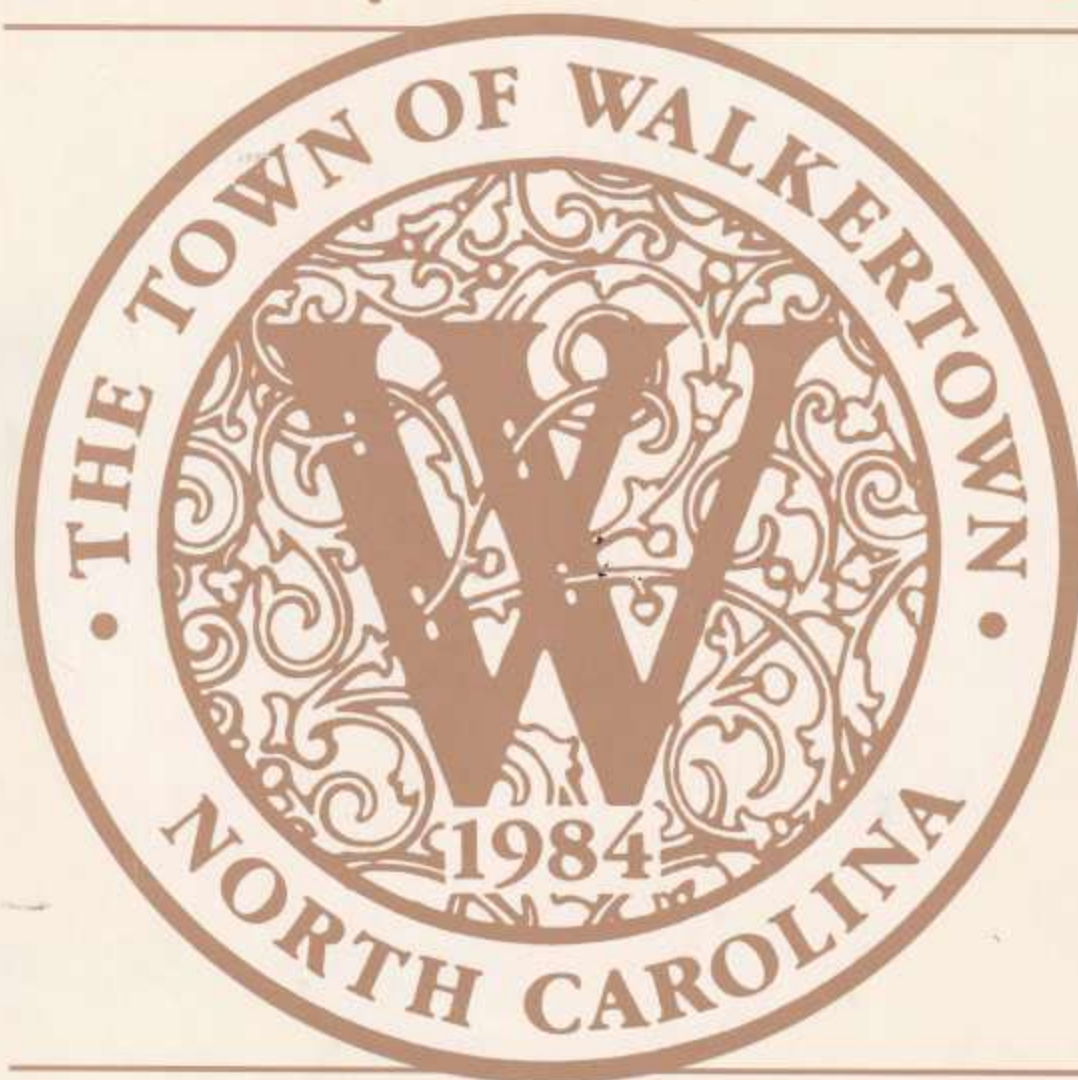
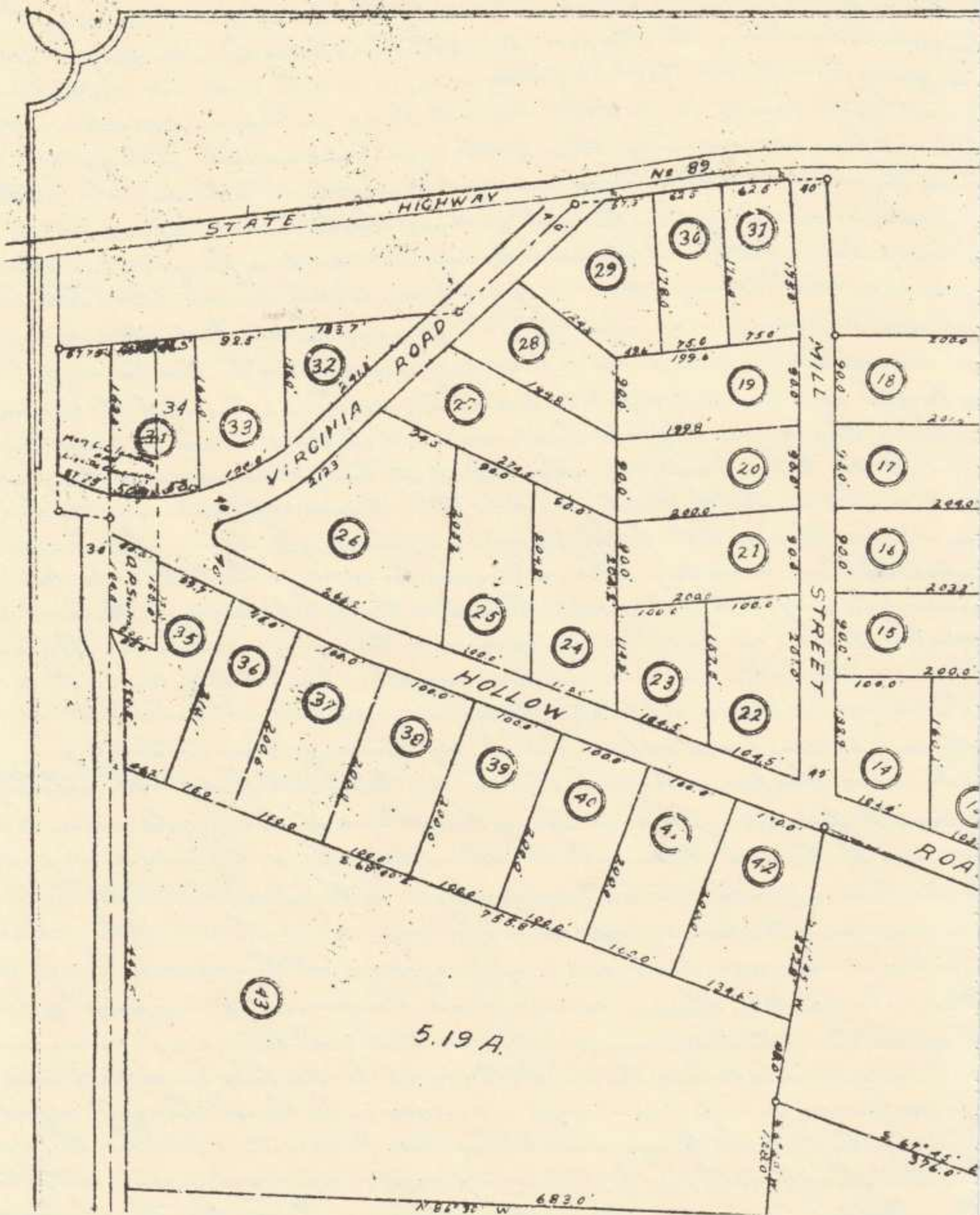

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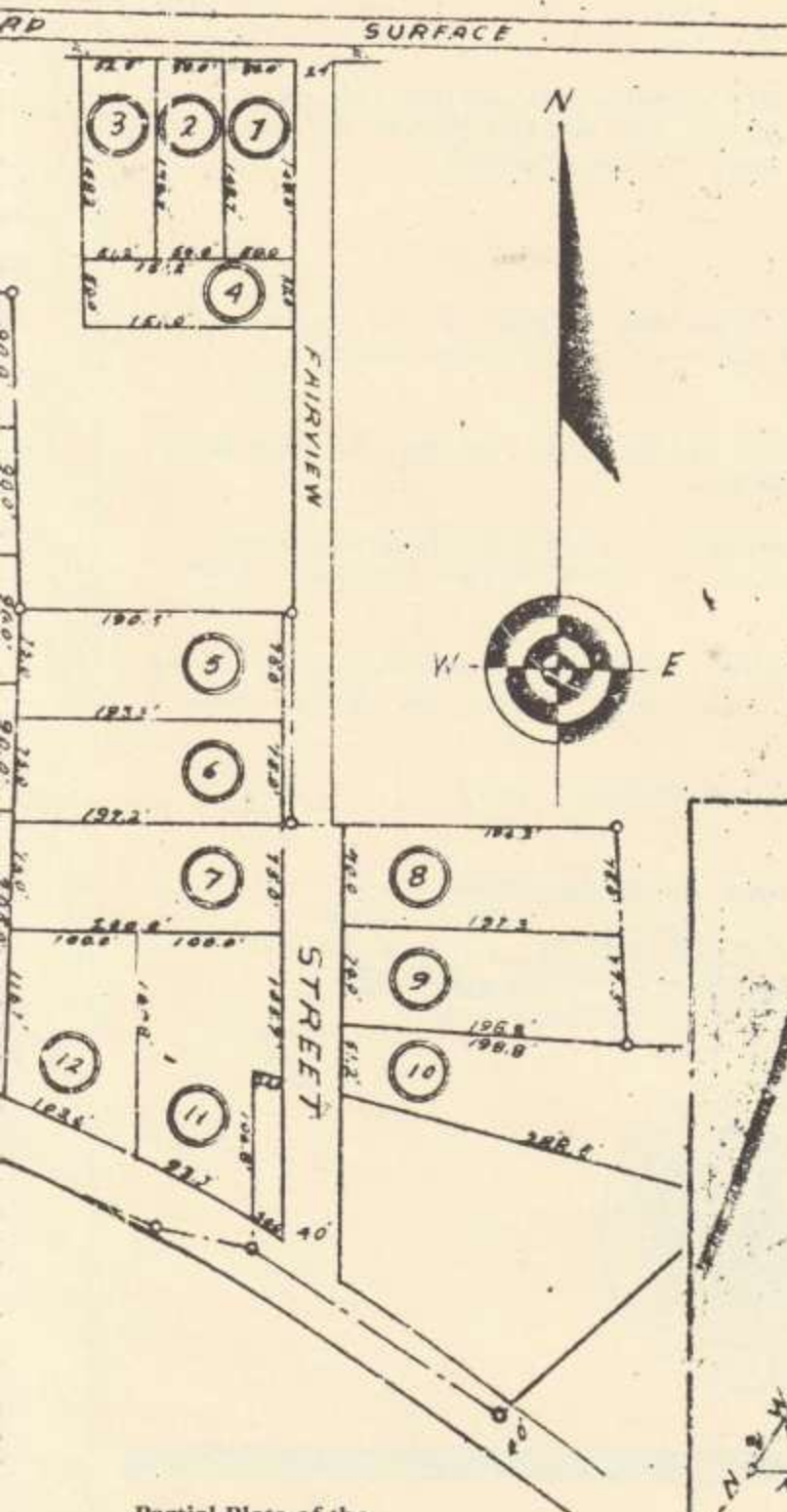


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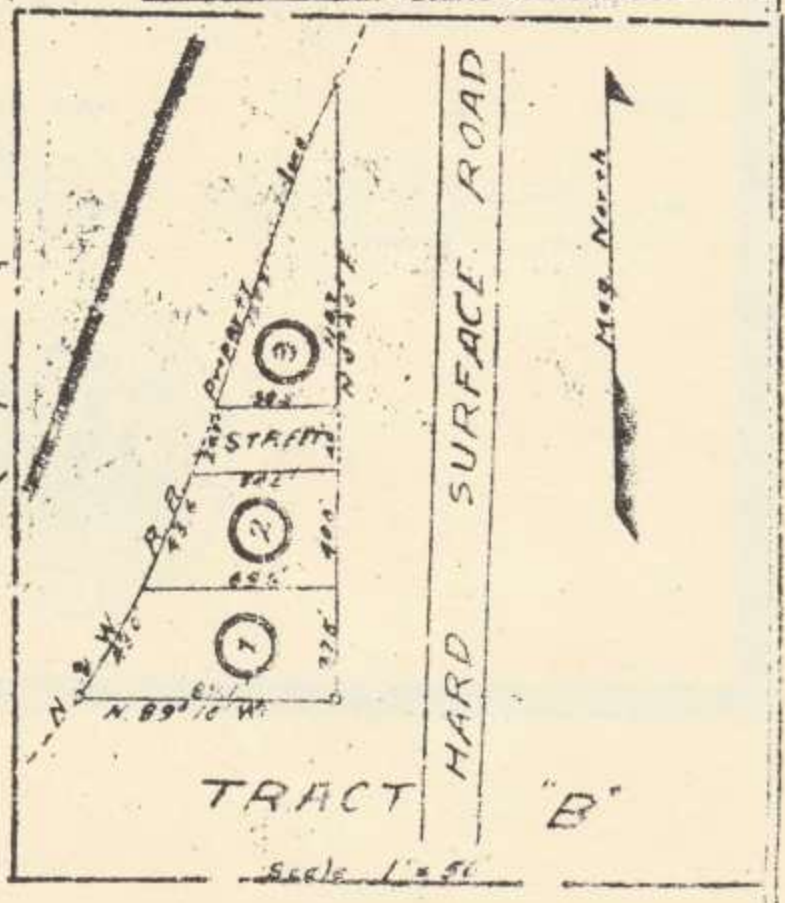
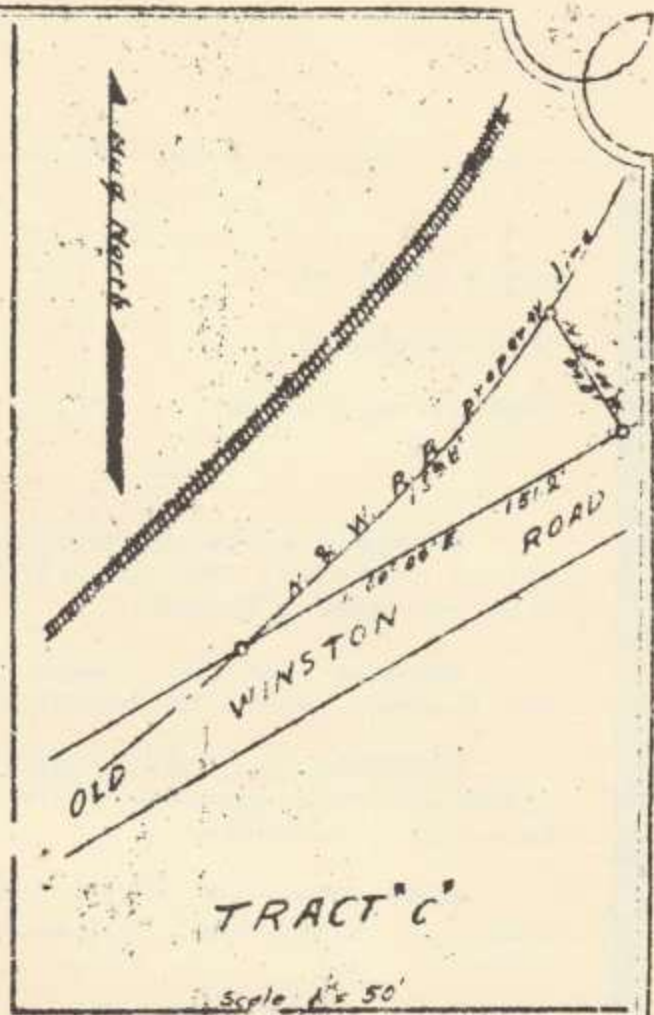
B I C E N T E N N I A L

and fifty between John G. Hill, Esquire, High Sheriff of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina of the one part, and William Walker of the then County of Stokes now Forsythe and State of North Carolina, of the other part: Witnesseth, that whereas by virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, issuing from the County Court of Stokes county, against the goods and chattels, lands & tenements of the heirs of David Walker dec'd for the sum of one hundred & 33 dollars & 50 cents said sum was recovered by Abner Walker as on record may more fully appear; And whereas the said writ of Fieri Facias was directed and delivered to the said John G. Hill Sheriff as aforesaid, commanding him, that of the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of the heirs of David Walker dec'd he cause to be made the sum of one hundred & 33 Dollars and cents as aforesaid; and for the want of goods and Chattels, the said John G. Hill Sheriff as aforesaid, in pursuance and by virtue of his Office, and the said Writ of Fieri Facias, having laid on a certain piece, or parcel of land, lying and being in the then County of Stokes now Forsythe and bounded as follows, to wit, Beginning at a Post Oak old Corner, run North Ninety three and a half poles Sowerwood, North one hundred and sixty poles to a dogwood East One hundred and forty poles Stakes, South thirty two degrees west One hundred poles Spanish Oak, South Ninety four poles to the Beginning, Containing One hundred and thirty six poles &c. And the said John G. Hill Sheriff as aforesaid, after having duly advertised the aforesaid land, according to law, did cause the same, with all the appurtenances thereto belonging, to be put up at public sale, to the highest bidder, at the Court house in Germantown on the 2^d Monday of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & forty seven at which time and place Smith Walker became the last & highest bidder, at the sum of Ninety eight dollars and transferred his bid to W^m Walker the said piece or parcel of land, with the appurtenances thereto belonging. His Indenture Therefore witnesseth, that the said John G. Hill Sheriff ^{of Stokes County} ~~doth hereby bargain~~ as aforesaid, for and in consideration of the said sum of Ninety eight dollars to him in and paid by the said William Walker at and before the sealing and signing of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, he the said John G. Hill Sheriff, doth hereby bargain, sell alien, enfeoff, convey and confirm unto the said William Walker his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns forever, all the aforesaid heirs of David Walker dec'd right, title, claim or demand, of or in the aforesaid piece or parcel of land, with all the here detriments and emoluments to the said belonging, or in any wise pertaining, to hold to him the said William Walker his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns forever, in as full and ample a manner as he the said Sheriff is empowered by virtue of his Office & the aforesaid Writ of Fieri Facias. And further, the said John G. Hill Sheriff doth hereby covenant, promise and grant to and with the said William Walker, his heirs executors, administrators or assigns, that they shall and may from time to time and at all times hereafter, have, hold, occupy, possess and enjoy the premises with the appurtenances to and clear and free from all incumbrances.





Partial Plate of the
Ed Linville Estate, 1925



NORTH CAROLINA)
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FORSYTH COUNTY)
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TOWN OF WALKERTOWN)
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RESOLUTION DECLARING THE YEAR 1991
TO BE THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE
TOWN OF WALKERTOWN

WHEREAS, evidence obtained from the Registrar of Deeds office indicates that the first settler in the Walkertown area was Robert Walker.

WHEREAS, in 1791, James Love arrived in the Walkertown area and founded Love's Methodist Church.

WHEREAS, the Town of Walkertown is planning bicentennial celebrations in conjunction with Love's Methodist Church's 200th founding anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Walkertown declares the year 1991 as Walkertown's bicentennial.

Adopted this the 13th day of November, 1990.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF WALKERTOWN

By: Cathy S. Young
Cathy S. Young
Interim Town Manager

By: H. Gray Swain, Sr.
H. Gray Swain, Sr.
Mayor



Walkertown? What is it? Where is it? Who is it? A Walkertown Bicentennial? Why? Why not?

Wait a minute! One question at a time, please. It's simpler that way. That's the way Walkertonians like it. Uncomplicated, forthright and an honest answer. That is why the motto: "Walkertown—a down home, home town" is so appropriate.

What is it? Today, it is officially a town, incorporated August 22, 1984. In 1791, 200 years ago, it was a settlement. Many people have asked, "How can you celebrate a bicentennial?" It's logical. Love's United Methodist Church in this town is celebrating its Bicentennial in 1991; there are records to indicate that it is a proper celebration. Isn't it logical that if there were a recognized institution at that time, there had to be a settlement with a population to support it? We, the people in Walkertown, are proud to celebrate that settlement and its settlers.

Where is it? In 1791 the description would have read the land located in Surry County, North Carolina between Old Field Creek, Town Fork Creek, Red Bank Creek, Belews Creek, Rocky Branch and Mill Creek. In 1991, the description reads: located in northeast Forsyth County, North Carolina, approximately 7 miles northeast of Winston-Salem, 5 miles west of Kernersville, 8 miles east of Rural Hall, 10 miles south of Walnut Cove; on State highway 66, US highway 311 and US highway 158.

When Indians, explorers and early pioneers were the inhabitants, this area was a wilderness with a difficult identification. Soon after the explorers and pioneers, came eager settlers seeking good homelands and farmlands. At that time it was identified as Lord Granville's District. The neighboring Moravians of Bethabara and Salem purchased lands located in the Granville Tract. When the negotiations were completed, the lands were in **Anson County**; later, the area became **Rowan County**; before the Revolutionary War, **Surry County**; during the War of 1812 and the Mexican War, **Stokes County**; finally, in 1849, this area of that land, was named **Forsyth County**. It is a fact that this area called Forsyth was always in that part of land cut off when the large county was divided. The other part of the county kept the name and the record books. Forsyth's part of the land was always the new county with a new county seat and a new set of record books. This array of changing of official identifica-

tion of Forsyth County makes it very difficult to obtain facts about Walkertown and its past inhabitants.

Seldom, if ever, will you find Walkertown mentioned in History Books. There have been articles about the town's past in neighboring newspapers; and, recently, a book, *A House Not Made With Hands*, (history of Love's United Methodist Church), By Larry E. Tise; and a booklet, *Some Events and People in Walkertown's Past*, written by Thomas C. Taylor and published by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Walkertown Volunteer Fire Department. This publication will combine information from the above, add a little note from the past and update to 1991. Even this will not be a complete picture of Walkertown's past. Materials for that complete picture are simply not available at this point in time.

Much of the history is word of mouth, some is supposition and some is factual. We have tried to put as much of this information as possible in the proper time and place. Many people have contributed to the past of Walkertown—it is impossible to mention, or even know, all of these, but each one has a spot in Walkertown History and we pay tribute to all of them and thank them for their contributions.

Who is it? The following pages will answer that question. These writings have been collected and edited by a committee within the Walkertown Bicentennial Committee who have seriously tried to give Walkertown a story of its history. We hope that it will give the reader pleasure and a feeling of pride in knowing and finding out about Walkertown; and, that it will be passed on to their children and their children's children to serve as a view of the past.

The Bicentennial Committee expresses appreciation and gratitude to all who contributed articles, pictures, oral and written ideas and information to this book. It is impossible to name all who gave needed help.

Special thanks to James Pegram for sharing his expertise in planning the layout of this book.

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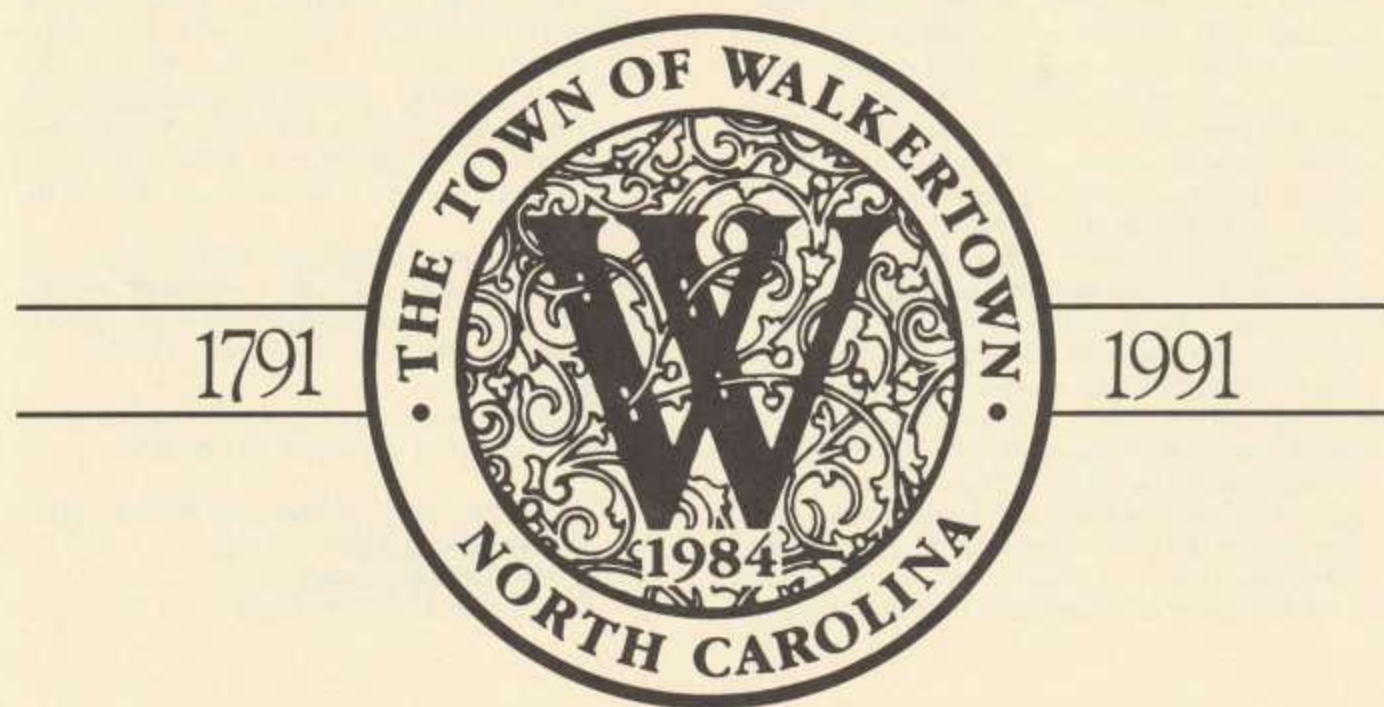
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Area Merchants' Association

First Baptist Church

Pentecostal Holiness Church

Forsyth Genealogical Society



Early History

The early history of all settlements in Forsyth County, or, in any county, for that matter, are much the same—INDIANS—EXPLORERS—PIONEERS—SETTLERS! The lands in the 1700's were described as heavily wooded, likened unto a wilderness, with oaks, hickories, walnuts, chestnuts, poplars, pines and a variety of other species. From notes of early travelers the forests were overpowering.

As in other parts of this country, Indians were here long before the early explorers. No evidence has been uncovered to show that Indians had a settlement or a famous battle between the tribes in the Walkertown area; but, there must have been much Indian activity—hunting, fishing, traveling through, etc. People working in fields, building roads, and clearing land have found arrowheads, stone tools, pottery shards and other artifacts. It is only hearsay, but we have always been told there were Indian graves in the old part of Love's Church Cemetery.

In 1753, the Moravians acquired a tract of land (approximately 98,985 acres) called the Wachovia Tract from the Lord Granville District. In due time Bethabara and Salem, two early Moravian settlements, were established; other settlements sprang up outside but near the Moravian Grant. The settlement in the Walkertown area was one of these.

Pioneers and settlers began moving through and into this back-country Piedmont area in the 1750's and 1760's. The English, Scotch-Irish, Germans, and Highland-Scottish came to carve out new homes in this sparsely-occupied territory.

Some of the land grants in that area that is now northeastern Forsyth County were:

John Walker, a grant from the Lord Granville District (1761).

The following received grants from the State of North Carolina: In 1779—Robt. Walker, 500 acres; William Walker, 300 acres. In 1780—John Walker, 500 acres; William Walker, 300 acres; David Walker, 300 acres; Robert Walker, Jr., 600 acres.

A few of the people purchasing property in this area were:

"Across the Town Fork Road from John Armstrong, Robert Walker secured 400 acres, formerly 'the Douglas Place,' his grant being dated 1779. This tract was northeast of Salem and appears designated on a map 1771, Robt. Walker." This paragraph is from the book, *Forsyth, a County on the March*, by Adelaide L. Fries published in 1949. (Sam Wagner, an active Regulator, who was denied a pardon by Governor Tryon was listed on the same map.) James

Love, Senior, 402 acres from the Wachovia Tract; Phillip Jean, 87 acres from William Jean; Edmund Jean, 194 acres (1801); Edward Cooley, 240 acres (1795).

Other names familiar in the community found on various records: Stockton, Campbell, Fulton, Van-Hoy, Morris, Bowman, Pettiford, Stone, Tucker, Clemmons, Mecome (Mecum), Crews, Sullivan, Grubbs, Young, Idol, Whicker, Hammock and Jones.

Life for these early settlers was not easy; for them, the forests were a great storehouse. The logs from trees they cut to clear their gardens and fields were used to build houses, furniture, and for heating and cooking purposes. Also, from the forests there could be found a bounteous supply of game for food. Their domesticated animals fed from the forest floor which yielded nuts, berries, herbs, grasses and other edibles.

Since the soil proved very fertile, gardens and fields were soon established. Corn was a staple crop even before the earliest settlers arrived; before the Moravians came, a small amount of wheat and barley was grown. Early records show that cabbage, potatoes and field peas came in with the settlers.

These people depended on animal skins for much of their clothing, especially the men. Flax was one of the first fibers produced in this county and was the cheapest material available for woven fabrics. Cotton, though a product of the south, even at that time, was quite costly. All clothing was made in the home whether it was from skins or fibers. Tobacco was grown along with the gardens and field crops for home use or sale or barter.



Walker-Linville Dwelling. Early home; log house enclosed by clapboard in front section. No longer in existence.

Churches

Love's United Methodist Church

Tradition has it that Love's United Methodist Church, the oldest church in the community, was founded in 1791. It is probable that as early as 1780 many of the families who were to become a significant part of Love's Church may have associated with one another through worship at services elsewhere. Then, in 1791 James Love arrived on the scene, precipitated a preaching place in the immediate area, most likely in his own home.

On December 13, 1797, this group of Methodists purchased one acre of land from Thomas Tucker and his wife, Ann, for five shillings. The deed conveyed the land to James Love, Sr., Edmund Jean, William Jean, James Love, Jr., Edward Cooley, Robert Fulton and Archibald Campbell and "all of their successor Trustees. . ." The deed was signed, sealed and delivered before William Walker and Robert Walker.

In the journal of Methodist Bishop Francis Asbury, the entry on Monday, October 7, 1799, states that "we rode through Stokes County, and attended a meeting at Love's Church which has glass windows and a yard fenced in." The building was situated near the center of what is now the cemetery.

In 1807, only ten years in its first building, a new house of worship was built.

In 1831 there were 51 white and eight negro members, five were slaves and three were free. In 1843, another new church building was built—a frame building, 30 feet by 40 feet.

By 1859 the membership had grown to 155 (149 whites and six negroes) and Love's had emerged as by far the largest Methodist Church in Forsyth County. In 1888, to alleviate overcrowded conditions, a new church was built for approximately \$1500. Larry E. Tise, author of *A House Not Built With Hands*, a history of Love's Church, wrote the following description:

"It was a frame building, approximately forty by sixty feet in size. There was a steeple near the front of the building containing an exposed bell. There were three or four windows on each side; the front of the church was plain except for two small doors, one on each side."

The rapid growth in Love's Church was undoubtedly connected to parallel growth in the Walkertown area. As we shall see in a later section, there was much business development in Walkertown occurring during this period.

In 1899, tragedy struck the expanding church;

the church building was destroyed by fire. The Union Republican Newspaper of December 7, 1899, published a story of the fire:

"Love's Church at Walkertown, Rev. W.M. Curtis, pastor, was destroyed by fire about 10 o'clock Sunday morning. It started in the ceiling from the stove pipe of the flue and burned rapidly. The Bible, carpet, organ, and some of the benches were saved. The house of worship was a large frame structure and cost about \$2,000. New carpets and beautiful chandeliers were recently put in. There was no insurance on the property."

On October 28, 1900, the first service was held in yet another new church building. The decision to rebuild had been made even while the previous building was burning. The largest contributor to the rebuilding fund was N.D. Sullivan who gave \$3,000 and "in addition hauled all the sand for the brick work and helped in other ways." A church costing about \$8,000 was built.



Love's Church—1900

This building was subsequently destroyed by fire February 2, 1947. J. Clyde Auman, the pastor, provided this account of the fire:

... "Mr. Phillip Booe came to the altar with overcoat on his arm and hat in hand, and quietly announced that the church was on fire. I, in turn, quietly made a similar announcement, adding that the service would be concluded with the singing of the hymn. I, apparently, did not raise my voice for my wife sitting toward the front did not understand what I said. This was done purposely as only a few weeks before many people at a Barnum-Bailey show in Boston were trampled to death because of a fire. . . . Most of the people in the congregation carried with them hymn books and whatever they could get their hands on. The sanctuary was soon cleared, pulling down the crystal chandeliers brought from the church destroyed by fire in 1899. The fire soon engulfed the whole building excepting the Educational Building. . . . This was saved but for a few windows, only, by the superb effort of the people of the church and the neighborhood.

By one o'clock the fire had gutted the church with its beautiful stained-glass windows, leaving only the brick walls standing. These, as the hours passed, fell to the ground. The bronze bell in the Romanesque tower fell to the earth, hardly recognizable because of the intense heat.

Some of the older members of the church sat on the church lawn and shed tears as they saw this historical symbol of their Christian faith disappear to linger only as a memory on the horizon of time."

Another rebuilding program was almost immediately underway. The first contribution toward the new building was made by Dr. O.G. Fritz, local physician, as Rev. Auman spoke at the scene of the fire. By September 1949, the new building was finished. That building is the present handsome structure.

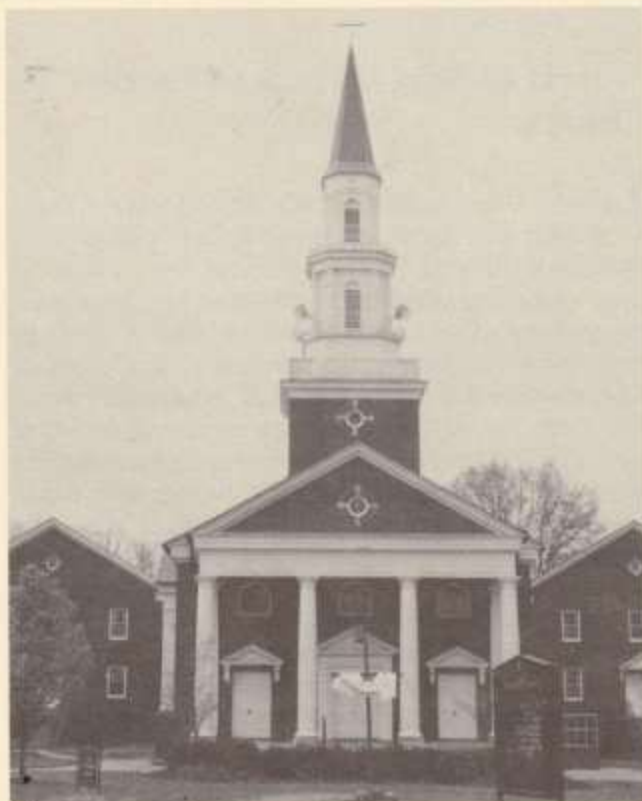
The building program continued with the construction of a new educational wing in 1961. This building houses the Children's Sunday School Classes, the Choir Room and the Fellowship Hall.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt dedicated the new church study on May 9, 1965.

In 1969 the old Educational Building, built in 1924, was replaced with a new Educational Wing. The Adult Sunday School Classes, the church Parlor, the church Library, and the Community Outreach Program use this building at the present time.

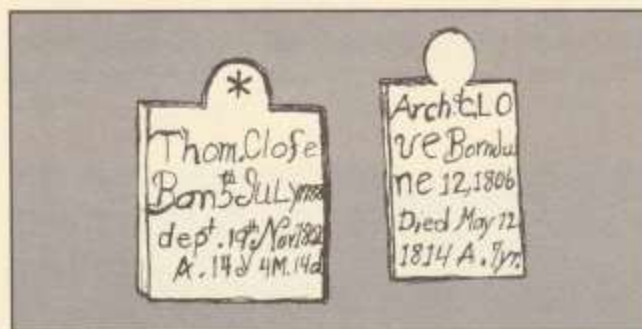
One of Love's greatest achievements has been contributing at least six laymen to complete theological requirements and enter the ministry: A.C.

(Jinks) Waggoner, Sammy Carter, Daniel Martin, Mark Guyer, Tom Southern and Charlie Birkner.



Love's United Methodist Church—1991

The cemetery at Love's is old and large. On the lower side can be found very old graves, some of which are believed to be Indian graves. Many people who had roots in Walkertown are buried there as well as early residents of the Walkertown area. Because of vandalism much valuable information has been destroyed. Two tombstones have been replaced by new stones and the originals have been placed in the Church Library.



Love's Cemetery

Churches (continued)

Morris Chapel United Methodist Church

In 1869 when post-Civil War attitudes were high, a minister was invited to speak at Love's Methodist Episcopal Church, South at Walkertown. When the hour came, the minister was locked out. However, there were some Love's members who desired to hear the preacher and he was led to the grounds where Morris Chapel now stands. When the service was over, the people present were convinced that they should establish their own church in affiliation with the Northern Methodist Church. This tradition is supported by the fact that most of the early members at Morris Chapel were former members at Love's Church.

Isaac and Jane Morris and others held prayer meetings in their homes until a class was formed in 1869 and the couple gave the first tract of land. The first building was raised in 1870 by Isaac Morris and Martin Jones staking the corners using the North Star as their compass. In 1873 Matthew and Lucy Ann Martin gave two acres of land and in 1874 George Campbell gave one acre for church purposes.

Morris Chapel hosted the Blue Ridge Annual Conference sessions of 1897 and 1907 and the sessions of the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference in 1913 and 1932.

In 1896, the membership had grown to 106, and a more adequate building was constructed. In 1919 this building was brick veneered and Sunday School rooms were added, and still more rooms in 1926. An Educational Building was constructed in 1952 and a Fellowship Hall was completed in 1958. There have been three parsonages; the present one located on Martin Street was completed in 1968.

By 1978, with the membership continually growing, the sanctuary and educational facilities were completely replaced with a beautiful modern structure. The first service in the new church was on December 10, 1978. The mortgage was burned on August 30, 1987 with the building being dedicated by Bishop L. Bevel Jones. A second worship service was added in 1986 and is still well attended. A Building Committee was selected in August '87 to plan for expansion of the already crowded Sunday School area. Plans are underway for eight additional classrooms and a larger Fellowship Hall.

Members of Morris Chapel strive to know God's Purpose for their individual lives, as well as our corporate membership of the church. Training in Christian living is constantly an objective through our Sunday School with its many dedicated teachers, Vacation Bible School, Children's and Youth Choir, and the Methodist Youth Fellowship meeting weekly. The Methodist Men and Women work to improve our facilities and promote missionary work in the world, as well as our own community. Our contributions to Social Concerns in our conference and Methodist ministry causes in other parts of the world have increased steadily year by year.

We have been blessed with many dedicated ministers through the years. In addition, we have always had many dedicated and talented Christian leaders in our own congregation. Our membership is a "caring" community and always ready to respond to people or other congregations in need.

We have rejoiced over the members added to our membership over the years who are willing to give of their time, talents and money to further God's kingdom. From an enrollment of 65 in 1880, our membership has increased to 633 with 107 youth on the preparatory roll—all of which gives us great expectations for the future.



Morris Chapel Church—earlier



Morris Chapel United Methodist Church—1991

Walkertown First Baptist Church

The first service was held in March 1894 by Rev. N.J. Matthews. The church was organized in July 1894 with the following members: Mrs. E.W. Linville, Laura Crews, and Lucy Flynn by letter from Goodwill Baptist Church, and E.W. Linville, Ida Crews, and Josephine Stafford by baptism.

Following the organization of the church, the Sunday School was organized with sixty members. The following officers were elected: Superintendent, R.A. Wommack; Assistant Superintendent, C.C. Swaim; Secretary and Treasurer, E.W. Linville.

The first meetings were held in the Martin Seivers Mill house on land now owned by D. Stanley. Later the meetings were held in a house owned by E.W. Linville.



Walkertown Baptist Church, first church building

In March 1896, lumber for a church was placed on the present lot. On July 18, 1897, the Sunday School met for the first time in the new church with the following officers and teachers: Superintendent, L.W. Marshall; Secretary and Treasurer, E.W. Linville; Teacher of Adults, L.W. Marshall; Primary Class, Mrs. L.A. Crews and R.H. Flynn; Beginners,

Mrs. J.S. Linville. The first prayer in the new church was offered by L.W. Marshall. A dedication service was held with the pastor, Rev. W.H. Wilson and Dr. H.A. Brown in charge.

The first church building was a wooden structure; the size was 28' by 45'. In 1929, the building was enlarged by adding a wing to the west side for two Sunday School rooms, and balcony with two rooms under it. The seating capacity was 200. Construction of a new brick sanctuary to replace the wooden structure was completed in 1941. The Educational Wing was completed in 1959. A new sanctuary was completed in 1987.

In 1916 the first deacons were ordained. They were J.B. Dean and J.E. Long.

The following is a list of pastors who have served the church: N.J. Matthews, W.H. Wilson, Mr. Crews, J.J. Lane, W.H. Wilson, O.E. Keller, J.T. Byrum, Mr. West, Mr. Guy, Mrs. Wedford, Fred N. Day (supply), S.F. Morton, E.A. Long, O.H. Hauser, E.T. Sims, P.E. White, B.R. Crowder, H.T. Penry, V.H. Harrell, G.S. Cain, J.C. Shore, H.O. Lanning, W.F. Gentry, Dr. W.L. Stewart, A.J. Eure, Jr., Lee Roy Smith, H.L. Summerford, Jack Fleming, Stan Howard, Kenneth Carlton and Gerald Hewitt (Interim). Rev. J.C. Shore was the first full-time pastor.

The following is a list of the Superintendents of the Sunday School: R.A. Wommack, L.W. Marshall, H.W. Marshall, John Disher, F.D. Wray, J.E. Long, Prof. Redfern, L.W. Marshall, R.C. Jordan, C.R. Fleming, C.L. Dean, P.B. Marshall, D.H. Lewis, Lewis E. Snider, H.D. Steward, Lawrence Grace, Robert Alley, Preston Watts, Russell Simmons, Keith Yow, Steve Bragg, Joe Howard, John Landreth and Beverly Davis.

On February 3, 1991 the church congregation voted to change the name of the church to Walkertown First Baptist Church.



Walkertown Baptist Church—1981



Sanctuary, First Baptist Church—1991

Churches (continued)

Walkertown Pentecostal Holiness Church

The Walkertown Pentecostal Holiness Church was started in January 1956 under the Mother Church Plan of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Members came from the Mizpah Pentecostal Holiness Church, Winston-Salem, under the direction of Sister Thelma Smith, began holding services in the Shade Jones store building on Highway 311 on Sunday afternoons. Different area Pentecostal Holiness pastors from surrounding churches were speakers.

The congregation purchased property on Highway 311, south of Highway 66, and began a building program in June 1956, under the direction of the first pastor, Rev. Norman Herndon.

The congregation moved into the new church building in November 1956.

In 1962 the parsonage at 4770 New Walkertown Road was purchased for the pastor.

In 1972 a new Educational Building was constructed to which the present sanctuary is now joined.

Construction of the new sanctuary began in March 1982. The first service in this building was on September 4, 1982.

Several ministers served since the first one, Rev. Herndon, and the coming of the present minister, Rev. Douglas Shuff. Rev. Shuff came in 1976 and it should be noted that, in addition to his church work, he is extremely active in community service work.



Pentecostal Holiness Church Building

Oak Grove Baptist Church

During the year 1897 a group of five people, namely A.L. Fulp and his wife, Ada; Hampton Brooks and his wife, Celia Ann; and Richard Kelly, wished to become members of a Missionary Baptist Church. At that time, only a Methodist Church existed in the Walkertown community where they lived.

A.L. Fulp solicited the advice of a Rev. Holland, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Winston (now Winston-Salem). Rev. Holland offered his assistance and in 1898 the Oak Grove Baptist Church was founded. The first church officers were Brooks, Fulp and Kelly serving as deacon, secretary and trustees.

During the first months, all business meetings and services were held in the Methodist Church under the guidance of Rev. Holland. Later, A.L. Fulp was able to purchase one half acre of land from the Parnell Family. He deeded it to the church and five dedicated members set out to solicit funds for their building project. They raised \$48.00 and, since Mr. Fulp was employed by the Leight Brothers, they became instrumental in getting the church built.

The first church service was held in the new



Oak Grove Baptist, present building

building on January 12, 1900 under the pastorate of Rev. R.T. Gore.

Under the leadership of a Rev. Neal, the church was later rebuilt to accommodate the growing membership. This renovation project was the beginning of a series of transitions the church was to undergo.

Rev. F.S. Smith pastored the church for twenty years and by 1943 another renovation project yielded a much larger building.

Disaster struck on the second Sunday in August 1954 when the church was destroyed by fire. Rev. Smith resigned and Rev. J.A. Dudley became pastor. The pastor, members, officials and friends succeeded in rebuilding the church.

Upon Rev. Young's resignation, Oak Grove called Rev. I.L. Anthony as its pastor in 1965. Unfortunately, fire once again consumed the church building on August 5, 1981. Hampered, but not defeated, the church was rebuilt in three months. With God's guidance, Rev. Anthony's leadership and skills, the members' dedication, and the many Christian friends' unselfish love and donations, the new sanctuary became a blessed reality. Services were held in the new building on November 22, 1981.

With God's will forever in mind, the membership at Oak Grove continues to increase and the church continues to be that Missionary Baptist Church that its founding fathers conceived over ninety-four years ago.



Churches located within the Walkertown City limits:

Mt. Pleasant Holiness Church

4926 Harley Drive

Faith of God Word Church

Walkertown Shopping Center

Old Hollow Road

(These are active churches. No details available.)

Piney Grove United Methodist Church

Piney Grove United Methodist Church had its beginnings in a brush arbor in a field just off Old Pine Hall Road around 1890. Its initial membership totaled around 35. In 1900 its first frame building was constructed by T.S. Crims and the Leight Brothers; in 1906 an organ was purchased. Later the frame building was raised and, pulled by two horses, moved to another location near Highway 311. In 1955 the building fund for a new block building was started; a few years later the building was constructed. The building is not in use at this time.

Outreach Ministries

The organizational meeting was on October 26, 1987 with representatives from local churches, clubs and government present.

Operating from an office furnished by Love's United Methodist Church, Meals-on-Wheels is now serving hot lunch to an average of 20 persons daily five days a week. Five persons give up to ten hours daily and drive over 45 miles. The volunteer list has grown to 170 persons.

The ministry came out of the Downtown Church Center, was promoted by the late Rev. Ronald Rice and was organized under the leadership of his daughter, Mrs. Darlene Guerry.

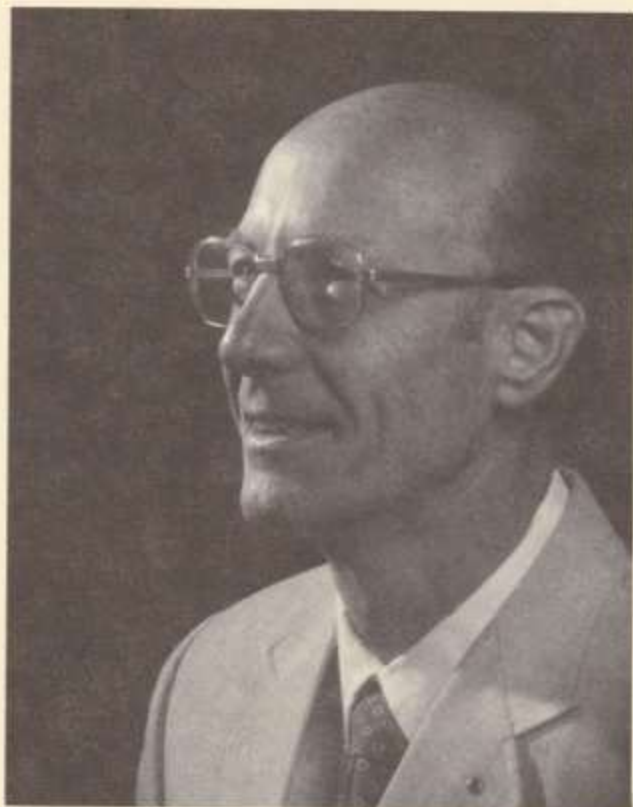
Walkertown, Incorporated

Walkertown incorporated August 22, 1984. The Sanitary District Board was responsible for the Town Charter and government for one year; members of that board were Annette Leight, Hank Oosthoek, Oran Sawyer, Leonard Warner, and Billy



Incorporation Committee

Hairston. The group elected Hank Oosthoek as Mayor, the others served as town councilmen. William Z. Wood, Judge of Superior Court, presided at the Installation Ceremony.



Hank Oosthoek

The town would take over the Sanitary District and the water system; would be responsible for garbage services, street lights and fire protection. The tax rate was set at 17¢ per \$100 valuation for 1984-85. Rates cannot be set higher than 40¢ without approval of town board. 1984-85 was a year of getting a town going and making adjustments. During the year 1985 the Town's County Park on Darrow Road was dedicated and the Walkertown Area Merchants Association was organized.



1986 Town Council

Gray Swain was first-elected Mayor by Walkertownians on November 8, 1985. Councilmen elected that year were Tommy Carmichael, Randy Dillon, Billy Hairston, and Annette Leight. In 1989, Gray Swain was re-elected Mayor. Councilmen elected were Alan Horne and Bobby Wilson. (Billy Hairston and Tommy Carmichael finish out four-year terms.)



Town Hall—1991

Following are highlights in the new town (1986-1991):

- Groundbreaking for new shopping center, Highway 66 and Main Street; the three anchor stores located there are Crown, Roses, and Winn-Dixie.
- Street lights in operation October 9, 1986.
- The Town's first Fall Festival, September 27, 1986.



Miss Walkertown at first Fall Festival

- Shirley Street Well put in operation November 11, 1986.
- First Town Christmas Parade, December 1986.



First Christmas Parade

- Town Council recommended building Recreation Park and Community Center. Kathy White, State Parks and Recreation Consultant, came to Walkertown to talk about plans.



Fund-raising Committee for Community Center

- 1987. Twelve-inch water line built from fire station to new shopping center on Highway 66.
- Town's insurance cancelled abruptly. State news coverage of this cancellation, alerted North Carolina small towns that they weren't alone with this kind of problem. While Innerlocal Insurance Program of State of North Carolina was being formed, Charter Houses, Inc., took the town's coverage for two years.
- In 1988, Robert Shepherd from Asheville, N.C. employed as Town Manager.
- Building begun on new elementary school.
- Walkertown Arts Advisory Committee organized.
- Proposal to Town Council that 800 acres off Old Walkertown Road and Highway 66 be approved for annexation.
- December 21, 1989. Option on 25 acres of land for Recreation and Community Center from Linville and Margaret Hastings. (\$150,000; \$50,000 down payment, with \$50,000 due in one year, and balance \$50,000 due the 3rd year.)
- May 1990. Children moved from old Walkertown School building into the new Walkertown Elementary School building.
- June 8, 1990. Pittsburg Tank and Tower Company low bid on water tower on Whicker well site on Dillon Street.

Walkertown, Incorporated (continued)

- July 1990. Robert Shepherd resigned as Town Manager. July 23. Cathy Young appointed interim Town Manager.

Jeanene Trute resigned as Town Clerk.

- August 1990. Tom Lane employed as Maintenance Technician, Harold McCollum employed as well operator to certify town water system. He holds an A-Well Certificate.
- Summer 1990. Old Walkertown School demolished and carried away.
- November 1990. First payment on city-county occupancy tax (approximately \$25,000) to go toward Recreation and Community Center.
- December 1990. Stuart Smith, Wake Forest, N.C. appointed as Town Manager; Cathy Young appointed Town Clerk.

Plans begun for Bicentennial Celebration for the settlement of Walkertown.

- December 28, 1990. Ground breaking for new Forsyth County Library on Main Street on playground of old Walkertown School. (Leight family had given old Leight homeplace on Sullivantown Road to the town for a library, but Forsyth County library officials decided that the lot was not large enough for building and parking area.)
- January 1991. Sheriff satellite sub-station office established at Town Hall.
- April 1991. Water tank and tower completed on Whicker Well site on Dillon Street.

The Town Council received a petition for annexation of a portion of Walkertown-Guthrie Road. The request is being studied.



Tommy Carmichael



Billy Hairston



Alan Horne



Bobby Wilson



Stuart Smith



H. Gray Swain, Jr.



Cathy S. Young

1990-1991 Town Council

Walkertown—U.S. Post Office

Walkerstown—Forsyth Co.

- Established 06/15/1848
- P.M. Wm Walker
- Discontinued 04/28-1875
- mail to Monroe
- Reopened: 05/14/1875
- P.M. Romulus Stanley
- Discontinued 07/16/1888
- continue to Walkertown

Walkertown —Established 07/17/1888

- P.M. Edward M. Linville
- Operations continued

The above information is from *North Carolina Post Office Catalog*. The Post Office may have been located in the home at the intersection of Friendly Road and New Walkertown Road. That was the Edward W. Linville's home, previously, the home of two generations of Walkers.

The Post Office that most remember was a two-story wooden building located on Main Street about one hundred feet north of the present Post Office building. This building was closed on June 30, 1964 and the postal department moved into a modern, well-equipped building which it shared with Northwestern Bank. Since that time the building has been renovated and the Post Office occupies the entire building.



Post Office Building—1900-1964



Wm. M. Young locking the old Post Office

The following are among the Postmasters serving in the 1900's: Frank Jones, R.J. Morris, R.D. Waggoner, W.P. Walker, Miss Elmina G. Morris (1913), Miss Eva Walker (1921-1962), William M. Young. Present Postmaster is Michael W. Sain.

The late Sarah Holt Marshall was a long-time postal clerk.

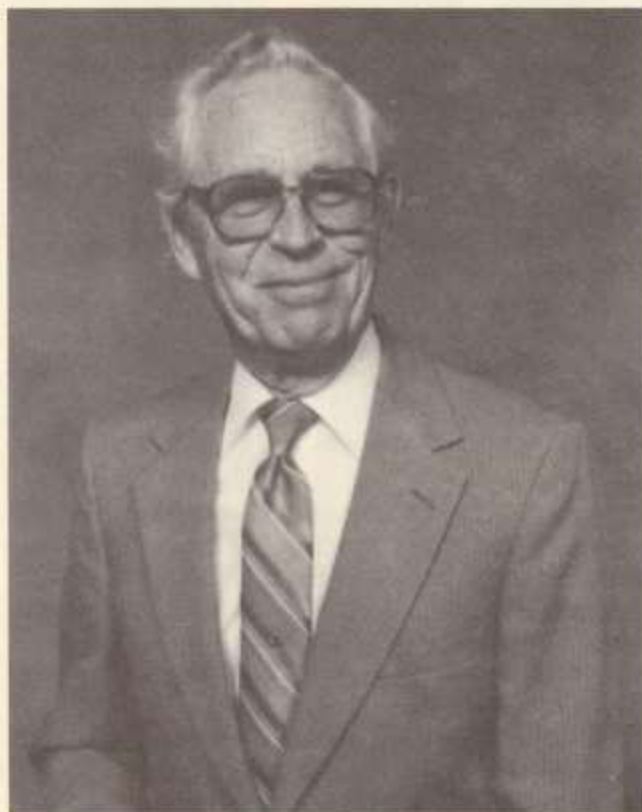
Rural delivery was initiated with one route in 1905; M.E. Swain appointed carrier. Today there are two routes; carriers: Ken Ridgill, Route 2, Steve Petree, Route 1.

In the early years, the Postmaster's job was tied to the political party of the President. In 1972 the Postal Department was made an independent arm of the U.S. Government.

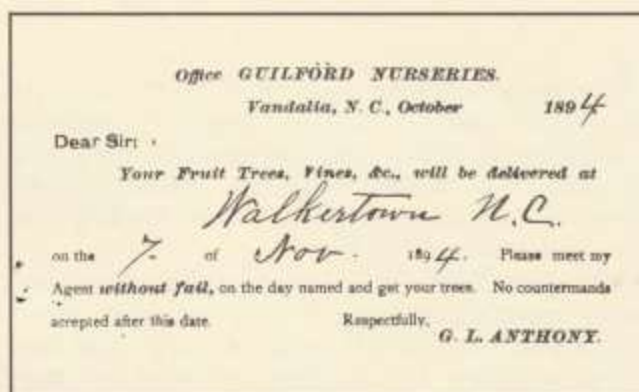


New Post Office Building—1964-1991

Walkertown, Incorporated (continued)



Wm. M. Young, Postmaster, 1963-1977



Front and back of Card posted in 1894



Michael Sain (right) present Postmaster, and H. Gray Swain, Mayor

WALKERTOWN POST OFFICE FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

(Originally established as WALKERSTOWN IN STOKES COUNTY)

NAME	TITLE	DATE APPOINTED
William Walker	Postmaster	06/15/1848
Changed to FORSYTH COUNTY		
Simon A. Stone	Postmaster	02/27/1852
Charles Ogburn	Postmaster	09/12/1855
Robert L. Walker	Postmaster	03/07/1856
James H. Edmundson	Postmaster	02/24/1858
William B. Dicks	Postmaster	06/05/1866
Discontinued on April 28, 1875		
Reestablished on May 14, 1875		
Romulous Stanly	Postmaster	05/14/1875
Edward W. Linville	Postmaster	10/18/1877
Name changed to WALKERTOWN on July 17, 1888		
Edward W. Linville	Postmaster	07/17/1888
Isaac J.F. Jones	Postmaster	04/23/1889
James M. Martin	Postmaster	03/04/1892
Robert J. Morris	Postmaster	02/20/1894
Robert D. Waggoner	Postmaster	04/09/1897
William P. Walker	Postmaster	04/30/1901
Mina Morris	Postmaster	04/15/1914
Miss Eva Walker	Acting Postmaster	11/01/1924
Miss Eva Walker	Postmaster	03/09/1925
Miss Cora E. Mecum	Acting Postmaster	01/13/1961
Mrs. Betty Sue M. Morris	Acting Postmaster	04/27/1961
William M. Young	Postmaster	07/26/1963
Mrs. Carol W. Lewis	Officer-In-Charge	02/25/1977
Jerry M. Hudson	Officer-In-Charge	03/25/1977
Ralph W. Hester	Officer-In-Charge	04/07/1977
Doris I. Thompson	Officer-In-Charge	08/05/1977
Manus E. Holmes	Officer-In-Charge	01/06/1978
Mrs. Carol W. Lewis	Postmaster	05/20/1978
Clarence Davis, Jr.	Officer-In-Charge	11/09/1979
James R. Farmer	Postmaster	03/22/1980
Burton B. Leamon	Officer-In-Charge	07/10/1981
James D. Rector	Officer-In-Charge	10/09/1981
Michael W. Sain	Postmaster	01/09/1982

United States Postal Service
June 10, 1991

Walkertown, Incorporated (continued)

Walkertown Sanitary District

The Walkertown Sanitary District was born on October 15, 1951 at a special meeting called by the Walkertown Community Council. Approximately one hundred persons met in the old school auditorium to discuss the water shortage in the area.

A temporary steering committee was elected: C. Lacy Fair, J.W. Grubbs, Sr., T.D. Waggoner, Sr.; D.G. Warner was elected Chairman and Wm. M. Young secretary-treasurer. Charles R. Helsabeck, Rural Hall, was employed as the attorney.

Interest was high with 115 persons contributing \$602 to cover costs of engineering, legal fees and property evaluation. The firm of W.F. Freeman Engineers, High Point, was employed to do the preliminary survey and cost estimates, at a meeting on December 22, 1951, for \$250.

The Forsyth County Commissioners, after a public meeting at the courthouse on April 4, 1952, promised approval of a Sanitary District. Twenty persons spoke for the system and none opposed.

On June 4, 1952, E.J. Grubbs, Sr., Ernest G. Idol and Joe P. Vaughn were approved to serve as commissioners until an election.

To create a Sanitary District 51% of the property owners must sign a petition. 257 persons, 75% of the property owners, signed and the State Board of Health held a public hearing at the school on June 11, 1952. Their approval was given on September 9, 1952.

The Sanitary District was officially created on September 9, 1952 by the North Carolina State Board of Health.

It was proposed that bonds, totaling \$160,000, be sold to cover the cost of two wells, 100,000 gallon storage tank, and 35,955 feet of pipe. On June 27, 1953 the bond election was held with 365 persons voting: 225 for and 140 against.

The North Carolina Local Government commission, North Carolina State Board of Health, Forsyth County Health Department, and the Forsyth County Commissioners were all involved in the creation of the District.

Cameron Flynn, Marcus Waggoner and Clyde Webster served as commissioners from 1959 until 1979. Annette Leight, Henry Oosthoek, Oran Sawyer, Lester Valentine and William Young served between 1979 and 1984 when the town was incorporated.

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COUNTY ATTY WINSTONSALEM NCAR=			
WALKERTOWN SANITARY DISTRICT APPROVED BY BOARD TODAY=			
W S MCKIMMON SANITARY ENGINEER=			
THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE			

A rewarding Telegram to the Sanitary District Committee

Walkertown Community Volunteer Fire Department

On February 27, 1953, the Walkertown Civic Club authorized a recommendation to the Walkertown Community Council that a committee be appointed to conduct a campaign to establish a community fire department. The committee was organized on March 18, 1953 with the following officers: J. Rufus Duggins, Sr., Chairman; James S. Gant, Vice-chairman, Dewey A. Bowman, Secretary; Ernest G. Idol, Treasurer; Boyd M. Idol, Publicity Director; Mrs. Russell Jones, Assistant Publicity Director.

One week later a goal of \$15,000 was set for the initial purchase of fire equipment. Boundary lines were established as the entire Walkertown School District. Seventeen fund raising districts were set up with a chairman for each. At a public meeting, April 24, 1953, it was reported that \$3,625 had been pledged to start the drive.

On September 17, 1953 property was purchased for \$1,300 in the central Walkertown business district for a station site. The first truck, a GMC with John Bean equipment and costing \$9,276, arrived on October 16, 1953.

On November 24, 1953 building plans for the station were approved. In May 1954 the station was in operation and authority was granted to purchase a Ford truck with a 1,000 gallon water tank. During the building program the personnel organization was being formed.

In September 1961, the Sanitary District purchased a 500 gpm pumper and certain fire fighting equipment to be used in the district only.

In May 1963, the fire department purchased a new Ford truck with Howe equipment with an 800 gallon water capacity at a cost of \$16,500.

In 1971, another Ford fire truck with a 1,000 gpm pump was bought at a cost of \$33,500.

In January 1975 the Ladies Auxiliary was formed with fifteen members to support the firemen, have fund raising projects and furnish refreshments.

In 1976, a Chevrolet brush truck with a 250 gallon water tank was bought. A new addition was added to the fire station bringing it to five bays, a kitchen area and a large meeting room.

In 1977, Gray Martin dreamed of forming a rescue squad and, in November an organizational meeting was held with 38 persons present. The first rescue squad truck was a 1963 International truck given by the Civil Defense Department.

In 1979, a new Ford truck was purchased and equipped for the rescue squad and dedicated in memory of Captain Gray C. Martin.

In 1982, a new Ford fire truck with 1,000 gpm pump was purchased. It was received in 1983 at a cost of \$98,000.

In 1983 a van was given from the county surplus to be used to carry extra equipment and supplies.

In 1987, a new Spartan fire truck with a 1,500 gpm pump was put in service at a cost of \$156,000.

In May 1991, a new Spartan fire truck was in service with a six man enclosed cab and a 1,750 gpm pump at a cost of \$224,000.



The 1991 Fire Truck

The fire department presently has 54 members; 34 fire fighters, 22 rescue workers, 10 traffic officers and 4 cadets. 50% of the members qualify in more than one division.

The Ladies Auxiliary has eighteen members and is a very important support group in the fire department.

In 1990, the fire department answered 626 calls: 232 fire calls and 394 rescue calls.

Fire Chiefs have been: 1953-1978 Clyde Webster; 1979-1980 Roger Waggoner; 1981 Charles Pierce; 1982 Roy Southern and Edwin Davis; 1983-1988 Charles Pierce; and 1989 to present Dennis Whicker.

Walkertown Community Center

In the spring of 1957 the beginnings of a Community Center took place when the Camp Lassiter Boy Scout Camp became available for purchase. At a meeting held at Walkertown Elementary School, \$5,000 was raised and pledged and arrangements were made to finance the remaining \$10,000. The deed of trust was paid January 5, 1961. The property included 46 acres of land and two large buildings. During the first years, lumber was cut and a six-room caretaker's house was built complete with bath and central heat. All labor on this project was voluntary. Considerable improvements were made to one of the buildings and to two complete kitchens.

The Walkertown Civic Club installed two bathrooms, and, along with the Walkertown Lions Club, through the years has donated substantial amounts of money to the Center. About 1960, the Lions Club started a swimming pool fund of \$1,500. The pool was built in 1961 at a cost of \$33,000 on land donated by Charlie Grubbs and a few years later, a bath

Walkertown, Incorporated (continued)

house was constructed for approximately \$11,000. Over the whole period, over \$75,000 was spent.

The YMCA began operations in Walkertown through a lease arrangement with the Center, and was instrumental in helping start recreational programs.

Countless hours of volunteer labor were given over the years to beautify and maintain the Center. Unfortunately, the isolated location led to its destruction by vandals. It was sold March 8, 1984 for \$120,123. On November 26, 1984 \$100,000 was given to Forsyth County to apply to the new Walkertown Community Park which then qualified for a \$50,000 State Grant. (The new park is now a very busy place enjoyed by many persons.) Plans are to use the balance (\$20,123 plus interest) for the Community Center and Recreation Park—the new Town Park.

Wars

During this period of 200 years that we are celebrating as our town's beginning, there have been wars and more wars; not continuously, as in some nations, but enough to interrupt lives and lifestyles. Our settlers were basically peace-loving people, but when wars came, they did their share.

We are thinking about the following wars:

- American Revolution
- Civil War
- Spanish-American
- Mexican War
- World War I
- World War II
- Korean War
- Viet Nam War
- Desert Shield

For all of these men and women in our community have suffered as the nation suffered. The wars have been documented many times but there are highlights for us to remember.

Revolutionary War. Sam Waggoner was a local rebel and was one of the leaders of the Regulators in this area. After this war rebuilding was not a big problem for the people in the Walkertown area for they were just beginning to build.

Civil War. Devastation, as it happened in many parts of the south, did not happen here. Federal troops came nearby and there was always that anxiety of they may strike here next. This community felt the Civil War economically. Prior to the war,

they were on a progressive roll and the War caused a ten year or more set back as far as prospering again was concerned.

World Wars I and II. The community was more populated, consequently, more involved. Drafting and volunteering took more men and women out of the community; there were new experiences, in foreign countries, injuries and deaths. At home, there were war jobs that took people (and families) away from their homes here. Other signs of the times were Red Cross work, victory gardens, rationing, sugar stamps, gasoline stamps, black-outs, etc.

In Walkertown during the mid-1940's an ecumenical organization planned a Christmas Tree-Lighting Service to honor and memorialize the men and women in World War II. Besides lighting the tree, a Community Choir (choir members of participating churches) and the ministers from the participating churches presented an appropriate program. (The participating churches were Love's United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church, Morris Chapel United Methodist Church, Oak Grove Moravian Church.) Today, that has become a traditional service in memory and honor of all in the Armed Services of the United States. The traditional date is the first Sunday in December.

During the **Korean and Viet Nam Wars**, the American public was beginning to change its supportiveness for those fighting men to laissez-faire and, finally, to, almost, non-supportiveness. Too bad! Did the folks here at home forget that the men who were suffering from experiences in Korea and Viet Nam were real soldiers, not puppets?

Desert Shield. Walkertonians, as did the nation, watched from beginning to end on TV. It was like we were there—cheering the Patriot Missiles, watching the tanks and forces advancing toward Kuwait and the planes delivering their loads. The same tree mentioned above became a Community Peace Tree decorated with white lights and yellow ribbons at a Patriotic Service.

Walkertown School

Prior to the 1890's, there were no state-supported public schools in North Carolina—children were taught by their parents, tutors or private schools in rural areas. In Larry Tise's *A House Not Made With Hands* reference was made to a school in Walkertown: "Rev. H.H. Jordan, serving Love's from 1903 to 1905, helped support the small local private



First Public Schoolhouse

school established by T.A. Crews by sending his son, Everette, who later became the Honorable B. Everette Jordan, U.S. Senator from North Carolina."

The first Walkertown Public School was built on a site near the area that Walkertown First Baptist Church is located on now, on Sullivantown Road. Miss Lily Dicks and Miss Elmina Morris, both are reported to have been teachers in this school. Surrounding Walkertown, within a radius of five miles or less, there were other one- (two-) room schools: Jenny's Chapel, in the vicinity of Morris Chapel Church; Morris School, off Winston Road; Old Valley School on Old Valley School Road (still stands today); Stoney Point located northwest of Walkertown on Stoney Point Road; and Bethlehem School on Pine Hall Road.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Lizzie) Isley remembers being in school in that first building. She recalls the fun of walking to Morris School or Old Valley School and

participating or just observing Spelling Bees and Debates. One debater whom she thought was always interesting was Morris Mecum.

In 1908, a square frame two-story building with eight large classrooms and an auditorium on the second floor was built and used for grades one through eleven. The first high school class graduated in 1910.

A paper dated 1921 and written by a ninth grade student in Jim Mecum's class, shows the following faculty members:

First Grade—Miss Small
 Second and Third Grades—Mrs. Louise Moir
 Fourth and Fifth Grades—Miss Bertha Preston
 Sixth and Seventh Grades—Miss Goldston
 Science and History—Jim Mecum
 English and Domestic Science—
 Miss Montgomery
 Math—Miss Michael
 Music—Miss Era Mecum
 Professor—Robert Price

In 1924 a new Walkertown School District was designated, consolidating areas surrounding Walkertown; bussing began at Walkertown School. Temporary school rooms were built back of the 1908 school and across Depot Street on the playground. School kids dubbed these buildings "the chicken coops"—they certainly lacked today's comforts.

A new brick building with a spacious auditorium and sixteen classrooms, located across Main Street from Love's United Methodist Church was completed in time for the 1924-25 school year. How-



School Building—1908

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School Building—1924-1990

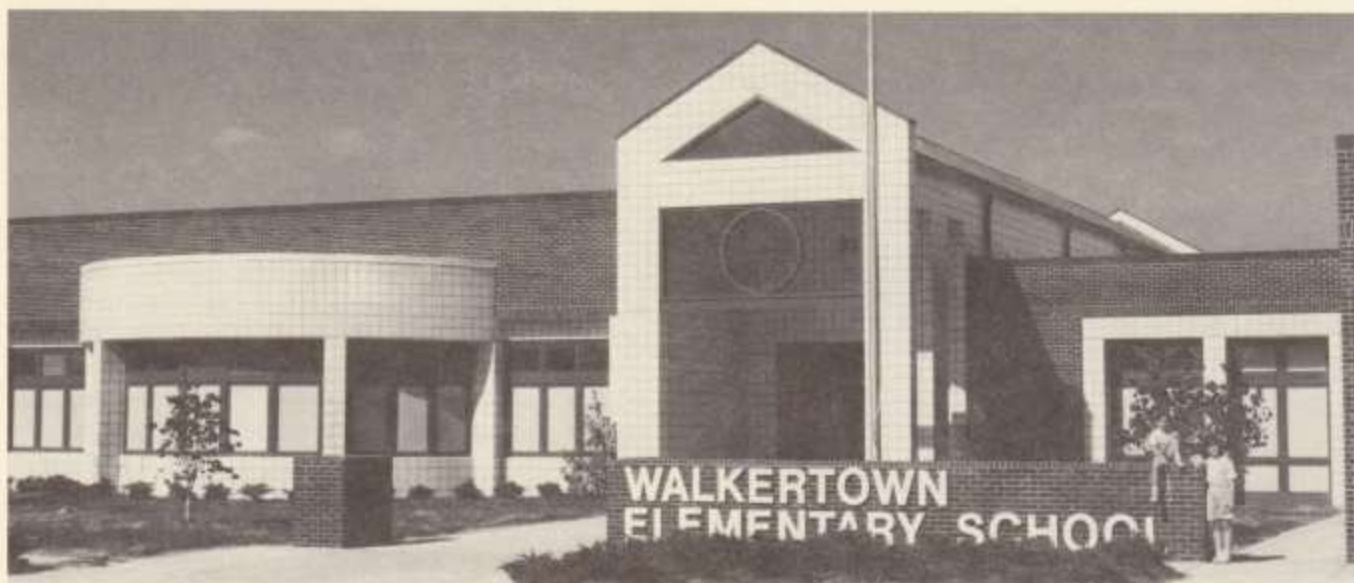
ever, the tax supplement to support the eight-month school term failed because of poor voter turnout; consequently, the district split and Walkertown had a six-month school year. High school students seeking diplomas transferred to neighboring eight-month schools like Walnut Cove or Mineral Springs. By the next school term, the tax supplement passed overwhelmingly, and Walkertown School resumed normal operations—and grew and grew! The school building was expanded with two additions, one at the back and one at the south end, in 1933 and 1951.

A \$17,000 gymnasium was under construction in

1938. The building was made possible by contributions from the junior and senior high school classes, the public and a labor grant from the Works Progress Administration (WPA). The first floor consisted of a basketball court used for sports and many community activities. The stadium was added to the school complex in the early 1940's with the cooperation of the community and WPA.

Now, in 1991, the brick building with all its additions and the gymnasium have been razed; and have been replaced by a new Walkertown Elementary School building.

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Walkertown Elementary School—1990

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Sentimental Journey

Walkertown School - 1924-1990

Saturday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 1, 2:00 p.m.

Welcome

Decade Of The 20's News Events

Glee Club

Charleston

Decade Of The 30's News Events

Kate Smith

Can Can Dancers

McGuire Sisters

Decade Of The 40's News Events

Recognition of Athletes and Cheerleaders

The Walkertonians

Decade Of The 50's News Events

Elvis Presley

Chorus Line

Medley of Gershwin, Berlin & Porter

Decade Of The 60's News Events

The Supremes

Recognition of Staff

Decade Of The 70's News Events

Michael Jackson

Physical Fitness

Decade Of The 80's News Events

Walkertown Queens

Russian Ballet

Reunions - Memories and Monuments

The Walkertown School Song

Words By: *Odessa Southern, Class of 1952*

Tune: *Anne Lisle*

Walkertown, together forward
School and team we'll try
Lifting up victorious voices
To Carolina's sky.
Crown thy sons in all their glory
Bring them forth with pride.
Walkertown, we will not falter
With thee by our side.

Walkertown, thy colors flying
Glorious red and white,
Marching on to noble victory
Winning by our might
Powerful in our crushing drive to
Conquer every foe,
Sweeping o'er all strong opponents -
Walkertown - LET'S GO!

**Our thanks to the alumni of Walkertown school
who participated in the program
and to the friends in the community who helped
make this a special occasion.**

Emcees - Kathy J. Pegram and "Robbie" Joyce.

1927 Graduates - Ethelene Strader Pegram and Lilly Young.

1990 Graduates - Brian Fulp and Erin Murray.

Glee Club under the direction of Sara Judy Scott accompanied at the piano by Anne Saxon and Gladys Vanhoy.

Soprano

Henrietta Ayers
Dot Duggins
Peggy Isley
Grace Landreth
Geanette Mock
Doris Motsinger
Jo Ann Neal
Melanie Neal
Janie Pierce
Cora Thomass
Sherri Thomas
Lorene Wall
Virginia Warner
Marilyn Wolfington
Joy Zenker
Nancy Ragland
Jeanie Morris
Diane Boles
Linda King

Alto

Patsy Beeson
Dorothy Cranfill
Carol Sue Grubbs
Effie Jones
Beverly Landreth
Jo Ann Dalton
Anita McGowan
Ethelene Pegram
Jewel Stewart
Maxine Walker
Doris Wilson
Reba Snyder
Margaret Fulton
Nancy Dunlap
Rhonda Beck
Valena Mabe
Helen Lewis
Frances Joyce
Mary Jo Weavil

Tenor

Jeff Baysinger
Raymond Beeson
Jerry Isley
Lamar Isley
Wayne Mabe
Edwin Martin
Kim Marshall
Rick Parham
T. G. Preston, Jr.
Billy Taylor
Ed Waggoner
Ivey Redmon
Sherill Whicker

Bass

Billy Stoltz
Wayne Biby
Fred Cranfill
Larry Beeson
Clarence Idol
Richard Parham
John Scott
George Seivers
Plummer Vanhoy
John Walker
Kermit Wall
Harold Whicker
Tommy Carmichael
Don McGee
Jack Mabe

Charleston Choreographer, Michelle Lunsford and dancers Debbie and Lex Barsz, Mary and Wesley Hutchins, Pattie and Tommy Sacrinty, Michelle and Mark Lunsford, Elizabeth Parker, Johnny Walker, Sara Hofkey, Lamar Isley, Dell and Chip Lawson, Tangelia Rose and Kenny Watkins.

Kate Smith - Ruth Hanes Neal Harper.

Can Can Choreographer Kristi Hinshaw and dancers Angela Pegram, Tracy Vogler, Debby Pegram, Belinda Beard, Amy Fearington, Nancy Rowe, Melanie Neal, Susan Marshall, Denise Verdinek, Karen Harrison, Kristi Hinshaw.

McGuire Sisters - Diane Boles, Linda King, Mary Jo Weavil with Valena Mabe at the piano.

Dewey Bowman who collected our **Male Athletes:** Harry Waggoner, Linville Hastings, Gray Swain, Wink Waggoner, Ward Larrimore, Ivey Redmon, Cam Flynn, O. V. Waggoner, Sleepy Vaughn, Harold Whicker, Homer Sapp, Rudi Hilton.

Mozelle Medlin who assembled our **Female Athletes:** Deloris Yokley, Lula Fulton, Alice Rogers, Ruth Harper, Jackie Wilson, Libby Morgan, Margaret Neal, Helen Hester, Jean Hill, Polly Reich, Virginia Kirby, Rachael Sapp, Jean Sapp, Doris Redmon, Barbara Marshall, Mary Lou Needham, Parry Kale, Bernice Vance, Betty Morris, Edith Warner, Imogene McGee, Gail Tilley, Nancy Young, Lois Wooters, Ivey Tuttle, Eloise Hall, Louise Davis, Gwyn Freeman, Nancy Kiser, Foris Folds, Nelle Fagg, Macie Reed, Frances Joyce, Maxine Pegram, Ruby Bowen, Naomi Browder, Beulah Warren, Virginia Rader, Helen Reynolds, Lois Robertson, Lib Jones, Faye Alexander, Joyce Larrimore, Nancy Groce, Mary Wilson, Martha Minnish, Jean Rogers, Ruby Bowen Williams.

Arlyn Wilson, Barbara Lunsford and Nancy Wilson who found the **Cheerleaders:** Ann Snyder, Marie Vaughn, Polly Whicker, Barbara Buff, Edna Fearington, Jane Farmer, Martha Harden, Avis Madison, Nancy Angel, Diane Brinkley, Sylvia Knotts, Jane Duncan, Donna Valentine, Brenda Stafford, Elaine Fricker, Cherry McCuiston, Patricia Pegram, Carolyn Coats, Loretta Angel, Betty McNeil, Carol Sue Grubbs, Yvonne Swain, Janice Idle, Nancy Beck, Wanda Hardle, Betty Strader.

Walkertonian Quartet - Fred Cranfill, Jerry Isley, Dexter Kale, Tom Southern with Otis Welcher at the piano.

Elvis Presley - Rickey Lasley.

Chorus Line Choreographer, Melodi Robinson and dancers Allison Davis, Robin Jones, Karen Dillon, Faye Southern, Sandy Marshall, Melodi Robinson, Steve Sawyer, Sandy Murray, Steve Joyce, Rusty Sawyer.

Medley of Gershwin, Berlin and Porter - Gary Hastings accompanied at the piano by his wife, Connie Hastings.

Supremes - Wanda Johnson, Mary Scott, Patricia Smith.

Jewel Stewart located the **Past and Present School Staff** : John Kiger, Earl Parker, Bill Straughn, Arlyn Wilson, Mary Lou Clapp, Mrs. Edna Scott, widow of John F. Scott, Mrs. Doris McLamb, widow of C. O. McLamb, Blanche Westmoreland, Frances Holsopple, Josephine Walker, Mildred Doub, Lillian Kirby, Patricia Sasser, Lucy Kate Strader, Sara Scott, Frances Sacrinty, Mary L. Boyan, Elizabeth Allen, Ruby Bowen Williams.

Michael Jackson - Howard Page.

Aerobic Choreographer, Cindy Harper and participants Sandra Mickler , Beverly Ayers, Sara Hofkey, Melodi Robinson, Kristi Hinshaw, Debbie Pegram, Denise Verdined, Daren Harrison, Beth Arrington, Jeanne Miller, Cindy Harper.

Queens - Eileen Walker Snyder, Jo Ann Hester Neal, Dana Neal, Shanda Brown.

Ballet Choreographer, Sandy Marshall, and Ballerinas Harry Boles, Eddie Campbell, Jim Case, John Cook, Harvey Dillon, Al Fanning, David Heath, Bill Howard, Pete Howard, Earl Parker, Robert Shepherd, Ted Wilson.

Stage Decorations - Debbie Pegram.

Talent Recruiters - Jane Sawyer and Mary Parker .

Collectors of News Events - Hank Oosthoek, Doris McLamb, Dot Warner, Jewel Watkins, Jo Walker.

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**Our special thanks to Cornelia Vaughn
who created and directed
this outstanding performance.**

Industry and Business

Probably the first commercial businesses in the area were family grist mills which served the owner-family and his neighbors. These mills had to be located on a creek or stream for water power. Some of these surrounding the Walkertown area were: Sam Waggoner's Mill, branch of Old Field Creek; Stafford Mill on Old Field Creek; Morris Tin Mill on Lowry Creek and Martin Mill on Martin Mill Creek.

Merchandising was an early business; the family produced as much of its needs as was possible, but there were a few items that had to be purchased, such as salt, sugar, coffee, etc. The stores in this area that people have mentioned as "early stores" were: Martin/Seivers located where the present post office stands; Dave Jones Store located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Main Street and Sullivantown Road; Tom Carmichael Store located on Sullivantown Road where the parking lot of the Town Office is in 1991.

Livery stables—a business that rented horses and carriages or wagons—were in business circa 1890.

Waggoner Brothers operated one at the southeast corner of Main Street and Depot Street, the present location of Gant Oil Company offices. Mr. A.M. Rumley had one located in a stable adjacent to his home on what is now Salem Road. After Mr. Rumley's death, the Livery Stable was operated by C.W. Jones until Mr. Rumley's estate was settled. The barn used was moved back about 100 yards from the road and still stands in good condition, thanks to Mr. Dave Stanley's good care.

Manufacturing entered the picture in 1850 when Thomas Sullivan began the manufacture of tobacco products in a log building in Sullivantown, about two miles northeast of Walkertown. Nat D. Sullivan, a son, later operated a tobacco factory in a two-story brick building a short distance away from the original log building on what is now Hanes property on Sullivantown Road.

Nat D. Sullivan had two daughters, Sallie and Elizabeth, whose husbands, Phillip Booe and William Poindexter, became partners in the firm which was then known as the N.D. Sullivan Tobacco Company.



Martin-Seivers Store—early 1900's



Livery Stable circa 1900



Sullivan Avenue now called Sullivantown Road

Industry and Business (continued)

One of its leading products was a chewing tobacco brand called "Best".

The Civil War in the early 1860's interrupted the prosperity beginning to show in the area and recovery was not made until the 1880's after the Reconstruction Period.

Nat D. Sullivan and his sons-in-law continued to operate the tobacco factory his father started in 1858. At the height of the company's success, it employed between 60 and 70 workers. In 1918, feeling the press of the tobacco trust and the competition from large manufacturers, N.D. Sullivan Company sold its machinery, brands and good will to R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

Edwin Leight, (a Walkertonian who was employed by Reynolds Tobacco Company in their overseas operations, retired to Walkertown, [deceased December 10, 1990], reminisced about peo-

ple walking past his house before daylight and after dark in the winter time going to and from work at the Sullivan tobacco factory. After the factory had ceased operations, he roller skated with his friends on its second-story floor.

T.A. Crews and James W. Crews, nephews of Nat D. Sullivan, (sons of M.C. Crews who married a daughter of Thomas Sullivan), after learning the tobacco business by working in the Sullivan Tobacco Factory, built their own factory in 1891 and expanded it in 1895. At its peak, it is reported that T.A. Crews Manufacturing Company had 350 employees, operated in a huge three-story frame building located beside the T.A. Crews home at the corner of Main Street and Sullivantown Road. Some of the chewing tobacco and snuff products had the following trade names: "Crews Yellow Jacket," "Netted Gem," and "Pride of America".



T.A. Crews Home

T.A. Crews Manufacturing company felt the pinch of the tobacco trust in nearby Winston-Salem and sold their operations to Liipfert-Scales. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. eventually bought Liipfert-Scales and continued to manufacture Yellow Jacket Chewing Tobacco.

T. A. Crews' Tobacco List. For Jobbers Salesmen Only.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1st, 1900.

BRANDS.	STYLE	PLUGS to P'N.	WEIGHT.	PRICE PER LB.
Crews' Netted Gem.	4in. 5s.	50	10	.37
Crews' Netted Gem.	4in. 5s.	22	10	.37
Big 4.	10in. 4s.	22	22	.45
Pride of America.	12in. 3s.	22	2 and 10	.50

For a limited time we will ship a 5 lb. box of Big 4 FREE with each drop shipment of Crews' Netted Gem direct to dealer for account of Jobber. We pay no freight.

T.A. Crews Sales List

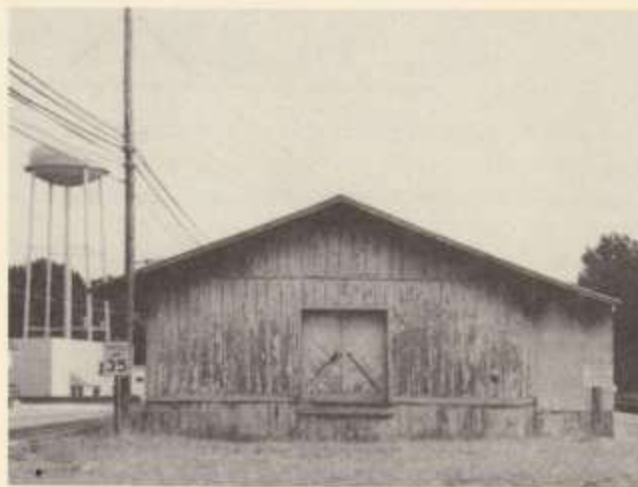
Both Sullivan Tobacco Company and Crews Tobacco Company were converted into Roller Mills for the production of flour and feeds, but both mills



Chimney left from Crews Tobacco Factory

burned. The huge chimney of the Crews Company still hovers over downtown Walkertown as a reminder of that early industry in days past.

The Roanoke and Southern Railroad built a line through town in 1888, which helped to attract both people and business. The first engines were wood-burning types, and the necessary water was hand-pumped from a well providing a Walkertown water station. It is reported that T.A. Crews and Tom Wilson were the first Walkertown passengers to ride the train. They traveled to Walnut Cove.



Back side of depot as it looks today

The train depot was built a few years later on property given by E.W. Linville and Dr. W.P. Dicks who had come to Walkertown in 1865 to begin a medical practice. Miss Lillie Dicks (Mrs. D.C. Moir) served as Depot agent. (Her father, Dr. Dicks, helped her with the heavy freight.) Miss Dicks was qualified in the field of telegraphy and that was the latest and fastest way of communication in that day.

The railroad and the two tobacco companies spawned yet another industry; E.M. and J.J. Leight operating as the Leight Bros. established a lumber company near the railroad depot. Business was brisk. The railroad needed two agents to handle all the shipments and the new station remained open 24 hours a day.



E.M. Leight homeplace off Sullivantown Road

Industry and Business (continued)

E. M. LEIGHT.		Walkertown, N. C.,		7-9		J. J. LEIGHT.	
TOBACCO BOX LUMBER A SPECIALTY						1897	
 To LEIGHT BROS., Dr. 							
Deales in ROUGH and DRESSED LUMBER, TOBACCO BOXES, &c.							
PLANING, MATCHING AND SAWING DONE TO ORDER.							
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By	Cash					6	65
					\$7 00		

Leight Bros Bill of Sale

The main products of the factory were wooden boxes and cases of varying sizes made of pine and gum wood. The box factory operated an assortment of saws and four planers for dressing down the box parts. The machinery was operated by power through steam engines. The boiler was fired by the shavings and sawdust created as by-products. (Note: recycling early 1900 style.) The factory also produced and sold lumber to be used for building construction. In 1919 the Leight Bros. discontinued operation.

The Walkertown Chair Factory was built in 1903. H.H. Jordan (1862-1931), a very distinguished minister serving Love's church from 1903-1905, initiated action which resulted in the establishment of the Walkertown Chair Factory which was operated by D.C. Moir and others. It was prosperous, but in 1913 suffered a severe fire which destroyed all parts of the factory except the finishing area. Later a new group of businessmen reopened it, and in 1923 the company was incorporated and headed by W.N. Poindexter as president and Ralph Ogburn as vice-president, secretary and treasurer and plant manager. The factory employed as many as 50 persons and had a yearly output then valued at approximately \$150,000.

On January 29, 1940, the factory was badly damaged by fire. The loss was estimated at \$60,000. This was a sad ending for a prosperous business.

Walkertown had its own turn-of-the-century flour and grist mill to which area farmers came to exchange goods and information. Walkertown Milling Company was built by Robah Payne circa 1900 and he operated it himself for two or three years. The mill operated as a flour mill until the 1940's; after that it limited its operation to feed and grains and distributing farm and garden supplies. The mill has changed ownership several times with Mr. W.N. Poindexter having the longest tenure of ownership — 20-30 years. The present owners (1991) are William L. and Jean Robertson.



Walkertown Roller Mill, Oldest operating business building

Fire Destroys Main Buildings of Walkertown Chair Factory



The above picture shows Winston-Salem firemen attempting to hold the fire at Walkertown Chair Company Monday afternoon at bay long enough for workers to remove the contents of a small building nearby. The firemen were not only successful in keeping fire away from this building, but in doing so, were able to save a storage and finishing warehouse a hundred feet away. These

structures and the plant's dry kiln were the only buildings saved. No property outside of the chair company's premises was damaged or seriously threatened excepting small damage to Duke Power Company lines adjacent to the plant. This fire loss was estimated at \$60,000 and was the worst loss at Walkertown since the same furniture concern burned out nearly 30 years ago.—(Staff Photo.)

In 1921 The Roanoke and Southern was purchased by Norfolk and Western Railroad and is now operating as the Norfolk and Southern. For the first quarter of the twentieth century the railroads dominated land transportation. They were not only busy with passengers and freight but were also handling the U.S. mail. In the 20's and 30's there were at least four daily passenger trains that went from Winston-Salem, N.C. to Roanoke, Virginia—two northbound and two southbound. It was possible to take a southbound train into Winston-Salem, do your shopping and return to Walkertown via a northbound train later in the day.

Walkertown was a regular stop for passenger trains, but there were flag stops. Shelters and a flag were provided alongside the railroad tracks; if a person wanted to ride the train, it could be flagged

down between Walnut Cove and Walkertown at the Fulp stop or Dennis stop; between Walkertown and Winston at Daisy Station stop or Ogburn Station stop.

Nationwide railroads prospered during the early part of the 1900's but by the 1930's and 1940's, automobiles, buses, trucking companies and airlines had taken a big share of the country's transportation needs. Walkertown and the Norfolk and Western Railroad were no exception.

Several families who came to Walkertown as employees of the railroad chose to make their home here when the railroad wanted them to make another move, or at their retirement, among these were: Rufus Bryant, Jonathan Sample Gant, G.M. Hilton, H.C. Hawkins, Charlie Fleming, and John T. Philpott.

Industry and Business (continued)

James Martin and Monroe Seivers operated the first sizeable store in the late 1800's according to oral historians. The store sold groceries and dry goods. (Mrs. Clara Martin [deceased] remembered buying fabric there for four cents a yard.) Early in 1900, Martin sold his ownership to Seivers and built a brick building at the intersection of Sullivantown Road and Main Street. This was a suspender factory. (Mr. H.C. Martin [deceased] recalled working there at five or six years old, helping his father by sewing on buttons and hooks.) Mr. Martin also manufactured talcum powder, vaseline pet jelly, and garters for women. The company bought green peanuts, hulled and roasted them for resale.

The Monroe Seivers Store was sold to Jones and Young who operated a thriving business in the first quarter of the twentieth century. Occupying another section of the building with W.R. Jones and Jessie Young were barbers, Alvin Jones and Robah Jones, and a pool table.

After the automobile began to be more popular, Walkertown needed gasoline and service stations. Gant Oil Company, across from the depot, was the first to open in 1918. H.C. Hawkins and John Staples, in the early 1920's, operated gasoline pumps that were covered with a shelter and had a small adjoining office building at the northwest corner of Sullivantown Road and Main Street. In 1925, when Highway 77 (now 311) was paved and the famous right-angle curve became a landmark, Mr. Hawkins built a brick and concrete stucco service station on the east side of the curve on property purchased from Mr. T.A. Crews. This station was eventually sold to Standard Oil Company. It has been in operation under several owners and suppliers. Mike's Market, a convenience store, in 1991, sells gasoline on the curve.

Mr. Rufus Waggoner and his son, Mr. Tommy Waggoner, built and operated an automobile service station and a wood yard on Main Street at the site of the present Mabe's Service Station. There were several operators between the Waggoners and Mabe's, among them: Cameron Flynn, and the late Bob Marshall and his wife. Three other service sta-

tions were located on Harley Drive in a kind of obtuse triangle:

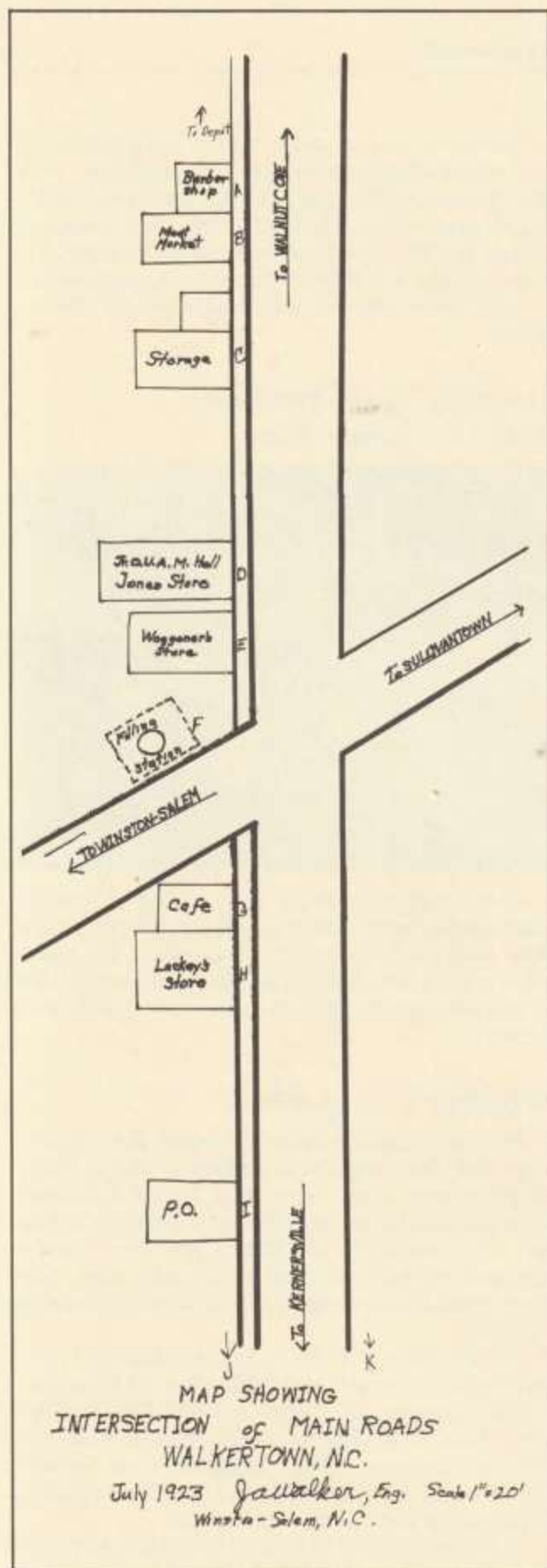
1. one at intersection of Sullivantown Road and Harley Drive, (Among the operators at this station: Ed Jones, Erastus Pegram, Hartman Brothers and, finally, Wilson Tire Shop)
2. another one at Harley Drive and Willoughby Drive, (James Crews and Percy Sapp, Ty Grubbs, Erastus Pegram, Marcus ["Wink"] Waggoner, Lewis Joyce, Barry Crews operated a tire & cap shop, Glenn's Marine Service)
3. Harley Drive and New Walkertown Road. (Operators have included: Ty Grubbs, Kenneth Grubbs, Joe Masten, and the Charlie Bowmans).

The following businesses operated from the mid 1940's until retirement or death of operators:

- Osborne's Body Shop, Harley Drive, helped correct driving mistakes, operated by Charlie Osborne.
- Garage operated by Bennett and Fair on Old Hollow Road.
- Thore's Store, which later became a garden shop operated by Duggins and Watts, both of the above located at corner of Old Hollow Road and Darrow Road.

As one newspaper reporter noted in 1960, there were enough gasoline stations to give the motorist a choice in brands. However, these stations not only sold necessities for automobiles, but also served as gathering places where in the conversation, friendly talk, or heated argument, many experiences were reviewed, tall tales explained, and sports events relived.

The following map (copy of a map prepared for court records) and index show the location and usage of buildings in the business section on Main Street (Highway, 77, later 311) from the depot to the post office in the early 1920's to the present time. The flour mill and the service stations described above are a short distance west of the famous curve.



- A. 1. _____ Barnwell
2. Charlie Ziglar
3. _____ Hester
- B. 1. Wm. Walker, Meat Market
2. John Ham, Meats, Gasoline
3. Lacy Fair, Meats, Groceries
4. Robah Fair, Meats, Groceries
5. Roger Grubbs, Meats, Groceries
- C. Storage—Feeds, Grains, Fertilizers
- D. Jr. Order Meeting Rooms, 2nd Floor until Walls moved in.
1. Jim and Tom Jones Grocery
2. Ernest Wall
3. A.L. Wall, Groceries and Shoe Shop
4. K.A. Wall, Groceries
5. Shugart's Carpets
6. Bolen Heating & A/C
- E. 1. Willie Waggoner, Groceries
2. Frank Fulton, Groceries
3. Tom Jones, Groceries
4. Fabric Center
5. Incorporated into Wall's
- F. 1. Hawkins & Staples, Gasoline
2. Bob Waggoner
- G. 1. Martin Suspender Factory
2. Jim Jones (Fred Jones' brother) Cafe
3. Fabric Center
4. Suburban Insurance Co.
5. demolished
- H. 1. Lackey's Store
2. Dr. A.D. Edwards Office and Drug Store
3. Seagraves Sandwich Shop
4. Storage Building
- I. U.S. Post Office, Apt. 2nd floor
- J. (Building not shown)
1. Martin/Seivers Store
2. Alvin & Robah Jones, Barbers, Pool Hall and Jones & Young, Groceries and Dry Goods
3. Building demolished
- K. Hawkins Service Station (not on map)

This is Walkertown's Downtown Area (1900-?) from the best of several persons' memories. Please pardon any omissions or errors.

Industry and Business (continued)

Blacksmiths

Among well-remembered town businesses for a growing boy were the blacksmith shops. The smithy not only shod horses, he repaired wagons which were mostly wood. He could take a ribbon of steel, heat it in his forge, take it to his anvil, shape it into a tire for a wheel, and, finally, weld its ends together.

The last remembered such shop was operated by Leroy (Cheif) Snider on Willoughby Drive. He started his Walkertown operation in 1930 across the street in what is now the Mill's parking lot. Other remembered town blacksmiths were Davis, Clemmons, Morris, and Mathis.

How times have changed—Snider's Blacksmith Shop became Roy Baggett's Welding Shop (now owned by Willard [Red] Hilton) and horses are now shod by farriers.

(Note—Who, today, would believe a building the size of this former blacksmith shop could be built for \$400? That is what Tommy Waggoner paid Walter Grubbs for building it at the rear of his service station in 1938.)

Wall's Store

Wall's Store, Main Street, was operated by Mr. Ernest Wall and taken over by his brother, Mr. A.L. Wall, who moved to Walkertown with his family in 1929. (Mr. J.M. Wall, father of the Wall brothers, had been pastor of Morris Chapel Methodist Church, built a home and retired here.)

Along with the store, Mr. Wall had the first modern equipped Shoe Repair shop that he operated for several years enabling the store to survive the Great Depression.

The business grew and prospered. In 1948 Mr. A.L. Wall's son, K.A. Wall, purchased the grocery store which he operated until 1978. Webster Brothers purchased the grocery store, operated it for one year and then sold it back to Mr. Wall.

Mr. A.L. Wall operated a hardware store at 4937 Sullivantown Road from 1948 until his death in 1956.

Grubb's Food Market

After several years with ITT Grinnell including time spent in the near east desert, the Roger Grubbs purchased Fair's Market in 1983 from Robah Fair, his uncle, who, in turn, had purchased the store from his brother and his sister-in-law, the Lacy Fairs, longtime operators (having purchased the store in the early 1940's).

This food market could be the continuation of one of the oldest businesses in Walkertown. Even though the building has been enlarged and modernized, parts of the original remain. Prior operators before the Fairs are known to have been: Mr. J.R. Ham and Mr. Will Walker. The building also housed Charles Ziglar's Barber Shop and Barnwell's Barber Shop.

Country Boys' Produce

2412 Old Hollow Road



Country Boys' Produce was opened in 1982 by Gary Martin, who sold it to Jack Duggins that same year. After about five years of operation, the building has been remodeled and the business expanded to include lawn and garden supplies including lawn statuary.

Whicker's Shop Rite

Whicker's Shop Rite was the town's first modern supermarket, located at the corner of Harley Drive and Winthrop Street. At one time this site contained Whicker's Grocery that had several previous operators over the years; the town's first dry cleaners operated by Jesse Grubbs; a furniture store plus houses and the start-up of Whicker's Meat Packing Company.

The Whickers sold the supermarket in 1975. The building is now occupied by Dudley's Theatrical.

O.V. Waggoner operated a store on New Walkertown Road (Highway 311) after moving from the Whicker building. After Waggoner's occupancy, this store became Dixie Furniture Manufacturing Company. It is no longer in business.

As indexed in the 1924 map of Main Street, several other merchants have operated businesses in



Grubb's Cleaners

town that are fondly remembered including: the Jones Brothers, Jim and Tom; Frank Fulton, Ted Wilson; John Ham; Will Walker; Irvin Neal; Terry Woods' Flowers; Fannie Nelson; Henry Parnell, Optician; Warren's Feed and Seed; Sid Holt's Ice and Coal; James Watkins; Ed Jones; Leakes; and many others over the years.

The Gant Building, as it was first known, on the corner of Sullivantown Road and Main Street, had several different tenants in the past years. Other than the ones already mentioned were a Soda Shop operated by Jessie Grubbs and a Beauty shop operated by Peggy Case.

The Fabric Center



In 1946 Thomas Ashburn Ayers, a native of Pine Hall, married Henrietta Samuel and moved to Walkertown. He grew up working with his father, J.T. Ayers, in fabrics before operating his own shops. The Fabric Center was established in 1947 as a retail store in the old White Building located on the corner of Main Street and Sullivantown Road in Walkertown. In addition to the retail shop, it was also a location for his wholesale fabric business. This was operated as a partnership with his wife who was the accountant and clerk. A year later, the business moved across the street to a larger building adjoining A.L. Wall Grocery.

A sister, Mary Emma Ayers, who later married Cerva M. Reece, joined in the business and became a partner in 1951. The partnership continued until the business was incorporated in 1962. Mary remains active in the business. Her daughter, Mary Emily, grew up in the fabric business and worked

there a number of years. She and her husband, Emmett Adcock, reside near Walnut Cove.

Thomas A. Ayers, Jr. is following in the family tradition with The Fabric Center. He resides in Walkertown with his wife, Janice Cooper Ayers.

In 1953 a new building was completed and The Fabric Center moved to its present location on Old Hollow Road (Highway 66) at the underpass. Several additions were made to the building to accommodate the growth. The last addition was completed in 1962.

The move to Highway 66 began the trend for this area to become the business district outside of downtown Walkertown.

Suburban Insurance Agency



Martin-Jones House designated historic building. Occupied by Suburban Ins. Agency

Suburban Insurance Agency, Walkertown's first insurance office, was established in 1949. Seeing a need to serve the area people, Tam Welborn Church and Thomas Ashburn Ayers began a partnership in the Old White Building, located on the corner of Main Street and Sullivantown Road.

While Thomas Ashburn Ayers spent part of his time with The Fabric Center and Tam Welborn Church spent time with Kernersville Realty and Insurance, the insurance office was run by Henrietta Samuel Ayers and Racheal Lawson Catlett Bryant.

In 1953, the insurance office moved to The Fabric Center Building at the underpass on Highway 66.

The agency was sold in 1975 to Henrietta Ayers and Barbara (Bobbie) Sink Lawrence, a descendant of Samuel Waggoner (1720-1805).

In May 1980, Suburban moved to 4934 Sullivantown Road, the former Lucy Jones Crutchfield house. This property joins the property of the original site of Suburban Insurance Agency.

On December 1, 1986, Suburban was sold again, this time to James Leon Inman of Westfield, later of King, N.C. After 42 years in business, the Agency continues to serve its policyholders with all forms of insurance.

Industry and Business (continued)

Webster Bros. Hardware Company



Webster Bros. Hardware Company is a successor to the General Store they bought from I.P. Neal in 1955. This store was located at the corner of Main Street and Sullivantown Road. The Webster Bros. General Store then sold groceries and a wide assortment of dry goods and hardware. In 1964, they moved their grocery business across the street and, after one year of operation there, they sold their grocery operations to Kermit A. Wall. Since 1964, the two have concentrated upon the hardware and garden supply business. In 1973 the facility which they now maintain was built and business at this new location began in January 1974. The new location was 2700 Old Hollow Road.

Interestingly, the move from the old place to the new location was greatly facilitated by many volunteer helpers from the community. For example, men from the fire department using their own pickup trucks were very instrumental in moving the stock to the new store. Bill Webster, (deceased December 6, 1989) recalled two then retired individuals, Roy Lewis and Jim Marshall, working faithfully without compensation to ease the transition. This story attests to the community spirit held by many residents of the Walkertown community.

The business continues to prosper under the leadership of partner Clyde Webster, his three sons, Roger, John, and Howard, and the faithful personnel that makes the store a magnet for the Walkertown Area.

Bel Air Drive-In Theater 5153 Reidsville Road

The Bel Air Drive-In Theater is the last of the once "rage" of the movie-going public in Forsyth County and the only surviving drive-in closer than

Mt. Airy, N.C. or Henderson, N.C. Mr. Fibber McGee purchased the property in 1955 and after extensive remodeling with the help of long-time Manager Jim Styers reopened April 1956 for its still highly successful seasonal business.

Bel Air Drive-In is the successor of Walkertown Drive-In (1949-1954) which was operated by the partnership of Grubbs, Booth, Flinchum and Dunlap.

Banking in Walkertown

First Union National Bank of North Carolina

Back in the early 1960's the Walkertown Civic Club became very interested in attracting a bank to the Walkertown area as a service to the community. A committee of three members, C.O. McLamb, H. Gray Swain, and William M. Young, was appointed to begin working on this project.

Records indicate that a petition was circulated in December 1962 expressing a desire for a bank in the Walkertown area and 550 signatures were obtained within eight days. The committee talked with more than one bank but received the most interest from the management at the Northwestern Bank in North Wilkesboro. In fact, the committee met with Mr. Edwin Duncan, Sr., then president of the bank, and Mr. Garland Johnson, a vice-president, and after much discussion and several meetings, Northwestern Bank decided there was enough activity and desire of its citizens to warrant the establishment of a branch in Walkertown.

At about this same time, Dr. O.L. Ader was in the early stages of discussion with the postal folks about building a new post office in Walkertown. This did work out extremely well for the bank and Walkertown since Dr. Ader agreed to double the space planned and include space for the new bank next to the planned post office. Construction on this new building began in late 1963 and was occupied during the summer of 1964. Northwestern did open its office in a trailer in the spring of the same year.

The first branch manager was Leonard "Bud" Goodman (he married one of the Bowman girls from Rosebud). Neva Bishop started working with Northwestern shortly after the branch opened until her retirement in 1987. Mr. Goodman was followed by Russell McCormick, Jack Horner (always referred to by Mrs. "Lizzie" Booe Clement as Little Jack Horner) and present day manager, Harvey Dillon, who has held this position since 1972.

The location in Walkertown began operating as a branch of Northwestern's Walnut Cove operation but began operating as a separate location in 1969 during the early computer years. The bank has received much local support over the years and with the construction of a new shopping center in the mid-70's, Northwestern decided to have two locations in Walkertown and built a new office down on Highway 66 (present location) out in front of the previous locations of Winn-Dixie and Crown Drug. After maintaining both locations for nine years, Northwestern decided it could best serve the Walkertown area by concentrating its efforts into one location and decided to close the old post office location in 1984. This worked out very well since the post office was looking to expand and needed the additional space once occupied by Northwestern.

With deregulation in the banking industry came many changes along with mergers and acquisitions. In the fall of 1986 First Union National Bank entered into an agreement with Northwestern Bank for those two financial institutions to merge. The board and stockholders approved and the Walkertown locations became a branch of First Union. The branch had as many as sixteen employees when all the bookkeeping was performed in the branch and today has ten employees.

Centura Bank

It was in December 1988 when Citizens National Bank opened for business in a temporary trailer facility in Walkertown at 3000 Old Hollow Road. In November 1989, the bank moved into its present facility at the same location. The name of the bank was changed to Centura Bank in 1990 when it merged with Peoples Bank and Planters Bank, both of Rocky Mount, N.C. Centura has over 116 branches stretching from the North Carolina mountains to the coast.

Gardens of Memory, Inc.

Gardens of Memory was started on May 15th 1961 by R. Wilbur Hartman, Sr., James C. Fulp, and H. Gray Swain. The first tract of land was purchased from Mrs. Susan E. Morris and consisted of 32.68 acres.

On May 22, 1961 the three owners voted to incorporate the cemetery. The next day they voted to allow two others, Dr. William H. Huffstetler and Mrs. Edith H. Slack to buy stock in the Corporation.

In 1981 James C. Fulp sold his stock to R.W. (Buddy) Hartman, Jr. and H. Gray Swain sold his stock back to the Corporation.

In 1983 R. Wilbur Hartman, Sr. and R.W. Hartman, Jr. purchased the stock owned by Dr. Huffstetler.

The Corporation is now owned by R. Wilbur Hartman, Sr., R.W. Hartman, Jr., and Edith H. Slack. R. Wilbur Hartman, Sr. is President and Treasurer and R.W. Hartman, Jr. is Vice-President, Secretary of the Corporation and both are active in the daily operation of the cemetery.

The Corporation has a total of 19 employees full time and 4 part time, most working out of the main office in Walkertown.

In August of 1961 Gardens of Memory made its first burial. The cemetery had just been graded and its first garden plotted at this time.

In 1962 the cemetery finished developing its first garden. It is called the Sundial Garden and has a bronze sundial with a white Italian marble base in the center of the garden.

Later that year the Board of Directors voted to purchase a house across the street from the cemetery. The house was remodeled over the next several months and still serves as the main office of the Corporation.

In December of 1962 the Board voted to purchase 9 additional acres on the west of the cemetery.

In April of 1964 the Floral Garden was completed which was the second garden developed. Later in that year the Masonic Garden was completed. Dr. O.L. Fritz was instrumental in the design of the feature and its placement in the garden.

In June of 1966 Gardens of Memory purchased its first backhoe. It allowed the cemetery to dig graves much faster than the previous method which was by hand and air compressor spade.

In April of 1967 a white marble feature from Italy was installed in the Baby Land section of the cemetery.

On May 19, 1967 the Board of Directors voted to start a cemetery in Kernersville. It is now known as Eastlawn Gardens of Memory.

On November 10, 1967 the first feature crypt was completed in the Garden of Devotion. It consisted of four mausoleum crypts and a large open Bible on top with the Lord's prayer. Two other Bible crypts have been completed since that time, one with the 23rd Psalm and the other with a passage from the book of Ruth.

In February of 1969 work began on the first chapel mausoleum in the area. It contains 380 crypts with Italian marble on the inside of the chapel and granite on the exterior. An addition was completed in 1981 and consists of 364 crypts. The next addition is to begin in July of 1991.

In 1977 Gardens of Memory purchased its first computer system. It was one of the first cemeteries in the state to have its records computerized.

Industry and Business (continued)

In 1981 Gardens of Memory, Inc., along with Eugene Vogler, III, and John Mosby Vogler, purchased Clemmons Memorial Gardens. The name was changed to Westlawn Gardens of Memory and since that time Gardens of Memory has owned 50 percent of Westlawn and has assumed all the responsibilities of its operation.

With this addition, Gardens of Memory, Inc. is the largest cemetery company in the Triad area.

In 1982 Gardens of Memory opened its Veterans Garden of Honor. It is beside the Masonic Garden and directly across from the mausoleum.

In 1988 Gardens of Memory purchased 11.8 acres of land on the east side of the cemetery which joins Walkertown Business Plaza. This will allow a future entrance from the other side of the cemetery. This brings the total number of acres in the cemetery to over 52.

Walkertown Rexall Drug Store

Walkertown Rexall Drug Store was opened by the R.E. Muellers in August 1964 as the first modern drug store in Walkertown. In 1968, in partnership with fellow tenant, Dr. Folds, the building was purchased from the Waggoner Brothers (O.V. and M.P. [Wink]). The Muellers acquired full ownership when Dr. Folds moved to Winston-Salem. In 1972, the drug business was sold to Lester Auman; however, the Muellers retained the cosmetic business which was located in the triangular intersection of Harley Drive and Sullivantown Road—later sold to Bob Welch, who moved to Kernersville. This site is now occupied by a church. The Muellers sold the drug store building to Dr. Poland, whose veterinary clinic occupies the site.

Crown Drug Store

On Thursday, May 30, 1974, the new Crown Drug Store opened in the Walkertown Shopping Center on N.C. 66. Ray Gentry, President of Crown, announced Roy Lewter was the Manager-Pharmacist. It was the eighth unit in the local chain and occupied a 7500-sq. ft. building in the shopping center. However, due to inadequate retail space and to have a better overall location, Crown Drug of Walkertown relocated in the Centre Stage Shopping Center on N.C. 66 on January 4, 1988. This move enabled Crown Drug to increase its sales area by over 25 percent, operate in a larger shopping center, and increase its staff to 25 employees with Roy Lewter remaining as Manager-Pharmacist.

Beauticians and Barbers

Walkertown Hair Stylists, 2850 Old Hollow Road, was established by Jiles Cardwell, owner and stylist, October 15, 1964 in the Walkertown-Rexall Building. Two years later property was purchased from Mr. Raymond Whicker and a new salon was constructed on the present site. The business employed six operators. Success is attributed to the support of the community and to a former stylist and employee, Mrs. Thelma Aycoth, now deceased.

Wayne's Barber Shop, 2985 Old Hollow Road. Mr. Wayne Ferguson came to Walkertown in 1958 as an associate in Case's Barber Shop. There was a series of moves and purchases before his relocation at the present shop on Old Hollow Road.

Walkertown Hair Cutters, 4934 Harley Drive. Mr. Eddie Campbell opened his shop May 10, 1965 in the building which is now the office of Auto Mart. He moved from there to Harley Drive in 1990, after purchasing the Jim Case building after Mr. Case's retirement. (This building once housed Bobby Bryant's Gem Workshop and Shop after his retirement from the U.S. Armed Services.)

In addition to those beauticians and barbers who work in a shop, there are several who have their businesses in their homes and work from there:

Jim and Peggy Case. Jim Case came to Walkertown in 1954 as an associate of Mr. Robah Jones, a long time barber in Walkertown. Over the years, Mr. Case has attracted others into his profession, including two who are now operating their own shops. Even though Jim is retired, he continues to work part time in his wife Peggy's beauty shop.

Peggy Case opened her Beauty Shop in what was then the Neal Store Building, corner Sullivantown Road and Main Street, in 1954 and is still serving patrons in her home.

Jeanette's Beauty Salon. Jeannette Neal (Jeanette Bowman from Walnut Cove married Harvey Neal) started working with her aunt, Opal Murray, after finishing beauty school in 1962. She has operated continuously in her home since that date.

Kat's Kut and Kurl. Kathleen Morris opened this shop in her home in 1966 and continues to operate as a beautician.

Bolen Heating & Air Conditioning Co., Inc.

5092 Main Street

Bolen Heating & Air Conditioning Co., Inc. is owned and operated by Richard and Fran Bolen. The business originally started in a small building beside our home in 1973. Richard Bolen, who had worked in heating and air since age 16, went into business with his father-in-law, Ray Thomas. Richard's brother, Ray Bolen, came to work soon thereafter. Ray took over the installation and Richard did the service work and installed. Fran did the bookwork part time and worked as an office nurse at Bowman Gray in Family Practice.

We now employ 15, including our daughter, Kristy, who manages the service department and her husband, Tommy Neal, who works in the installations department. We incorporated in 1977 and moved to our present location in 1986.

Things have changed a great deal since those early years when Richard worked 10 to 12 hours a day only to be called on a service call at two a.m. There were many nights he worked in units with someone holding a flashlight so he could see. He never turned anyone down no matter how late or tired he was. I guess that is one of the reasons our business has grown to its present size. We always put the customer first.

Fortunately, we now have a full service department; an installations department that installs a full line of heat pumps, gas and oil furnaces, humidifiers and electronic air filters; also, a sheet metal, and an electrical department that does service changes, repairs and electrical wiring of new and old construction.

Walkertown Glass Shop

4886 Harley Drive

After eleven years experience working for one of the oldest and largest independent glass shops in Winston-Salem, Mr. Rex J. Robertson, Jr. established his own shop, Walkertown Glass Shop, in Walkertown in 1974. He supplies and installs glass for both commercial and residential customers of the surrounding area.

Thrif Tent Rentals, Inc.

4937 Sullivantown Road

Owner and President—Donald C. Brinkley
Rental Manager—Stephen L. Amos
Office Manager—Keith W. Ballard

Thrif Tents was founded in 1973 in Winston-Salem and moved to Walkertown in 1979. Thrift

Tents currently has its rental operations in Walkertown, and its manufacturing operations in Walnut Cove.

Thrif Tents manufactures tents for rental and sale. Thrif Tents also manufactures and sells tarps, boat covers, awning covers and a line of products for use by the refrigerated trucking industry.

Thrif Tents products are shipped around the United States and to several foreign countries.

Dudley Theatrical

4295 Harley Drive

Dudley Theatrical serves most of the states with theatrical needs. From a small beginning in 1975 in Greensboro; in 1978 to a larger space located at his home in the Walkertown area; in 1981 to the Whicker Stop & Shop Super Market Building in Walkertown; in 1991 this Dudley Theatrical Building is bulging with supplies, employees and activities. Mr. Barry Dudley has built a business which shows the opportunities available in Walkertown.

Glenn's Marine Service

4899 Harley Drive

Glenn's Marine Service was moved from Winston-Salem to Walkertown in 1981 by owner Glenn Blackman in order to be nearer his home, thus expanding Walkertown's varied service industries.

Tunes and Balloons

2881 Darrow Road

Tunes and Balloons is operated by Mrs. Diana Pritchard and has party supplies, balloons, compact discs, cassettes, fresh and silk flowers.

Betty's Convenient Mart

2735 Old Hollow Road

Betty's Convenient Mart, operated by present owners, Betty and Bruce Ogle since 1983, was one of Stop & Go Convenience Stores' first operations, having begun in 1968 at this location. Besides groceries and necessities, Betty and Bruce deal in a large collection of country crafts.

Mike's Market

4971 Main Street

Mike's Market started operations January 1, 1990 when Mike Barrow purchased "Woody's" from Foster and Geraldine Wood. This location has gone through a series of owners and operators since it became the first Standard Oil Co. Service Station in Walkertown in the 1920's.

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Doreen's Carryout

2220 Old Hollow Road

Doreen Neal has operated her popular carryout for the past nine years in the building which has housed numerous businesses including Mr. Ed Morris's Oil Company.

Doug Jones Enterprises

2890 Darrow Road



Doug Jones moved to Forsyth County with his family from Banner Elk, N.C. when he was 12 years old. He graduated from Walkertown High School. In 1958 he worked for Kernersville Electrical Company during the day and attended Forsyth Tech nights to obtain his state electrical license. His license to operate in the state of North Carolina as an Electrical Contractor was issued to him on December 31, 1976.

Doug Jones and Wayne Dennis set up a partnership, Dennis and Jones Service and Electrical Company, located at 200 Old Winston Road in Kernersville. Two years later this partnership dissolved and Doug formed his own Electrical Service Company. He operated his growing and prosperous business out of his home on Robinette Lane.

In 1983 Doug Jones added the sale and installation of satellite systems to his services. At this point, he located his business, Doug Jones Enterprises, at 3095 Old Hollow Road.

In 1987 the John Deere dealership was added to Doug Jones Enterprises and the business was relocated in its new and spacious building on Darrow Road.

Doug Jones is assisted in this highly successful business by his present wife, Linda K. Prine Jones, who had worked as Sales Supervisor with Hill City Directory Company. (Incidentally, one of her cus-

tomers introduced her to Mr. Jones.) Doug and Linda Jones are parents of three daughters.

1991 is looking like another record breaker for John Deere Company and Doug Jones. Doug and Linda Jones are very proud to be in the business they are in today and that Walkertown has allowed them to become a part of this community. We would like to help Walkertown celebrate its 200th birthday by saying thank you to the Walker family for finding this "Hometown Community" and claiming it for all of us to love, respect and be proud that we are from "Walkertown, North Carolina!"

Piedmont Tool & Mfg. Co., Inc.

4790 Walkertown Plaza Boulevard

Piedmont Tool & Mfg. Co. was founded in 1980 and began operations in an 800-square foot shop. Our growth has made it necessary for us to move twice. We opened operations in our own 12,000-square foot building in 1987. This location has ample space for future expansion. We take pride in our reputation as a high quality producer of metal stampings and custom designed tools, dies, jigs, and fixtures at competitive prices. Leon and Peggy Rivers are owners and operators of this facility.

Triad Insurance Agency, Inc.

3085 Old Hollow Road

After being associated with Integon Insurance Company and others for several years, Ed Nelson purchased Triad Insurance Agency from Burton Whicker and his associate, Martha Fair in 1980.

Yvonne's Sewing & Alterations

4783 Main Street

Mrs. Yvonne Martin began her business in 1988 at the building at 4783 Main Street which has housed several businesses over the years, the first being the Robah Jones Barber Shop.

Joyce Service Center

2414 Old Hollow Road

After operating service stations at other locations, Lewis Joyce opened his Service Center in a new facility in the Walkertown Commercial Park.

Gant Oil Company



Gant Oil Company, in business since 1918, retains the distinction of being the oldest licensed independent retail oil supplier in North Carolina.

In 1917, Jonathan Sample Gant, his wife Minnie McCrorie Gant, and their two sons, James Sample and Jonathan Edward, moved to Walkertown from Pine Hall where Sample became the depot agent for Norfolk and Western Railway. There were a few cars in Walkertown in those days, and the nearest gasoline supplier was nine miles away. James and Jonathan began by selling a gallon at a time from a 55-gallon drum. The supplier was Standard Oil, with gasoline arriving by mule team and wagon at first, and eventually coming in by rail, as did coal. Gant Bros. & Co., as it was called, offered other goods such as flour, fish, feed, and motor oil cranked from a hand pump in a converted livery stable that occupied a site across from the depot.

By 1920, the company had installed a 10,000 gallon tank, and the rented livery stable was purchased. In 1923, a potential disaster occurred when a fire broke out and destroyed the station and Gant residence across the street. It was feared that underground tanks would explode, but the real threat was from a tank car containing gasoline on the railroad tracks across the street that could have easily exploded had it not been for a few brave men who used crowbars to move it out of harm's way. A year later, a new building and new residence, both built of fireproof brick, were completed; those buildings stand today. After Sample's death in 1930, James and Jonathan pursued a vigorous building program that resulted in more than 25 locations throughout North Carolina. No longer in the grocery business, concentration was on gasoline and home heating (fuel oil and coal). Although coal has not been sold since the late 1950's/early 1960's, Gant Oil still has a fuel oil business, and supplies about 3,000 homes. In 1955, the partnership was incorporated as Gant Oil Company, Inc.

In the late 1920's Sample Gant owned a cottage in Morehead City called Walkertown Fishing Club. The building still stands and is occupied, although, it was severely damaged in a hurricane in the 1960's. The entire family loved the area, and thought future expansion of their gasoline business should include the eastern part of the state. For over

35 years Gant Oil Company has done business in the area, and today has nine eastern locations: Beaufort (2), Havelock (2), Jacksonville (1), Morehead (2), and Swansboro (2). There are 15 additional locations in the Piedmont including Asheboro (1), Burlington (1), Eden (1), Kernersville (1), Lexington (1), Madison (2), Mount Airy (1), Walkertown (2), and Winston-Salem (5). In 1991, there are in operation a total of 25 stations.

From 1940 to 1991, the Company has survived rationing in World War II, two Arab oil embargoes, and numerous price wars. In the late 1970's, convenience stores, offering lower-priced gasoline as an enticement, posed a threat to independent oil marketers. The answer was to "fight fire with fire" and offer food and other items. In an industry having come the full circle from selling groceries and gas in the 1910's and 1920's, gas only from the 1930's to the 1970's, then back selling both since 1980, Gant Oil has been no exception. For 10 years, they have pursued a program of rebuilding to include convenience stores as well as gasoline, kerosene, and diesel wherever property sizes and zoning laws permit. As of January 1991, 20 have been completed, including one in Walkertown. In 1981, a new office building was completed next to the old one; 2700 square feet of office space looks out on a central courtyard that has become a mini-haven for flora and fauna.

Jonathan retired in 1960. James passed away in 1972. Jonathan's wife, Sudia Byrd Gant, a former elementary school teacher in Walkertown, passed away in 1979. Jonathan passed away in 1988. Annie Hill Gant, James' wife, assumed presidency of the company after James' death, and remained in that position until 1982 when J. Rogers Brewster fulfilled that role. His background includes extensive experience as an executive with Texaco in Detroit, Louisville, Savannah and Wilmington. Robert Edward Gant, James' youngest son, is vice-president. He also has an active interest in music, particularly organ performance, after earning a doctorate in that field at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, teaching for a number of years at colleges in the midwest, and performing organ recitals throughout the east and midwest. James Hill Gant, James' eldest son, lives in Baltimore, and for a number of years worked for the company.



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Stoltz Garage



When O.P. Stoltz came to live in Walkertown in the early 1920's and decided to open an automotive repair shop, little did he realize that his business would continue to operate and remain in the family for the next seventy years.

This first little shop was located where the old post office used to stand (next to the present site of the post office). In 1926 he moved the business to where the Bowman '76 Gas station now stands. By 1927, he had purchased some land at the forks of the road where Highway 311 and Friendly Road intersect, and operated there until the new highway came through Walkertown. He moved across the highway and built a new garage on the road that is now called New Walkertown Road. This was in May 1939. There, he and his wife, the former Susan Fulp, continued to live and run the business and raise their nine children. Little did he realize that some fifty years later the third generation of his family would still be in business on the same site.

But, this is getting a little ahead of the story. During the 1940's, 50's, and 60's, his sons Earl, Ed, Phil, Howard, and Aubrey all worked at various times in the business, in between going to school and serving in the armed forces. The older boys eventually moved on to open their own auto repair businesses at locations in Winston-Salem. His youngest son, Aubrey, continued to work part time in Dad's shop while holding a full time job at RJR Archer for thirty-seven years. During this time Aubrey's four sons hung around the shop while they were growing up.

After graduating from East High School, grandson Jimmy Stoltz decided that working on cars was what he wanted to do. In the meantime "Papa Stoltz", as he was affectionately called by all the grandchildren, was about ready to semi-retire. Jimmy began working in the business with his dad and Papa there to guide him for several years.

The business grew, and it was evident that they

needed to expand, because by this time Jimmy's younger brother Michael had come to work there.

In the meantime, Aubrey had opened a small tire business at another location in 1984, with son Steve helping part time to get this business going.

"Mama Stoltz" had passed away in 1975 and "Papa Stoltz" died in 1981. The old home place was to be torn down leaving only the old garage standing. In 1986, the old building was torn down and a new four-bay garage with office was built on the site. They were finally able to combine automotive and tire business under one roof. Aubrey and son Michael handle tire sales and computerized wheel alignments; and sons, Jimmy and Robert, handle the repair work.

"Papa Stoltz" would have been proud to know that it is showing promise of perhaps a fourth generation, since some of his great-grandsons are beginning to hang around and "learn how to work on cars."

Grubb's Garage



Grubb's Garage on the corner of Harley Drive and Willoughby Drive was under construction for several months the latter part of 1933. It was built by Walter Grubbs. Ether Grubbs, the owner and operator, opened the garage for general auto repair (although Ether liked to work on tractors) January 1, 1934. The garage was open six days a week from early in the morning until real late at night.

Down through the years there were many men that worked at the garage for Ether. Just to name a few: Lindsey Griffin, Web Larimore, Kenneth Tuttle, Walter Idol, Robert Hawkins, Marvin Grubbs, Lindsey Walker, Wayne Fulp, Larry Chandler, and David Walker. Ether's son E.J. worked at the garage with his father since he (E.J.) was about nine years old. They ran the garage as long as Ether's health permitted which was until 1979. Ether lived with his

daughter, Frances Tucker, after he was unable to work, until his death March 21, 1989. E.J., Jr. continues to operate the garage.

Bowman's Shell Station

5064 Main Street



Bowman's Shell Station, operated by the Charles F. Bowman family, has been a full auto service station for thirty-three years and added a wrecker service since 1966; including a large wrecker that can manage the largest of the tractor trailers in operation. Prior to the Bowmans, this station had had a series of operators including Joe Masten, Ty Grubbs, Kenneth Grubbs, and others, as well as several changes in brands of gasoline.

Complete Auto Parts

5095 Main Street



The corporation of Complete Auto Parts opened its doors in March 1970. In starting his career, Don Young worked at Auto Sales until moving to the Matt Howell dealership. He worked there until moving to J.C. Parker Dodge to become Parts Department manager. He worked there until Parker Dodge closed its doors in 1970.

The first location of Complete Auto Parts was in

the Wall Building on Sullivantown Road for three years. Complete Auto Parts served the area out of this building until moving to its current location. Mr. Young purchased this property from Irvin and June Neal in 1978. The building in itself is a local landmark dating back to 1926. There have been several owners and businesses in the building over the years. The building is divided into three sections. One side housed a soda shop (in which Don worked as a young adult). Among other businesses that have been in this building are a general store, a doctor's office, pool room, and hardware store.

To this date, May 1991, we at Complete Auto Parts would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Caudle Discount Tire Sales

4990 Reidsville Road

Caudle Discount Tire Sales has been at this location since 1972. Mr. T.H. Caudle bought the business in about 1983. This business started with two employees, a small storage room and an office and waiting room combination. In 1988 a warehouse was added to the rear of the buildings and also another bay where brake work and more oil changes could be done. The business operates in approximately 3,000 square feet with two lifts, two air compressors, a brake lathe, a computer wheel balancer, battery charger and a European tire changer which was one of the first in the county.

We have one full time employee, Eddie Lawson, who has been with the business since the beginning and one part time employee, Michael Staley. My wife is also a big help with different aspects of the business operation.

We enjoy doing business in Walkertown and welcome all who come to our store in a friendly, courteous manner by trying to help any way we can. We try to be an asset to the community by being an active member of the Walkertown Area Merchants Association, Inc. The business sponsors a Little League Ball Team and other events such as the Community Fall Festival and Spring Carnival.

My family consists of my wife, Ann; one son, Terry; and one daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Jeffrey Davis; and myself, T.H. Caudle.

Allied Systems, Inc.

3625 Williston Road

Motor Convoy, which moved from Liberty Street in Winston-Salem to Walkertown in 1970, has expanded and changed its name to Allied Systems, Inc. This automotive carrier company, with home office in Decatur, Georgia, has grown from a small

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carrier of assembled autos in the Atlanta area to one of the larger carriers with thirty-two terminals. The Walkertown terminal on the Norfolk and Southern Railroad is one of the largest and provides a good boost to the local economy.

Automobile Dealers

66 Motors, 3093 Old Hollow Road, owned and operated by Mr. Jimmy E. Garland since beginning in September 1974.

Auto Mart, 3015 Old Hollow Road. When Mr. Jonathan Gant (deceased 1988) mentioned at a Lions Club meeting to Mr. Douglas E. Donley that Gant Oil Company Service at Main Street and Old Hollow Road would be vacant on the completion of their new facility, Mr. Donley soon began negotiations for a lease for his late model used cars. Later when Mr. Eddie Campbell purchased and moved to the Case Barber Shop, the Auto Mart expanded to include that building also.

Vance Used Auto Parts, 5128 Reidsville Road. Mr. Wayne Vance opened his used and new auto parts business in 1958 after several years with a major Winston-Salem trucking company's shop.

158 Motors, 4964 Reidsville Road, owned and operated for the past five years by Ken Dudley.

David's Trim Shop

3138 Ruxton Drive

David Bowling opened David's Trim Shop in his home town of Walkertown after having gained experience in other shops. His specialty is classic and collector cars with a personal love for "Mustangs".

Restaurants

Mickey's Country Kitchen, 2991 Main Street, operated by the Mickey Marshalls since 1986. This location has been one of the town's favorite eating and meeting places since the middle 1950's when it was known as "Sparky's". There were several operators between "Sparky's" and "Mickey's". This location is in the Dr. Garrett Building which also houses Ambassador Builders, (successor of Marshall Builders) as well as Wayne's Barber Shop.

Several other popular eating places in town are **Rick's Sandwich Shop**, Walkertown Shopping

Center; **Strader's Pizza**, **Subway Sandwiches & Salads**, and **Hardee's** of Walkertown, all located in the Centre Stage Shopping Center. **Maxine's Restaurant** is located at the underpass on Highway 66.

Other Businesses:

Allen's Mobile Lock Shop, operated by Bart Allen.

Mari-Lou Enterprise, Inc., Highway 158, Sewing Contractor

Keaton Enterprise, 5510 Old Walkertown Road, Sewing Contractor

Two Shopping Centers are located on Old Hollow Road, almost side by side.

Walkertown Shopping Center

(opened 1971)

Location of the following:

Eastern Appliance—Sales, Service, Parts

Barbee Chiropractic Clinic

S & N Communications, Inc.

Dr. D.H. Freeman

Curly's Harley Davidson

VCR Repair Shop

Showtime Video

All-State Insurance Co.—Gerald Scott, agent

Business Assistance—Francis R. McGuire

Ideal Pest Control—Johnny Cook

Faith of God Word Church

Rick's Restaurant—Rick Waggoner

Warehouse—Walkertown Community Yard Sale

66 Flea Market

Walkertown Tire Service—Randy Dillon

Centre Stage (opened 1988)

Location of the following:

Hardee's

A Cleaner World

Hair Force

T & T Racing

Allen's World

Nationwide Parker Agency

Rose's

Subway Sandwiches & Salads

Carole

Action Video

Crown Drug

Winn-Dixie

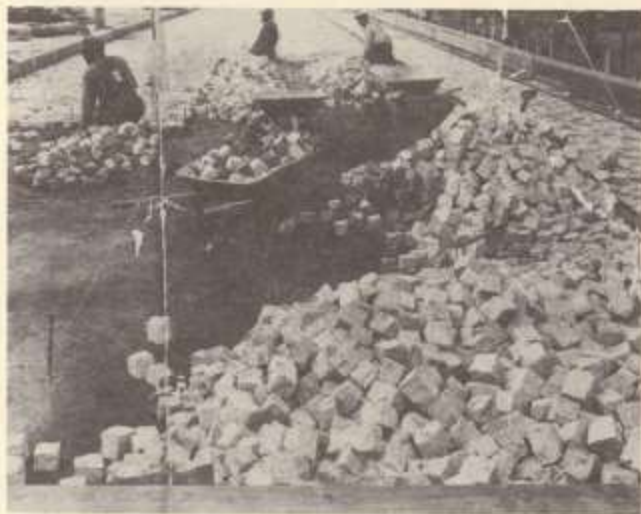
Strader's Pizza

Centura Bank

Winston-Salem Paving Co.

Winston-Salem Paving Co. moved to Walkertown in 1960 and is owned and operated by H. Gray Swain and Jimmie Saunders Swain. This company was formed by J.D. (Red) Saunders of Winston-Salem, after being in business with his brother until 1932. Projects included cobblestone streets in Winston-Salem and Mt. Airy and concrete paving Highway 150 through Oak Ridge and Summerfield to Greensboro.

Mr. Saunders' health declined in 1958 and Gray and Jimmie assumed the company. Later they bought the old Chair Factory property on Highway 311 north (Main Street) and brought the Paving Company to Walkertown where they are operating today. Some of their customers are the Moravian Cemetery, Forsyth Tech, and 35 years with Exxon and Gant Oil Companies.



Cobblestone Street under construction by Winston-Salem Paving Co.



Cobblestone street completed by Winston-Salem Paving Co.

Contractors and Builders

Over the years Walkertown has had several top-notch contractors and builders. Most of them are deceased, retired or now living and maintaining headquarters outside the town limits. Some of the well remembered were Grubbs & Parrish, Abe Fulp, Walt Grubbs, Will Hammock, Renzie Grubbs, Grover Morris, Frank Fulp, Billy Hulls, and others, including specialists in brick laying, concrete, painting, plastering, dry wall, tile setting, etc.

As is evidenced by this Business Section, the town has changed from a farm and manufacturing community mostly to a service industry and bedroom community.

Walkertown When I Arrived in August 1926

(by O.L. Ader, M.D.)

ROADS:

Walkertown had one paved highway, No. 77, from points north to Winston-Salem. It was completed in 1925 and is now Highway No. 311.

The other highways entering Walkertown from its surrounding communities were sand-clay and well maintained.

Most of the driveways to these roads from homes throughout the community were narrow, single lanes. During the winter months they were so badly routed out by the narrow steel-rimmed wheels of wagons and buggies that it was impossible to travel by car. (The transmission and body of my 1926 Chevrolet coupe were totaled before it was one year old and with only 13,000 miles, by being rocked, pulled and pried out of potholes.)

RAILROADS:

Walkertown's railroad was still playing a very active role in the activities of the community. The stationmaster was kept busy:

The many messages received and sent by telegraph. The clickety-click of the Morse Code unit was still important in traffic control and safety of railways;

The passengers boarding and arriving on several passenger trains that stopped daily.

The many boxes of freight to be sent or received to be stored or delivered. The many boxcar loads of lumber to and furniture from the Walkertown Chair Factory.

The drugs I used were received by railway.

The long strings of freight, or passenger

Industry and Business (continued)

cars, were pulled by steam-powered engines. These required a fireman with a nearby coal bin and water tank to develop steam from the many, many water-filled pipes in the engine's boiler. The large amount of water used required refills from elevated water towers located several miles apart along railroad tracks, as were sites for pickup and discharge of passengers before the arrival of the Ford and improved highways.

TELEPHONE CENTRAL

Walkertown's telephone office consisted of a switchboard and chair located in one corner of the dining room in the operator's home. The office provided long distance service and communication with surrounding communities. Members on a party line, serving 12 to 15 homes in a given community, were called by special rings made by a hand-cranked phone, e.g., — -, — - —, etc. All phones on the line rang and listening-in was a favorite pastime for some noseys.

Prior to the Central, each community extended its party line to Dr. Hammack's home. There, each line had a bell and a cut-in switch on a panel by his phone. In case of an emergency call when he was making calls, Mrs. Hammack could relay the message to him in a home he was visiting in that or another community.

POST OFFICE:

Walkertown's post office occupied two small rooms in the front half of the ground floor of an apartment building in the center of town. The rooms were heated by a small flat-top coal stove in the waiting room section.

All mail was handed to patrons by the postmistress, including that to those who had a private "box" in a rack of 40 to 50 pigeon-holes located by the office window that served patrons. There was one Walkertown route that went north on Hollow Road to Baux Mountain Road, intertwined Winston-Salem Route 3 to City View and back to Walkertown. A route from Walnut Cove entered Walkertown on the northside and turned east down Pine Hall Road. A route from Winston-Salem came out Walkertown Road through the heart of Walkertown, east on Sullivantown Road to Belews Creek Road, south to 158 to Winston-Salem.

LIGHTS:

Electricity was in most of the larger homes in Walkertown, but it was not available for homes in

rural areas. For several years, most of the babies I delivered were by lamp light.

Walkertown barbershop was located in the back room of a small two-room grocery store. Both were lighted by oil burning lamps.

Before electricity, meat markets, larger groceries and larger homes had ice boxes to preserve perishable foods. Large blocks of ice were delivered by truck from an ice-making plant in Winston-Salem.

In 1922, the Hoke C. Flynt Company, Winston-Salem, installed a Delco-Light system at the home of Dr. Hammack. The 32-volt generator and 160-amp storage battery provided ample electricity to light his home and office and to power a motor in the well to pump water to the kitchen sink. (There is a picture on file that shows water running from a spigot.)

OUTHOUSES:

Each home in Walkertown and surrounding communities had a nearby outhouse. A Sears Roebuck catalog usually was on the one-hole or two-hole seat. When the used papers began to touch the johnny was moved to another site and nature took care of the rest.

In the early 1930's WPA workers built nice-looking outhouses at a site on or near the old TB Sanatorium near Winston-Salem. They would dig a 3-foot deep hole and place the toilet over it at any home in the county where wanted. Halloween hoodlum targets!

MEDICAL SERVICE:

Most medical examinations and treatments were still made in the patient's home in the early 1920's.

The physician made house calls all day and many nights. He spent little time in his two-room office except for mixing drugs and refilling his little black bag.

Drugstores were not easily available. The physician ordered the drugs he used and they were shipped to him by rail.

In 1926, the usual charges for physician's services and drugs were:

Office exam	\$1.00
Reduction and splinting broken bones	\$5.00
Sewing up open wounds	\$5.00
Home visit in town	\$2.00
Home visit out of town up to 3 miles	\$2.50
Labor cases	\$20.00

O.L. Ader, M.D.
August 1986

Professionals

It may well be that Dr. Robert Walker was the first medical doctor in Walkertown; however, no evidence is available, at this point, to confirm that. A William Walker, physician, is listed in the 1850 U.S. Census and a deed to show he purchased the house that stood at the intersection of Friendly Road and New Walkertown Road from David Walker's estate is on file. He had moved here from the Dennis area and after a few years, moved on again.

Doctors who have located and practiced in Walkertown since that time:

M.D.'s: W.P. Dicks, J.C. Hammack, O.L. Ader, A.D. Edwards, O.G. Fritz, R.E. Hedrick, J.B. Garrett, W.F. Folds, W.F. Phillips;

O.D.: David H. Freeman;

D.D.S.'s: Duke Morse, Bernard Agress, several moved in and out of the Rexall Drug Store Building offices before David R. Heath's move in 1985. Amy-Jo Ward;

D.V.M.'s: Bruce S. Poland, Jim M. Harrell, Adrian M. Kreeger.

Dr. W.P. Dicks (1838-1910) practiced prior to 1870 in Walkertown. He purchased the Robert L. Walker home and property in 1872. (Now the D.C. Moir homeplace.)



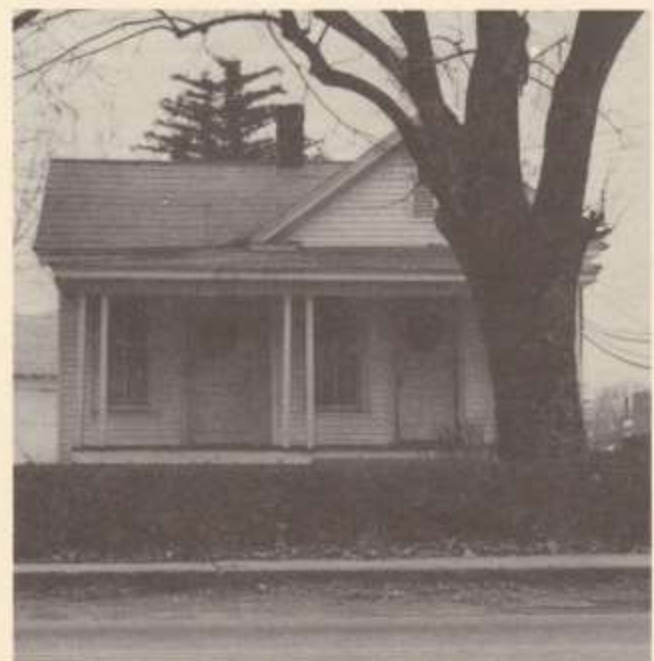
Dr. J.C. Hammack

Dr. J.C. Hammack graduated from the University of Maryland in Baltimore, Maryland in 1894; and read medicine with Dr. Elias Fulp at Dennis for a year. (Reading medicine with a practicing doctor was a kind of internship.) Dr. Hammack started his practice in Walkertown in 1896, and continued it until his death in 1926.

Dr. Duke Morse lived and had his dental practice in a cottage called the "Green House", in the 1930's. The "Green House" was eventually torn down and the Volunteer Fire Department Building was built on that site.



Hammack-Ader House



Hammack-Ader Office Building

Professionals (continued)

Autobiographical Notes from Dr. O.L. Ader



Dr. O.L. Ader

"I was born in Davidson County, near Arcadia. I attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for pre-med and two years of medicine, completed medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in 1925, and served a one-year internship at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

"A first cousin, Dr. J. Roy Hege, was responsible for my locating in Walkertown. He was Health Officer of Forsyth County from the early 1920's until World War II. He knew the practice area well and had held typhoid fever vaccination clinics in Dr. Hammack's office. Soon after Dr. J.C. Hammack's death in May, 1926, he called me in Lancaster and insisted that I immediately visit Walkertown and talk with Mrs. Hammack about holding the office of the "best practice in North Carolina" until I could complete my internship. She said she would, for which I am still thankful. I dearly loved private practice of general medicine, but was forced to give it up in October 1943 due to disabling arthritis.

"I entered private practice of medicine in Dr. Hammack's office on August 4, 1926, and closed it on October 16, 1943. My first patient, Mr. Clint Swain, was treated at the office; my last one, Mrs. E.M. Leight, was treated at home.

"My first delivery was a boy on September 8, 1926; this was followed by twin boys on September 9. My last delivery was a girl on October 12, 1943. There were well over one thousand between the first and the last."

More Notes about Dr. O.L. Ader

Dr. Ader married Miss Annie Hammack, daughter of Dr. J.C. and Mrs. Ollie F. Hammack. Dr. and Mrs. Ader are the parents of two daughters: Mrs. Charles Ragland (Nancy) and Mrs. Henry M. Read (Frances).

After retiring from private practice and some improvement in his health, Dr. Ader was employed with the Durham County Board of Health. In 1976, he retired as Director of the Durham County Board of Health.

Dr. O.G. Fritz



Dr. O.G. Fritz was born in Davidson County near Lexington, N.C. After graduating from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1924, he taught school for two years. His desire to become a medical doctor was so strong, even after the birth of his first daughter, Sara, that his wife, Ruth, encouraged him to pursue that goal. He entered Medical College of Virginia in 1927 and graduated in 1931, interned and served two years residency at Baptist Hospital.

His plans were to move directly to Walkertown, but because no housing was available he moved to Rockwell, N.C. and practiced a short while. In January 1934, he moved to Walkertown, and opened his first office in his home which was known as the Waggoner House located where the present Gant

Office Building stands. He later moved his office to the brick building, Northeast corner of Sullivan-town Road and Highway 311; and his family across the railroad tracks on Salem Road.

April 15, 1947 Dr. Fritz opened a clinic with Dr. R.E. Hedrick on Depot Street. Their plans were to care for patients who could not go into Winston-Salem and to tend to local emergencies. Eventually the clinic closed; Dr. Hedrick moved away, Dr. Fritz continued to practice in the Office Building which was next door to the house that had been renovated for his family in 1950.

He was diagnosed as having diabetes in early 1950; in 1964, leukemia. His health continued to deteriorate and his office was closed January 1, 1973. Dr. Fritz died December 5, 1973.

His family moved from Walkertown: Mrs. Ruth Fritz moved to Winston-Salem; Mrs. James Lewis (Sara), Winston-Salem; Mrs. Michael C. Schneider (Martha Ann), Edinboro, Pennsylvania.

Besides being a caring physician, Dr. Fritz was an avid gardener. At one time he grew many kinds of exotic orchids in his greenhouse. He delighted in giving them to his friends and patients.

Dr. John B. Garrett



Dr. John Bostian Garrett, born June 6, 1919, is a native of Rockingham County, the son of Dr. Frank Bernard and Ruth Bostian Garrett.

He graduated from Rockingham High School and attended Davidson College prior to entering the U.S. Army on February 22, 1941. He served with the First Field Artillery Observation Battalion in the ETO until August 5, 1945.

After the war, Dr. Garrett attended Catawba College then graduated from Bowman Gray School of Medicine on June 6, 1951 and served his internship at City Memorial Hospital, Winston-Salem.

On May 25, 1952, Dr. Garrett moved with his family to Walkertown and is still in the practice of Family Medicine after 39 years.

He is a Charter Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, a member of the American Medical Association, the N.C. Medical Society, the Forsyth-Stokes-Davie County Medical Society, Forsyth Memorial and Medical Park hospital staffs, and a member of Love's United Methodist Church.

Dr. Garrett married Nancy Rebecca Sides on August 31, 1946 at First Evangelical Reformed Church, Winston-Salem. They have four children and four grandchildren. The children are: Dr. John B. Garrett, Jr., Patricia G. McAlpine, Jane G. Crumpler, and Frank B. Garrett, II.

Dr. David H. Freeman

Dr. David H. Freeman, a Forsyth County native, after completing his education at Mt. Tabor High School, Wingate College, Southern College with an O.D. degree in 1977, entered the U.S. Navy for two years of active service.

In August 1979, he opened his office in Walkertown. For the first eighteen months, Mrs. Gwynn Mecum Freeman, Dr. Freeman's mother, was his receptionist. In 1980, he entered into a partnership with Dr. J. Michael Burke in Winston-Salem, and started working in Winston-Salem one and one-half days a week. In the summer of 1987, Dr. Burke and Dr. Freeman joined with Dr. Freeman's brother, Rex Holt Freeman, III, O.D., to form Winston Eye Associates.

Janice Saylor began work as receptionist in February 1981 and still works with Dr. Freeman today. She takes care of adjustments and repairs of glasses. Today, Peggy Crews is the primary receptionist.

Dr. David H. Freeman is married to the former Debbie Duke and they are the parents of Scot and Ryan.

Professionals (continued)

David Randal Heath, D.D.S.



David Randal Heath was born in Walkertown. He is the son of Buddy Heath of Germantown and Janet Lewis Heath of Walkertown.

He graduated from North Forsyth High School in 1976. He received a BS degree in Zoology in 1980 and Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1984, both from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Heath married Marriane Davis and has two sons, Daniel Arrington and Justin Randal.

In 1984 Dr. Heath was employed by the State of North Carolina Department of Corrections. He has been in the practice of general dentistry from 1985 to the present time. (1991)

Dr. Heath is an active member and office-holder in Morris Chapel United Methodist Church. He is involved in Community activities, having been president of Walkertown Area Merchants Association, Inc. in 1988, Fall Festival Chairman five times, Walkertown's Man of the Year and Business Man of the year in 1987, and received the WAMA President's Award in 1990.

Amy-Jo Ward, D.D.S.

Dr. Amy-Jo Ward is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Martin Fischer who reside in Asheville, N.C. Her father is a thoracic and vascular surgeon; her mother is a registered nurse. Dr. Ward was born in Akron, Ohio and raised in St. Joseph, Missouri.

She attended Central High School in St. Joseph, Mo. and was co-valedictorian of her class. From

1978 to 1981 she was a Curator Scholar at the University of Missouri and was awarded her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1984. She received her Doctorate of Dental Surgery from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1985.

From 1985 to 1987, Dr. Ward was employed by John P. Goodman, D.D.S. in Winston-Salem. From 1987 to the present, she has worked as associate dentist with David R. Heath, D.D.S., in Walkertown and as contract dentist for the North Carolina Department of Corrections, Salisbury, N.C.

Dr. Ward belongs to the following clubs and organizations: the American Dental Association, the North Carolina Dental Association, Delta Sigma Delta—Dental Fraternity, the Kernersville Newcomers Club, and the Kernersville Women's Club.

Richard S. Ward is Dr. Ward's husband; he is an executive banker, presently working with Wachovia Bank and Trust Company at the Kernersville Branch. They have two children, Andrew Stephen and Rachel Elizabeth, and a new baby expected in December.

* Dr. Ward's other interests are needlework, cooking and water skiing.

Walkertown Veterinary Hospital

Walkertown Veterinary Hospital, a full service small animal practice, was established in July 1982 by Dr. Bruce S. Poland. The range of services offered by the hospital include diagnosis and treatment, surgery, x-ray, grooming, boarding, and in-hospital lab facilities.

Dr. Poland, a Winston-Salem native, graduated from N.C. State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology in 1974. He received his degree in Veterinary Medicine from Ohio State University in 1978. Dr. Poland worked for two veterinary hospitals, one in Winston-Salem and one in Durham, N.C., prior to opening the hospital in Walkertown.



Walkertown Veterinary Hospital

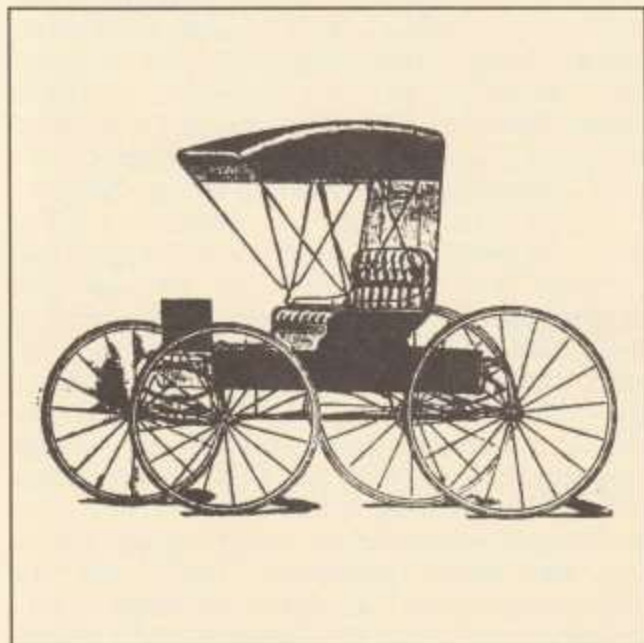
Marked Changes in Medical Problems and Medical Practice 1896-1976

At the turn of the century, most doctors' offices in rural areas were small two-room buildings located five to ten miles apart. Travel was by buggy, cart, or horseback. This situation was changed about 1916 with the T-model Ford and improved roads.

Doctors made home visits day and night, seven days a week. They kept no office hours. They prepared most of the few drugs used in their offices and carried them to homes in little black bags. There were only a dozen or so potent drugs available—digitalis, quinine, morphine, et. al.

There were some drugstores in town and they were "real" drugstores, with a soda fountain where you could get a root beer or an "ice-cream soda" and sit and talk. Drugstores today are small-scale department stores.

Most patients were treated at home, be it a fever, broken bone, laceration, childbirth, or death. Every community had two or more "neighborhood nurses"—older ladies, children grown—who enjoyed nursing a patient sick with pneumonia or having a baby. They had their patient mentally and physically prepared for the doctor's visit. Otherwise, e.g., the doctor might (I have) find the patient with pneumonia running a high fever and gasping for breath in a room with doors and windows closed and the family and a half-dozen neighbors sitting by the stove or fireplace.



At the turn of the century, travel was by buggy, cart, or horseback.

Tuberculosis was prevalent. Most counties had a sanatorium, and a nearby county home for invalids and the mentally ill. Syphilis and other venereal diseases were prevalent and no effective treatment was available. Syphilis was responsible for 10 to 20 percent of the patients in mental institutions. The disease is now under control.

Communicable diseases were responsible for many, many deaths among young children—diphtheria, whooping cough, scarlet fever, diarrhea. Sibling contacts were barred from school for 30 days. The health department posted a large contagious disease sign by the front door of the home. These diseases have been controlled by immunizations, sanitation, refrigeration, household water supply, etc. Federal, state and local public health programs once concerned with contagious disease control are now focused on problems of old age.

Today most physicians practice in small groups. This plan saves each doctor from being on call every day of the week and every weekend. Moreover, when a person needs medical attention, the doctor will not go to the home, but tells the patient to come to the emergency room. There he may be kept for several hours and then released with a bill of several thousand dollars. If admitted to the hospital for a few days, he will have another bill of several thousand dollars.

There is a big difference in the cost of hospital care then and today. For example, even as late as March 1936, the charge for a labor case in the Memorial Hospital was: room, 10 days, \$50.00; Laboratory fee, \$2.00; medicine, \$.20; maternity room, \$10.00; care of baby, \$5.00; and special nurse's board, \$15.00; totalling \$82.20. In July 1938, the charge for a tonsillectomy case was: room, 1 day, \$5.00; operating room, \$5.00; visitor's cot, \$1.00; and visitor's meal, \$.50; totaling \$11.50.

O.L. Ader, M.D.
April 1991



Dr. Ader's 1926 Chevrolet Coupe was a total loss at only 13,000 miles due to poor roads.

Clubs and Organizations

In the beginning of the settlements of our area, the church filled the need for social activity, but as the town expanded, fraternal and civic organizations became an integral part of the community. The early social activities of Walkertown can only be surmised. From the late 1890's-early 1900's, we have only oral history and dim memories.

The Walkertown Junior Order was at one time the town's premier organization, owning its own meeting hall, the two-story building, until remodeling, now occupied by Bolen Heating and A/C Co., Inc. on Main Street. This fraternal organization was a benevolent civic force at the turn of the century. For example, they gave the site on which Walkertown's first High School was built. A pity it died of ageing membership after World War I.

The town also had a National Grange Chapter which became inactive because of changes in the economic and social structure (decline in farming activities).

For the women in the community, the Demonstration Club was an active organization in this area. It was sponsored by the North Carolina Extension Service. Miss Alice McQueen was the County Extension Agent that directed its activities. Programs dealt with topics pertaining to homemaking, such as: food preparation, canning, yard improvement, gardening, labor saving equipment for the household, child care, sewing, etc.

Mrs. Elizabeth Leight Tuttle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Leight, succeeded Miss McQueen as Forsyth County Extension Agent and was an effective leader until her death in 1960. She was cited by the Department of Agriculture twice (two separate years) for Superior Service. Under her leadership the 4-H Clubs in Forsyth expanded greatly. There was an active 4-H Club in Walkertown.

Also, there was a Federated Woman's Club organized, probably, in the 1920's and continued through the 1950's or 1960's. Their programs were directed toward cultural and school activity and civic projects. (One money-raising project Jo Hawkins Walker remembers her mother being involved in, was a production in the Old Walkertown School, when it was almost new, a very elegant *Miniature Wedding* and all the participants were young children. She reported, "My brother, maybe six years old then, was Best Man and wore a fabulous white satin suit.") The Woman's Club did much to support the schools; in fact, the Woman's Club was used as an excuse to discourage a P.T.A. organization for several years.

Parent Teacher Association

In the late 1930's a Parent Teacher Association was organized at the Walkertown School which had classes from the first grade through eleventh or twelfth grade. There has been an organization at the school even as it expanded. The P.T.A. heartily supports projects pertaining to improvement of schools including a Volunteer Program, Fund-Raisers, Book Fair, etc.

President of Walkertown Elementary School P.T.A. for the 1990-91 school year was Marjie and David Shields; at Walkertown Middle School P.T.A. president for the year 1990-91 was John Cook; for 1991-92, Janet Malechuk.

Girl Scouting

Girl Scouting was founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, Georgia. In 1917, the first Girl Scout activities had made their way to the Winston-Salem area. According to *Trails of Girl Scouting in the Tarheel Triad*, it was not until 1948 when they first appeared in the Walkertown community. A scrapbook kept by Mrs. Mildred Hamm in 1948 for Troop #1 details some of the Girl Scout activities being provided in the Walkertown area.

From 1948-1968 the Walkertown Girl Scouts were under the jurisdiction of the Pilot Area Girl Scout Council, Inc. In 1968 the Keyauwee, North Carolina Piedmont and Pilot Area Girl Scout Councils merged to form the Tarheel Triad Girl Scout Council, Inc. Tarheel Triad consists of thirteen counties in the Piedmont Area. The Girl Scouts in the Walkertown area are sponsored by Love's United Methodist Church's Wesleyan Circle. They and the Girl Scouts from Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church combine to make up Service Unit #40.

The Girl Scout program in Walkertown offers troops for girls five to seventeen years of age. They currently have Daisy Girl Scouts, Brownie Girl Scouts, Junior Girl Scouts, Cadette Girl Scouts, and Senior Girl Scouts. The troops have been active in many community and state affairs. They have been involved with Pelicare Nursing Home, flag ceremonies for community events, the Governor's Page Program, Program Aides at Camp Seven Springs, Counselor-in-Training at Keyauwee Program Center, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Special Olympics, and Wider Opportunity. Since 1986, 16 Cadette Girl Scouts have earned the Silver Award, the highest in Cadette Girl Scouting, and 4 Senior Girl Scouts have earned the Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting.

Boy Scouting

If there were any Boy Scout Troops in Walkertown before the early 1950's, it is lost in obscurity. Troop 936 was formed at that time, and the first Scout Master was Horace Swain; second, R.O. Sawyer; third, John Scott; fourth, Paul Gilgo; fifth, Horace Voss; sixth, Ray Warren; seventh, Richard Dunnegan; and eighth, James Drye.

Since 1960 the United Methodist Men of Morris Chapel United Methodist Church have sponsored the troop.

The number of boys in Walkertown and surrounding area who have been members of this troop are too numerous to name, and unfortunately no records have been kept of their names. The Old Hickory Council has kept a record of the boys who completed Eagle and God and Country. To be an Eagle, a scout has to have 24 merit badges and complete a service project to the community. To receive God and Country, a boy has to take a course usually taught by his pastor. Any minister is accepted. The course usually takes 12 months. Following are the Walkertown Eagles, as listed by the Old Hickory Council:

Phillip Ashburn, 1965; C. Frank Scott, 1966; Daniel Martin, 1967; Robin Wilson, 1968; Anthony Idol, 1968; Bryan Medlin, 1968; Joseph Medlin, 1971; Gary Hutchins, 1971; John "Lex" Scott, 1972; Wesley Hutchins, 1973; Clyde Hoots, 1973; Randall Daniels, 1974; George Guyer, 1974; William Voss, 1974; Paul Gilgo, 1974; William Taylor, 1974; William Mitchell, 1974; Lee Murray, 1974; Norman Herndon, 1978; Charles R. Warren, 1979; James Alexander, 1981; Cary Fulp, 1983; Michael Warren, 1983; Frank Grubbs, 1984; Darrell Westmoreland, 1984.

Following are the boys who received God and Country awards, as listed by the Old Hickory Council:

Phillip Ashburn, 1966; Mark Guyer, 1971; Gary Hasrings, 1971; Daniel Martin, Bryan Medlin, 1971; Joseph Medlin, 1971; C. Frank Scott, 1971; John "Lex" Scott, 1973; William Taylor, 1973; William Voss, 1973; Lee Murray, 1973; Mike Guyer, 1973; Dean Duggins, 1973; Charles R. Warren, 1980.

The summer camp of the Old Hickory Council, known as Camp Lassiter was originally located in the Walkertown area off Camp Betty Hastings Road. When R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company gave Raven Knob to the Old Hickory Council, the camp was converted into the Walkertown Community Center. Troop 936 continued to use the facilities of old Camp Lassiter, until the property was sold by the town of Walkertown in the late 1980's.

Gilmer Whicker, a Walkertown native, was Scout Master of Troop 924 at Reynolda Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem for over 20 years. His

troop was one of the largest in Forsyth County and produced many Eagles.

In 1988 Troop 936 was discontinued, and the Walkertown Boy Scouts are now known as Troop 921.

(Information gathered by William Horace Voss, Sr.)
(Material by Old Hickory Council, Personal knowledge)
(1991)



Phillip Ashburn awarded the God and Country Award

A Boy Scout Troop, not mentioned above, has come to light by way of memories of two surviving members, H. Gray Swain and William M. Young; and documented by a membership card issued to H.C. Hawkins, (deceased, 1985), signed by Scoutmaster J.F. Scott and W.E. VaughnLoyd, Scout Executive for Winston-Salem Region of the Boy Scouts of America, Troop #24, Walkertown, N.C., Issue date October 14, 1933.

Another remembered Scoutmaster was Rev. J.J. Wood, Minister Morris Chapel United Methodist Church; other members of the troop were: Frank Binkley, Max Strader, George Pegram, Robert Hawkins, Harvey Cranfield (deceased), Leonard Warner (deceased), Ed Pegram (deceased).

American Legion Post #149

The Walkertown Post #149 applied for a charter August 10, 1945 which was granted August 25, 1945 with the following members from both World War I and World War II (some members were already active in other nearby posts): Noah L. Whicker, Ben A. Holder, James B. Fulp, Houston C. Pegram, Togo Idol, J.F. Scott, Rev. J.E. Pegram, Lawrence M. Jones, Paul E. Bennett, James M. Mecum, Marcus P. Waggoner, Albert E. Dillon, Matt Fulp, John C. Young, and Johnny M. Grindstaff.

After two years of activity a permanent charter was granted on September 4, 1947 with the following officers:

Commander	Thomas A. Ayers
Vice-Commander	James B. Fulp
Adjutant	Dewey L. Whicker
Finance Officer	Roger S. Flynn

Clubs and Organizations (continued)

Chaplin	Paul E. Bennett
Sergeant-at-Arms	James M. Neal, Jr.
Historian	James B. Fulp
Service Officer	James M. Mecum
Publicity Officer	Leonard E. Warner

An interesting note on the request for the charter:

"Our greatest need at present is for a Community House and most of our money projects are for that cause. We have a baseball team in summer and basketball in winter."

Present membership is twenty-six with the following officers:

Commander	L. Smith Flynn
Finance Officer	John R. Redmon
Adjutant	Robert E. Reid

(1991)

Walkertown Memorial Post #10471 Veterans of Foreign Wars

INSTITUTED—March 16, 1980

FIRST POST COMMANDER—James F. Morris

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP—63

PRESENT POST OFFICERS:

Commander	John G. VanHoy, Jr.
Sr. Vice Commander	Richard Tuttle
Jr. Vice Commander	Jessie Lawson
Quartermaster Adjutant	Ralph Rash
Post Surgeon	Dr. John B. Garrett
Post Advocate	Ronnie Chance
Post Chaplain	Elwood Bullins
Post Trustees	Melvin Hogan
	James Eller

CONSTITUTION

(Adopted at Pittsburgh, Pa., September 15-16, 1914)

PREAMBLE

We, officers and enlisted men, and honorably discharged officers and enlisted men of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps of the United States of America, who have served in Foreign Wars of the United States of America, do unite to establish a permanent organization, which shall be known as Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

This, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America, was organized by the amalgamation of the Army of the Philippines, American Veterans of Foreign Service and the Army of the Philippines, Cuba and Puerto Rico on September 14 to 17, 1914, at Pittsburgh, Pa.

ARTICLE 1—OBJECTS

The objects of this association are fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational, to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members, to assist worthy comrades, to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead and to assist their widows and orphans, to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws, to foster true patriotism, to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies whomsoever.

Walkertown Lions Club

The Walkertown Lions Club was organized on March 23, 1948, and chartered on June 3, 1948 with 37 members. The sponsoring club was Kernersville. Lion District Governor Francis E. Walker presented the charter.

Officers of the club were: President, John A. Walker; Vice-presidents, I.W. Straughn, Clarence Dean, George Leight; Secretary-Treasurer, Ernest Idol; Lion Tamer, H.B. Hill; Tail Twister, Conrad Robertson; Tail Twister-Elect, Clyde Auman; Charter Night Chairman, William H. Duttweiler. The four directors were: James Gant, Drewery Warner, Thomas Ayers, and J.F. Scott. Members besides the officers included Ivan Idol, Ralph Tuttle, A.A. Bowman, Kermit Wall, Tommy Waggoner, T.H. Swafford, P.H. Booe, James Fulp, P.L. Sapp, Sam Carter, Jesse Grubbs, Irvin Sell, Olin G. Fritz, Irvin Neal, Robert Hutcherson, Tam Church, H.D. Steward, Lester Valentine, Richard Hedrick, Jonathan Gant, Wilford Headen, Lacy Fair, Fred Martin, and John Kapp.

John H. Kalte, a director of Lions International, was present for Charter Night Ceremonies. There were a large number of guests from other Lions Clubs, particularly the Kernersville Club.

PAST PRESIDENTS: John A. Walker, 1948; Tam A. Church, 1949; Ashburn Ayers, 1950; Bill Duttweiler, 1951; Bob Hutcherson, 1952; Wilbur Hartman, 1953; Lloyd Swain, 1954; Clarence Dean, 1955; Herman Steward, 1956; Kermit Wall, 1957; J.C. Fulp, 1958; Gray Swain, 1959; Jesse Grubbs, 1960; R.O. Sawyer, 1961; Ralph Landreth, 1962; Earl R. Parker, 1963; Ben A. Slate, 1964; Irvin P. Neal, 1965; Lewis Snyder, 1966; H. Glenn Holsopple, 1967; Paul Gilgo, 1968; Harold L. Warner, 1969; Bobby Wilson, 1970; Ralph O. Grubbs, 1971; Wm. M. Young, 1972; C.O. McLamb, 1973; John A. Lowder, 1974; David Martin, 1975; Roy Southern, 1976; Harvey Dillon, 1977; Hank Oosthoek, 1978; Buddy

Guerry, 1979; Jerry Isley, 1980; Bobby Wooten, 1981; Don Whicker, 1982; Harry Boles, 1983; Thomas Sacrinty, 1984; John B. Wall, 1985; Walt Wilson, 1986; David Freeman, 1987; Dewey Bowman, 1988; John Samuel, 1989; Ray Warren, 1990.

For the year 1990-1991, the Lions Club activity budget (helping others) is \$12,000. The membership is now forty.

Walkertown Civic Club

The Walkertown Civic Club was organized on April 22, 1948 to bring together at frequent intervals those who are interested in civic betterment of any nature in the Walkertown School District.

The charter and by-laws specifically refer to schools, churches, general health, social and recreational activities, and items of public interest as facets of community life to be addressed and supported.

The 24 charter members were: Eugene Ashburn, Ralph Barrow, John R. Boles, Clarence Davis, Carl Dean, Foy Disher, Orville Dillon, Rufus Duggins, Frank Flynn, Ty Grubbs, Boyd Idol, Spencer Jones, Albert Martin, Curtis Pegram, Eugene Rader, Clarence Roberson, Conrad Roberson, Rev. T.H. Swafford, Howard Vanhoy, Euby Vaughn, Joe Vaughn, Bill Welch, Robert West, and Bill Young.

The first officers were: President, Boyd Idol; Vice-President, Conrad Roberson; Secretary, Bill Young; Treasurer, Joe Vaughn; Recording Secretary, Bill Welch; and Assistant Treasurer, Carl Dean. The present membership in 1991 numbers eighty-four.

The Civic Club was heavily involved in earlier years: in the work for street names, fire department, water system, new post office building, bank, new doctor, dentist, and drug store.

(1991)

Walkertown Boosters' Club

The Walkertown Boosters' Club was a dream of a few citizens of our community during the winter of 1965. Their concern was the youth of the Walkertown Community and their future needs for leadership in organized athletics. It was felt that this leadership, then and now, was not just a requirement, but a necessity for our youth to become good solid Christian citizens and to be able to cope with the highly competitive problems of life that they will face in this world today and tomorrow.

An organizational meeting of eight persons was held in March 1966 at a local barber shop to formalize plans as to the direction which should be taken to achieve our goal. As a result of several meetings held in March and April 1966, the constitution and by-laws for the Walkertown Wolfpack Booster Club was approved on April 29, 1966 by the fifteen char-

ter members. The purpose and objective set forth in the constitution and by-laws are to promote youth welfare through organized athletics and to establish a program encouraging scholastic achievement, physical fitness, fair play, and Christian ideals.

In the fall of 1966, they sponsored the Wolfpack Pee Wee and the Midget football teams and a group of cheerleaders and majorettes. A total of 60 boys and forty girls participated in the 1966 football program. The Boosters' Club had 30 members.

Also, in the winter of 1966 and 1967, in cooperation with the Walkertown Family YMCA, the Club opened the Walkertown Elementary Gym for a basketball program for adults and children of the community.

In 1967, our football program was increased by sponsoring a Junior Pee Wee team and a group of Dancing Boots. With the addition of a bantam team and the increased girls' activities, our football program had 140 boys and 150 girls.

Also in 1973, the Booster Club sponsored a sanctioned National Little League baseball program. The baseball program was highly successful for a first-year attempt with good participation from the youth and tremendous encouragement and support of the adults. The baseball program consisted of 188 youths, making up 14 chartered teams. In 1973 the organizing of our baseball program was started with our boundaries, constitution and by-laws and a national charter.

In 1983, the Dixie Fast Pitch Softball league was started for girls. The ages range from 5 to 20 years old. The Debs, ages 16-19 have been to the World Series twice; the Belles, ages 13-15, have been twice; the Ponytails, ages 10-12, have been three times.

Dixie Softball now has six girls playing fast-pitch softball in college.

Today the football program has 250 girls and boys; baseball has 220 boys; and Dixie Softball has 110 girls.

(Information taken from the 1973 Boosters' Club yearbook written by the late P.B. Martin, Lou Needham, Dixie Softball, Jerry Royal; Little League Baseball, Jerry Tuttle, [N.W.F.L.]



Dixie Softball Team—1990

Clubs and Organizations (continued)

Walkertown Area Merchants Association, Inc.

The Walkertown Area Merchants Association, Inc. was founded in October 1985. The Association is currently 54 members in strength.

The Merchants Association projects include:

1. Spring Barbeque Fund Raiser
2. Spring Community Carnival at Centre Stage
3. Walkertown's Fall Festival
4. Christmas Streetlight decorations
5. Walkertown Christmas Parade
6. Business Partner for Walkertown Middle School
7. Walkertown Youth Sports Programs

The Walkertown Area Merchants Association is best known for its sponsorship of the Walkertown's Fall Festival. The Festival is traditionally held on the fourth Saturday of September. On September 28, 1991, the 6th Annual Festival is scheduled to be held. Bobby Wilson, Entertainment Chairman, has traditionally brought fine programming to this event.

In 1987, the Walkertown Area Merchants Association, Inc. started the Christmas Light Decoration Program. Six thousand dollars were spent to wire the system, and Kernersville's prior decorations were obtained for use in Walkertown. The decorations were refitted and served the Town for three years. In 1990 the Association spent \$5,000 for 25 new decorations and in 1991 spent \$2,500 for 12 more decorations.

The Walkertown Area Merchants Association supports the youth of our community with annual donations to the Boosters' Club Football Program, Dixie Softball, and Little League Programs. The Association is proud to be the Business Partner for the Walkertown Middle School. There is an annual expenditure of over \$1,000 for the program.

Past Presidents of the Association include:

- 1986—C.A. "Curley" Williams
- 1987—Geraldine Wood
- 1988—Dr. David R. Heath
- 1989—Harry A. Boles
- 1990—John Cook
- 1991—Linda K. Jones

The Walkertown Area Merchants Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization with an annual budget of over \$25,000.

Walkertown Garden Club

In February (the second Tuesday) 1963, a group

of Walkertown women met at the Community Center Clubhouse for an organizational meeting of the Walkertown Garden Club. The following officers were elected: President, Nancy Garrett; Vice-President, Fannie Mecum; Treasurer, Etta Young; Secretary, Elizabeth (Lib) Neal. There were twenty or so members.

This club was sponsored by the YMCA program in Walkertown at that time, and was quite active for a few years. Projects included planting tulips at the Community Center off Camp Betty Hastings Road, planting a memorial Japanese Cherry Tree at the Walkertown School in memory of Mrs. H.C. Martin, and participation in monthly flower displays with the Federation of Garden Clubs. The last minutes of the club were dated October 1971; it discontinued for various reasons: demands of the Federation of Garden Clubs, members lost interest, members' deaths, etc.

(Present) Walkertown Garden Club

* The present Walkertown Garden Club organized May 1985 in the fellowship hall of Morris Chapel United Methodist Church. The first officers were: President, Nancy Garrett; Vice-President, Taffy Jordan; Secretary, Peggy Ziglar; Treasurer, Doris McLamb; Program Planners, Margaret Orrell and Evelyn Roberts. There are eighteen members. The club meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

A list of Club projects includes: planting flowers in four different areas in Walkertown every spring; in February, preparing Valentine treats for shut-ins in the Walkertown area; and a plant exchange for the members every spring.

Excellent monthly programs are planned. In December each member makes a Christmas wreath for her home under the direction of Margaret Orrell and Evelyn Roberts.

Jewel Stewart and Doris Wilson have won ribbons at the Dixie-Classic Fair in Winston-Salem for their beautiful roses entered for the club.

The Athenian Book Club

The Athenian Book Club was organized August 3, 1939 at the home of Mrs. Jack Marshall. Mrs. Cecil Fussell and Mrs. Ferne Y. Bishop were early presidents. Other charter members were: Mrs. Hayes Marshall, Miss Cora Mecum, Miss Fannie Mecum, Miss Jennie Mecum, Miss Kate Morris, Mrs. Grace Sapp, Mrs. Edith Waggoner, and Mrs. Ruth Morris. Mrs. Doris N. Wilson is the 1990-1991 president.

Even though Walkertown has produced no presidents or governors, we have several people who have been elected to government offices, beginning with Sam Waggoner, Regulator, appointed Stokes County Commissioner. To name a few: County Commissioners: T.A. Crews, Leonard Warner, Richard Linville. State Legislators: Squire Marshall, Nat S. Crews, Mike Decker. Superior Court Judge: John H. Clement.

A brief trip through memory lane with Mr. Charlie Vanhoy (age 101 at death—May 26, 1991) recalled tent meetings with the likes of "Thunderbolt Par-due" to medicine shows and carnivals being held on the town square (the Crews' Factory vacant lot). In addition, music, instrumental or vocal, was cause for a large get together. One local quartet composed of Johnny Clemmons, Frank Fulton, Jim Jones, and Charlie Vanhoy were highly recommended by the extensive traveler, Mr. John Waddell. Over the years, there have been other groups who were equally outstanding who are not named for lack of space. The Rev. Tom Southern, who combines his preaching with Gospel music, is continuation of this tradition.

Several folks, who are roughly a quarter of a century younger than Mr. Vanhoy, remember the unorganized events that we looked forward to with pleasure—the barn raisings, the wheat threshings, and the corn huskings that were seasonal events where neighbors shared needed chores on their farms (work swapping) and we town(?) boys gladly went to help our relatives and schoolmates, to share the good cooking and hear the tall tales, and, of course, work.

Phillip Carmichael once told of cattle drives from the mountains down the Old Hollow Road that stopped overnight at McGee's watering hole (at McGee's Road); the drivers at daybreak shouting to round up the cattle and then their passage through town. Frank (Brer) Fulton remembers turkey drives.

Some fellows remember farmers carrying their tobacco to Winston-Salem Auction Warehouses often stopped to camp overnight in the Leight's Grove where the fire station, service station and Auto Store are now located.

There are numerous stories of auto accidents; some humorous, some tragic. Would you believe a "Moon" collided with a "Star" at Sullivantown Road and Main Street?

Walkertown had the first paved road in the county. It began at the end of Liberty Street, (city limits of Winston-Salem, end of the street car track, the Fair Grounds), as a wide concrete road over what was then the double Branches that spawned a

Chemical Plant (this area is now Smith-Reynolds airport); past the T.B. Hospital, the County Home, across the railroad crossing into Ogburn Station, where it divided into the unpaved Rural Road and the Walkertown Road which was a single lane macadam road with broad shoulders on both sides for passing (a portion of this road is visible back of houses on the west side of the underpass); it went into Walkertown over a railroad crossing at the rear of the town office into what is now Sullivantown Road.

Although this good road was in place, mass transportation was not—Mrs. Lizzie Jones Isley (age 93) remembers a special Love's Church picnic riding the train with family, friends and church members to Winston where they caught a street car to Nissan Park which was located in what was then Woughtown.

Mrs. Birchie Leight Mecum (Mrs. J.M. Mecum) was honored with a special award and certificate for 50 years membership and service in the Homemakers Club at the National Extension Convention at Morganton, West Virginia, August 12, 1976. Mrs. Mecum was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Leight.

Here is something else very impressive from our past! Look at this list of Championship Sports Teams from Walkertown High School (and there may have been others that weren't discovered):

- 1916 Boy's Basketball
Forsyth County Champions
- 1930 Girl's Basketball
Forsyth County Champions
- 1932 Boy's Basketball
Forsyth County Champions
- 1939 Soccer
Forsyth County Champions
- 1940 Baseball
Forsyth County Champions
- 1941 Boy's Basketball
Forsyth County Champions
- 1942 Football
Forsyth County Champions
- 1942 Boy's Basketball
Journal-Sentinel Champions
- 1942 Girl's Basketball
Journal-Sentinel Champions
- 1943 Girl's Basketball
Forsyth County Champions
- 1948 Girl's Basketball
Journal-Sentinel Champions
- 1949 Girl's Basketball
Forsyth County Champions

Miscellany (continued)



1916 Boys' Basketball Forsyth County Champions



1930 Girls' Basketball Forsyth County Champions



1939 Soccer Forsyth County Champions



Football Forsyth County Champions

Miscellany (continued)



1948 Girls Basketball Journal-Sentinel Champions

Do you remember when BASEBALL was the King of Sports in Walkertown?—There were numerous good baseball players, many were professional-caliber. No records of these teams, school or community, have been submitted.

Abe Fulp, whose house is on Leight Street, and who many remember as one of the better builders of the town, told this story that illustrates the bounty of the 1900 forests: When he was employed by Fogle Brothers of Winston to help in the construction of the Dr. Hammack house in 1906-07, the superintendent threw out every piece of lumber with a knot. Mr. Fulp was able to salvage and use these throwaways in many structures that are still in use today.

Remembering brings to mind Sam White's Wood-working Shop on Harley Drive. Mr. White made swings, lawn furniture, and apple boxes. He instilled in many young Walkertonians an interest in wood-working.

Maxine Walker became one of the first, if not the first, female pilot in the Walkertown area when she completed ground school and flight training of the C.A.B. in 1940. This led to a career in aviation for Maxine. She retired as tower control operator in Richmond, Virginia.



1955 Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament

Miscellany (continued)

Bicentennial Celebration Report

March 6, 1991. Tree-Planting. (Weather report—Rain! Rain! Rain!)

The weather was wonderful for trees if you planted them on March 5th. It was a miserable day for people to be out. Mayor Swain *had* planted two Memorial trees March 5th and a few brave souls came to the dedication which had been moved to the Fellowship Hall of Love's United Methodist Church. The Rev. Douglas Shuff had devotionals; Mayor Gray Swain introduced the speaker, State Representative Mike Decker. Those in attendance heard enlightened remarks re: the value of trees to our environment.



Tree Planting Ceremony

March 2, 1991. The deadline for the Essay, Art, and Motto contests was extended three weeks. The winners were:

Grades K-2 Essay—Daniel Lasley

Grades 3-5 Essay—Celestee Peace

Adult—Connie French

Art—(Juror— Dorothy Nowell)

1st Place—Mrs. Grace Grogan Ward

2nd Place—Hank Oosthoek

3rd Place—Connie French

Motto—Connie French

April 20, 1991. Wama's Barbeque and Arts Advisory Committee's Gospel Sing went on schedule, but, again, the Weatherman did not cooperate. Most people did what everybody present wished they had done—stayed home! The barbeque was delicious and the music great.

May 4, 1991. A Day in the Park. This day was wonderful—no complaints about the weather. The people who were there had a great time. There was a well planned program. The kids had fun with old-

fashioned games; and, there were adults that excelled in horseshoes. Civic Club's hot dogs and hamburgers and dill pickles were super, too.

May 18, 1991. Bob Gant Organ Concert, Walkertown Elementary School. What a wonderful evening of music—one only had to listen a few moments to realize why Dr. Bob Gant is a nationally recognized organist. He and his three-member group, Ann Squirek, harpist; Scott carpenter, organist; and Adam Yarborough, soprano, created an exciting program. Bob had dedicated this program to deceased members of his family. It was a wonderful way to say "I remember you!"

June 13, 1991. Make Mine Country. The Country band from Kernersville made it a lucky evening for scores of Walkertonians who came to the park to relax and listen. Bob Wilson does such a good job of planning these Music in the Park evenings!

June 14, 1991. Flag-Raising Ceremony. 10:00 a.m. Town Hall. You missed it? Too bad! The flag was raised on the pole that had been used in the front of our Old Walkertown School. Reserve Marine Sgt. Steve Amos, assisted by VFW member Ralph Rash, raised the U.S. flag that had flown over the U.S. Capitol and had been given to Walkertown by Representative Steve Neal. Besides the Flag-Raising Ceremony, the program included: Opening, Mayor H. Gray Swain; Invocation, Dr. James Weekly, Love's United Methodist Church; Speaker, Bill Roberts, Chairman, Forsyth County Library System. Refreshments were compliments of the Bicentennial Committee.



Flag-Raising Ceremony

The following events will complete the 200th anniversary celebration

August 8 **EVENING IN THE PARK** Darrow Road
Enjoy the music!

August 24 **A BIRTHDAY PARTY**
Celebrate the Town of Walkertown's Incorporation Date, August 22, 1984. There will be a parade, lunch, birthday cake and entertainment. The parade will end at the school stadium where the festivities will continue.

September 12 **EVENING IN THE PARK** Darrow Road
Enjoy the music!

September 28 **FALL FESTIVAL**
Enjoy the food and friendship. Purchase Bicentennial Commemorative items at the Town's booth.

October 6 **DR. LARRY TISE** will come to Love's United Methodist Church to speak and autograph the Church's historical books.
LOVE'S HOMECOMING

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING IN OCTOBER

Historical Wonderful Wednesdays with guest speakers. All speaking on the Methodist history in our area.

November 24 **BISHOP BEVERLY JONES**—Love's United Methodist Church

November 30 Bundle up and come out to watch the Walkertown Annual **CHRISTMAS PARADE**

December 1 **COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**
Love's United Methodist Church. It's a special holiday tradition in honor and in memory of those persons who are serving or have served in the U.S. ARMED SERVICES.

December 28 Help wrap up the year's festivities with a **YEAR-END CEREMONY**. A time capsule will be buried. Watch for time and location.

Walkertown: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

A date on the calendar is not the determining factor to describe the essence of Walkertown, whether it is 1791 or 1891 or 1991 or even 2091. Walkertown is its people, and the good in them that hasn't changed over the years. Whether it is the historical or cultural heritage which creates this steadfast character, is unclear. But some things don't have to "change for the better." Some things are worth preserving as they are, as they have been.

These things are the caring people who offer assistance when seeing others in need; the ones who remember the courtesy of a "Good Day," greeting; the visitors to the lonely or ill. The town's officers, who desperately balance numbers and needs, facing someone's unhappiness no matter what they decide. The local shops, surviving in the shadow of the big city chain stores, by offering that individual smile and helpfulness. The children of Walkertown who stay on as adults, so unlike the traditional exodus from small communities.

These can't change the way a street's width can, or the facade of a building, the name over a shopfront. The people are the community. This is what will maintain the heritage that has become and will be Walkertown.

Connie French

Daniel Lasley } Walkertown

Walkertown is a neat place.

I Live in it.

It has neat places to work.

I have a neat school.

The end.

Why I like living in Walkertown

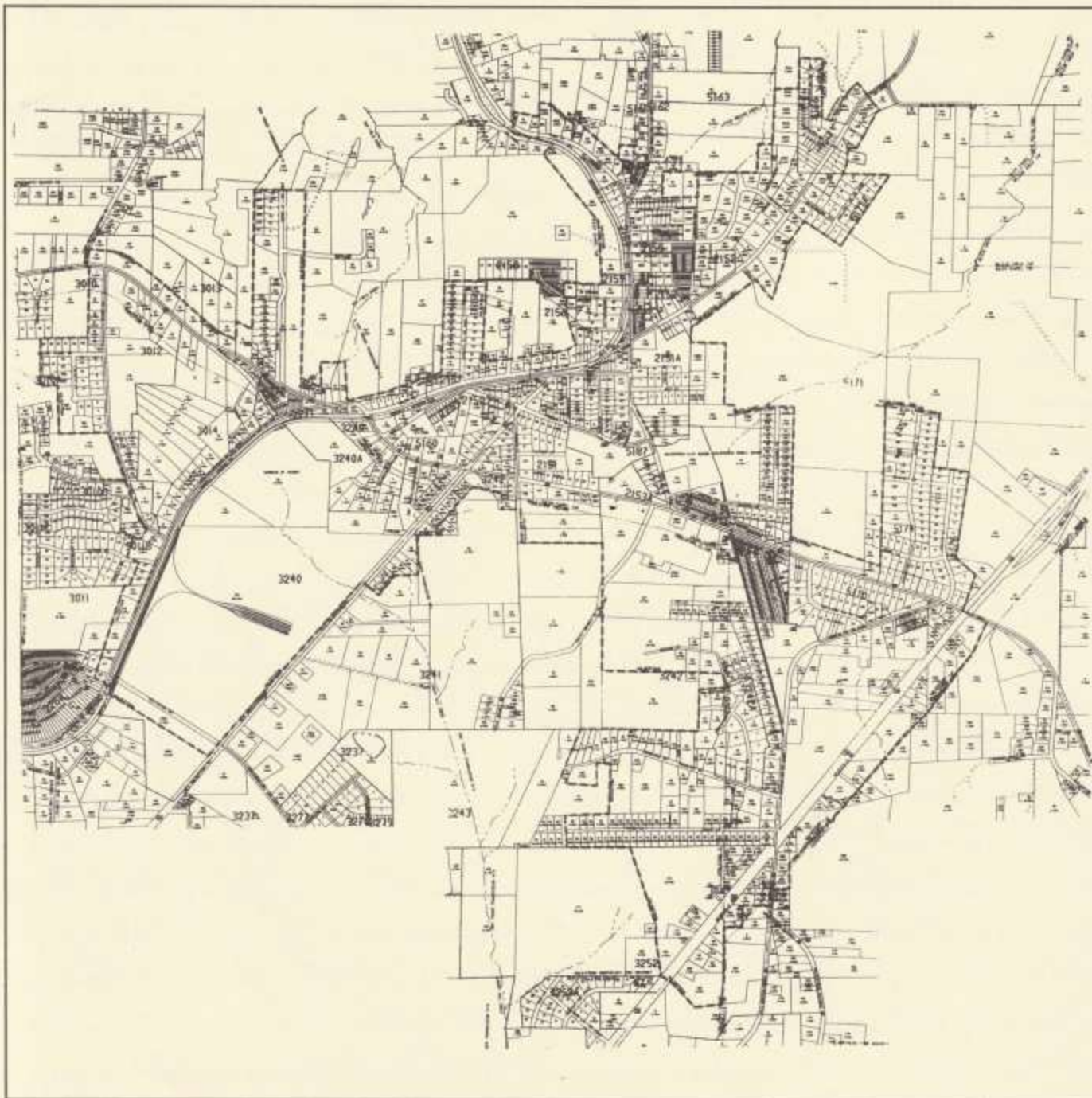
Hi my name is Celestee Peace and I am going to tell you why I like living in Walkertown. First, I will tell you a little bit about myself. My full name is Celestee Marie Peace. I am ten years old and I live on 2740 Old Hollow Rd in Walkertown, N.C. I have a step sister also. I go to school at Walkertown Elementary School.

Now I will tell you six reasons why I like living in Walkertown. The first reason is we have extra low prices in Walkertown's stores. The second reason is we have beautiful houses. The third reason is our rivers run clean, they are not polluted. The fourth

Reason is we have beautiful garden fields. The fifth reason is we have big parks where we don't have to provide our own equipment. Last but not least, the sixth reason is the reason our city is so beautiful is that our city has love, happiness, and joy.

The
End

by Celestee Peace
Rm. 319
Mrs. Robinson
WS/FC School



and fifty between John G. Hill, Esquire, High Sheriff of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina of the one part, and William Walker of the then County of Stokes now Forsyth the County of North Carolina, of the other part: Witnesseth, that whereas by virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, issuing from the County Court of Stokes County, against the goods and chattels, lands & tenements of the heirs of David Walker dec'd for the sum of one hundred & 33 dollars & 50 cents which said sum was recovered by Abner Walker as on record, may more fully appear; And whereas the said writ of Fieri Facias was directed and delivered to the said John G. Hill Sheriff as aforesaid, commanding him, that of the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of the said heirs of David Walker dec'd he cause to be made the sum of one hundred & 33 Dollars and cents as aforesaid; and for the want of goods and chattels, the said John G. Hill Sheriff, as aforesaid, in pursuance and by virtue of his Office, and the said Writ of Fieri Facias, have laid on a certain piece, or parcel of land, lying and being in the then County of Stokes now Forsyth and bounded as follows, to wit, Beginning at a Post Oak old Corner, run West Ninety three and a half poles Sowerwood, North one hundred and sixty poles to a dogwood East One hundred and forty poles Stakes, South thirty two degrees west One hundred poles Spanish Oak, South Ninety four poles to the Beginning, Containing One hundred acres &c. And the said John G. Hill Sheriff as aforesaid, after having duly advertised the aforesaid land, according to law, did cause the same, with all the appurtenances therunto belonging, to be put up at public sale, to the highest bidder, at the Court house in Germantown on the 2^d Monday of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & forty seven at which time and place Smith Walker became the last & highest bidder, at the sum of Ninety eight dollars and transferred his bid to W^m Walker for the said piece or parcel of land, with the appurtenances therunto belonging. This Indenture Therefore witnesseth, that the said John G. Hill Sheriff ^{of Stokes County} ~~doth hereby bargain~~ as aforesaid, for and in consideration of the said sum of Ninety eight dollars to him and paid by the said William Walker at and before the sealing and signing of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, he the said John G. Hill Sheriff, doth hereby bargain, sell alien, enfeoff, convey and confirm unto the said William Walker his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns forever, all the aforesaid heirs of David Walker dec'd right, title, claim or demand, of or in the aforesaid piece or parcel of land, with all the here ditaments and emoluments to the said belonging, or in any wise pertaining, to hold to him the said William Walker his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, forever, in as full and ample a manner as he the said Sheriff is empowered by virtue of his Office & the aforesaid Writ of Fieri Facias. And further, the said John G. Hill Sheriff doth hereby covenant promise and grant to and with the said William Walker, his heirs executors, administrators or assigns, that they shall and may lawfully to him and at all times hereafter, have, hold, occupy, possess and enjoy the premises with the appurtenances free and clear of and from all incumbrances: And