

## Lucy B. Walker

(15 Apr 1800 – 6 Oct 1870)

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### **Obituary**

Mrs. Lucy B. Walker, who departed this life on the 6th inst., at the residence of her son-in-law, Col. Samuel Cox, near Port Tobacco, Md., was one of the oldest and most highly esteemed residents of the eastern portion of the county of Washington, D.C.

She was the widow of Zachariah Walker, Esq., deceased, who, while a head clerk in the office of the Clerk of this county, and during the absence of the late Col. Wm. Brent with the army, rendered the remarkable service of having the land and other records of the county from being destroyed at the time of the conflagration of the Capitol, in 1814, on his own responsibility.

The residence of Mr. Walker, presided over by a lady of such genial manners and disposition, was a place of great resort-- proverbial for its hospitality and other attractions. Mrs. W. possessed great vivacity, and always delighted to have her friends around her. The poor, too, came in for a large share of her kindness and liberality. She was a most excellent woman-- amiable to all, and energetic in a remarkable degree.

She was interred in the Congressional Burial Ground by moonlight, Sunday, 9th inst. at 8 o'clock p.m., in consequence of the late hour at which the remains reached this city. As the full moon, by whose light the beautiful burial service of the Episcopal Church was distinctly read, shone down on the mournful band of friends assembled to pay the last sad tribute of respect to her memory, the scene was truly touching and imposing, and impressed all with a deep sense of the solemnity of the occasion.

The presence at that late hour, of several of the old family servants was a pleasing incident, attesting their attachment for their former mistress-- alike creditable to them and to her. They never knew her in any other character than that of a warm friend.