feb. 12, 1821; Walker, Nicholas to Nancy Key, Oct. 29, 1810; Clay, Joseph W. to Buthenia H. Walker, March 5, 1836. Sol. March 10, 1836, Tolbert Fanning, M. G.; and Cole, Champ T. to Harriett Walker, Sep. 7, 1826. Sol. Sep.7, 1826, Th. Edmiston, J.P.]**

**page 573 & 574 - Apr 11, 1832 - James Walker Deceased Settlement**

**The question is - Is this James Walker - Richard Walker's (b 1770) brother and son of Elmore Walker?**

**1. No listing of John and Alfred mentioned as James' children in Pennewell's Book - maybe they died prior to their father James?**

**2. Pennewell's stated is his book on page 158 " When the War of 1812 closed, Capt. Walker returned home and freed the slaves he had heired from his father" which would indicate his father James died years prior to 1830. This is the only James Walker recorded in Davidson County that I could find.**

**3. In a death notice for Rev. William G. Walker: States "Son of James & Anna Walker, was born in Davidson Co, Tenn, 12 miles of Nashville, 8 Mar 1797. In 1822 he came to Jefferson Co, Mo.....He**

was a nephew of the celebrated Jesse Walker, the great pioneer of the West. " My comments: The James Walker 1830 will filings list his wife as Sarah (But it is believed that his first wife was Anna Perkins), does list a son William. G. and lastly the Jesse Walker mentioned is Richard's brother. This disputes Pennewells claim that James died during the time of the War of 1812.

## Elmore Walker

### GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION FROM THE WESTERN METHODIST 1833-1834

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APRIL-JUNE 1834 June 20, 1834 – page 40

**ELMORE WALKER** Departed this life on the 26th, the worthy Elmore Walker who was a citizen of this place and brother to the venerable Jesse Walker who has spent so much of his life in the service of western missions. Our departed friend was also the husband of an affectionate and aged companion who is yet living and the father of several children who are now scattered over the wide west, the most of whom, I am happy to say, have bright prospects of meeting their father where parting will be no more. The departed father and friend has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since an early period of his life. . . . Hence his examples have been many and wonderful to the rising generation. He appeared to be perfectly sensible of his death several weeks or months previous to his departure as he was gradually wasting down with a final consumptive disease though not entirely confined to house or bed until the last eleven or twelve days when strength and reason were entirely withdrawn; once, however, about three days previous to his departure, being raised in bed, in apparently tolerable good reason commenced one of the most beautiful songs of Zion; thus departed our friend, without leaving a remaining doubt concerning his future state.

Isaac Foster Davidson county [Tennessee] May 30, 1834

[The obit does not name his wife or children but states he was the brother of Jesse Walker of the Western missions. However, the below will of Elmore Walker, (dates match obit) names his wife as Sarah and a daughter Betsy (rest of children were probably married). The will also names Sally Love (could be a daughter) and Art. 4 states "between all my children", so there were other children. Notice that Isaac Foster who wrote the obit, also signed the will as a witness.]

**Elmore Walker dec Will Recorded 25 August 1834 in Will Book 10, pages  
348 & 349**

**["Below copied from a copy of the original will"]**

**In the name of God amen Being infirm in body but of sound judgment and memory I do constitute and make this my last will & testament**

**Art. 1st I recommend my body to the dust and spirit to God who gave it.**

**Art. 2nd After funeral expenses and just debts are paid.**

**Art. 3 I give and bequeath unto Sally Love the Loom and toelen now standing in the house.**

**Art. 4 I give unto Sarrah my beloved wife all my property both real and personal not other ways disposed of during her natural life and at her death I wish the profits of the farm to be for the benifit of my daughter Betsy as long as she lives single and at death or marriage an equal division to take place between all my children.**

**Art. 5 I appoint my beloved wife Sarah and John W. Byrn executors and in case of failure by Mr. Byrn I wish my wife to be at liberty to choose any person she may think proper provided it is a person not connected or interested and I also wish my executors not be brought to security, May 15, 1834. I acknowledge this to be my last will and testament.**

**Signed by David Browning & Isaac Fofter**

**[Signed by] Elmore Walker**

**[Note: Marriages of Davidson Co., TN 1789 - 1847, Love, Wm. to Sarah Walker July 20, 1830 Sol July 29, 1830, J. Pirtle JP.]**

**["Below was recorded in the County Clerks record book page 349"]**

**State of Tenneffee Davidson County Court July Seffion 1834**

**A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elmore Walker deceased was produced in Court for probate and proved thus "David Browning and Isaac Foster subscribing Witnesses to said paper being duly sworn dispose and say that they became such in the presence of said Elmore Walker deceased and at his request and that they verily believe said Elmore Walker was of sound & disposing mind and memory at the time of executing said paper writing. Ordered that said paper writing be admitted to record as such last Will and testament of the said Elmore Walker deceased.**

**Seal Henry Eving Clerk of said Court.**

**Alexander Walker**

**Recorded in Will Book 12, page 33**

**['Below copied from a copy of the original will']**

**In the name of God Amen, I Alexander Walker of Davidson County and State Of Tennessee of Sound Mind and Memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills, Testaments and Codicils.**

**First, I will and bequeath to my Daughter Cynthia the following named Negroes Viz Sylla, Kindred and Henry, Second. I will and bequeath to my daughter Matilda the following named Negroes Viz Julet, Albert & Hampton, Third. I will and bequeath to my son James the following named Negroes Vi z; long Sam Austin, & Ben; Fourth. I will and bequeath to my daughters Cynthia & Matilda and my son James the following Negroes to be equally divided between the three (Viz) Sue and her son Jake.**

**Fifth: After the death of myself I will and devise to the above Cynthia, Matilda and James my tract of land that I live on and the Beck tract also for their use and benefit three good serviceable horses and two Mules and a sufficient stock of cows hogs and sheep with the Berreauch and farming tools and a Sufficient household & Kitchen furniture and the waggon oxen.**

**Sixth; I will and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Sabeller Meneace one Negro girl Sopha about four Months old and should my Grand Daughter Sabeller die without a lawful heir of her own body then the said girl Sopha and her increase if any, is to be equally divided between the Children of My daughter Eliza Menease.**

**I appoint Josiah Walton and John A Walker Excecutors My Daughter Matilda and Son James they are not to dispose of their property in anyway whatever without the Consent of their Executors, I will the Waller and Neely tracts of land after my death to be sold by my Said Executors and the remaining part of my perishable property and the money arising from said Sails and what money may be on hand or owing me or otherwise with the remainder of My Negroes Not heretofore disposed of to be equally divided between My Children here named (viz) Sarah Walton, John A Walker, Ann Farrar, Alexander M Walker, Eliza Menease, Laurence W Walker, & Sabeller Nelson.**

**My further will and desire is that at any time my Executors and daughter Cynthia my think best they may sell the lands and stock devised to Cynthia Matilda and James and be divided in three equal shears the money put on interest and such of the Negroes hired out as the said Executors may think best for their benefit and Support.**

**Signed Sealed and published this second day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.**

Signed Sealed and Published

in the presence of the testator and

[signed by] Alexr Walker (Seal)

each other.

Test. Hal Menees Jurat

W. A. Williams Jurat

**[Note: Marriages of Davidson Co., TN 1789 – 1847 book has - Walton, Josiah to Sally walker, Aug. 6, 1813; Farrar, Landon C. to Ann Walker, June 22, 1816; and Meness, Benjamin to Eliza Walker Aug. 23, 1832 Sol Aug. 23, 1832, Jas Whitsitt.]**

**[Below was recorded in Will Book 12 on page 34]**

**Test Hal Menus jurat**

**W.A. Williams jurat } State of Tennessee Davidson Count Court August term 1840**

**A paper purporting to be the last Will & testament of Alexander Walker decs was produced in court for Probate & Proved thus Hal Menees & Wm. A. Williams being first sworn depose & say that they become Subscribing witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Alexander Walker & at his request & in the presence of each other & that they verily believe he was of sound & desposing mind & memory at the time of executing the same, Ordered that said paper writing be admitted to record as Such Will of the said Alexander Walker decs whereupon Isaac Walton & John A. Walker the executors named in said will came into court & gave bond in the sum of eight thousand dollars with Wm. P. Connell & Wm. H. Moore securities were qualified according to law.**

**Recorded May 31, 1841**

The 1840 Census list a Richard in Rhea, Polk (043) and Mont (282) counties.

The 1850 Census, Rhea county shows Richard age 80 with 2nd wife Mary.

Carrie McLain West 1977 book "John Lowe of NC and IN 1800 - 1868 stated to date no record of Elmore or Alexander. James, David and Richard (and probably Jesse) moved from VA to NC then TN. James apparently made his home a few miles from Nashville (This would be Davidson County). David and Jesse moved to Southern Illinois. David was a Doctor and Jesse a popular Methodist missionary.

William C. Hayes, Jr. Walker line:

Elmore's son **Richard** was born in Buckingham County, VA on March 30, 1770 (It's on his tomb stone which William C. Hayes viewed with Jon & John Walker of Bedford on June 30, 1997) and upon leaving his native state removed to Stokes county, NC where he met and married Martha Smith June 15, 1793, who was born in the county October 19, 1766 (or 1776?) and their children were; Joseph Smith born April 14, 1795, Elmore born September 30, 1800 (or Elmer born Sept. 3, 1800 ?), Richard born Feb. 27, 1806, died March 9, 1807, George W. born December 21, 1809, Martha H. (Patsy) born July 21, 1803, and Jane born October 25, 1797. They lived in NC some years then removed to Grainger County, TN about 1803. They also resided in Bledsoe County, TN in 1815 and Rhea County, TN in 1819. Martha died on August 13, 1823 and Richard married second Mary Broyles (born Sept. 5, 1799) on Sept. 1, 1825. The 1850 Rhea county, TN census shows wife Mary age 51, born Tenn and children; Margaret A. age 22, Daniel B. age 22, Mary age 20, Lavaina age 18, Flavous J. age 14, Jesse age 14, Tennessee age 11 and Eunice age 9. The children from the first marriage located in Monroe county, IN and by the second marriage near South English, Iowa. He lived in TN until 1857 and died in Monroe county, IN on August 16, 1859 while on his way to Iowa. He is buried at Walkers Chapel and cemetery on Rockport Road, NW of Harrodsburg, Monroe County, Indiana.

Richard's son **Joseph Smith Walker** was born in Stokes County, NC April 14, 1795. He served in the War of 1812. He was drafted September 15, 1814 and served as a private in Captain Elihu Millikan's Company, Col William Johnson 3rd Regiment, East Tennessee Militia. He was in several skirmishes with the Indians and was discharged at

Fort Clayborne, Alabama Heights on the 29th December 1814 after furnishing an able bodied substitute by the name of James Kessedy who was received in place of Joseph who received credit for a tour of duty through May 8, 1815. He received 80 acres (Warrant 1035?) on December 4, 1850 and 80 acres (Warrant 35465) on June 10, 1856. His pension (No. 2923) was 8 dollars per month commencing February 14, 1871. Joseph married Mary Atkins February 22, 1821 in Bledsoe county, TN. Moved to Monroe county, Indiana about 1830's. Mary died May 14, 1857, then he married Lucinda Tarkington February 14, 1858, she died August 26, 1877. Joseph died May 23, 1881.

Joseph's son Richard George Walker born March 5, 1825 in Bledsoe county, TN

Richard's son Joseph B. Walker born March 4, 1854 in Indian Creek, Monroe county, IN.

Joseph's daughter Mabel Alva Walker born April 07, 1890 in Crawford, Dawes Co., NE is my (William C. Hayes Jr.) Grandmother.

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Note - I have all the books listed. **Page updated November 18, 2003.** © William C. Hayes, Jr.