

Caroline Hite Walker

(11 May 1794 – 5 Jul 1880)

Walker. On Monday, July 5, 1880, Mrs. Caroline Hite Walker, relict of Samuel Purviance Walker, Esq. and daughter of the late Theodoric Lee of Virginia in the 87th year of her age. The funeral will take place from her late residence, 1722 I street n.w. on Wednesday the 7th inst. at 4 p.m. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend

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Death of Caroline Hite Walker

In another column appears the announcement of the death of Mrs. Caroline Hite Walker, one of our oldest and most esteemed residents. Mrs. Walker and her younger sisters, Mrs. Joseph Gales and Mrs. George W. May, whom she survived, were the daughters of Mr. Theodoric Lee of Virginia. These ladies were all noted for a high order of intelligence, and for unusual energy and fortitude of character, and equally eminent for Christian virtues, which won for them the reverence of the good and the blessings of the poor. Remarkable for personal beauty and refinement, to a dignified urbanity characteristic of a former generation, they united a winning grace which especially attracted the young. They all lived to an age far exceeding the Psalmist's limit of three score years and ten; in each instance a "green old age" of unimpaired faculties and a cheerfulness of spirit as beautiful as rare. Mrs. Walker was the mother of thirteen children, of whom only three daughters survive to mourn her loss.

Lee, Edward Jennings, MD, *Lees of Virginia, 1642-1892, The Descendants of Col. Richard Lee*, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1974, p. 373

Caroline Hite, married Samuel Purviance Walker, of Baltimore. Mr. Walker was of Irish birth, was educated abroad, came to America with his cousin, John, Robert, and Samuel Purviance; located at Baltimore, where he became a successful merchant. He moved to Washington about 1829-30, and resided there until his death; he had these thirteen children: William McCreery, Samuel Purviance, Sarah Catherine, Frances Caroline, Juliana Gales, Jane Josephine, John Hite, Rosa Lee, Theodoric Lee, Isabella, Elizabeth Agg, Letitia McCreery, Emily Montoya. Of these children only one survives, Juliana Gales, to whose kindness these notes are due. Of the sons, William McCreery was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, and was with the Wilkes exploring expedition, in his Antarctic cruise. Mrs. Walker lived till her 86th year in full possession of her faculties.