Thomas H. Walker

(22 Dec 1833 - 6 Jun 1915)

Walker. On Sunday, June 6, 1915, at 8:45 p.m., Thomas H., beloved husband of Sarah C. Walker, in the eighty-second year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, Herndon, Va. on Tuesday, June 8, at 12:30 o'clock. Interment at Congressional cemetery, Washington, D.C.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Walker, for a number of years residents of this city, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage yesterday from 2 to 6 o'clock at the residence of their son, Mr. A.T. Walker, at Herndon, Va.

The home was profusely decorated with smilax, chrysanthemums and greens and presented a most attractive appearance. Mr. and Mrs. Walker received in the spacious parlor, where several hundred friends and relatives extended congratulations and best wishes. The couple were the recipient of a handsome collection of presents which was displayed in the reception room. Numerous telegrams and letters of congratulation came from all sections of the country. A number of Washingtonians were present at the reception, returning on a special train from Herndon last evening.

Mr. Walker was one of Washington's most prominent business men for a number of years, but retired from active business about ten years ago. He was born in South Washington, December 22, 1833. He started business in that section when but twenty-three years old. When the first call was made for volunteers in 1860 in the District he enlisted, and after three months active service was honorably discharged. He was a member of the President's Mounted Guards. At the inauguration of President Lincoln he was one of the bodyguards and was one of the marshals at his funeral. In 1873, Mr. and Mrs. Walker removed to Floris, Va., where they have since resided.

Mrs. Sarah C. Walker, his wife, was born in this city in 1838 and is the daughter of the late John H. Tucker. They have seven living children and fifteen grandchildren. The living children are as follows: Mrs. Evan K. Stowell, wife of Mr. W.A. Stowell; Mr. F.R. Walker, Mrs. Florence O. Ayre, wife of Mr. W.M. Ayre, all of this city; Mr. E.T. Walker of Chicago, Mr. W.H. Walker, Mr. A.T. Walker and Mr. C.M. Walker, all of Virginia.

Among those present at the celebration were the following:

From Washington, D.C. -- Mr. and Mrs. William M. Ayre, Mrs. Edw. E. Ayre, Albert W. Ayre, Mr. Addison DuBois, Mrs. C.V. McClosky, Mrs. H.H. Lemon, Mr. and Mrs. A.S. Caywood, Mrs. A.M. Raub, Mrs. W.A. Stowell, W. Allen Stowell, Elsie E. Stowell, Sarah Stowell, Mr. and Mrs. H.K. Simpson, Mrs. Adele B. Thompson, Mrs. W.S. Thompson, Mrs. Virginia True, Mr. and Mrs. F.R. Walker, Kathryn Walker, Mr. W.T. Walker, Mr. R.A. Walker, Miss Anna Walker, Miss Mabel Walker, Mrs. Addie T. Walker, Mrs. Grace White.

From Herndon, Va. -- Mr. and Mrs. David Adams, Mr. and Mrs. P.B. Buell, Mrs. Arthur Buell, Mr. Isaiah Bready, Mrs. Alice C. Bowers, Mrs. Hannah Ballow, Miss Mary E. Castleman, Dr. and Mrs. Edw. Detwiler, Capt. Charles W. Dey, Mrs. A.M. Ellis, Miss Edith Fitzhugh, Capt. and Mrs. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huddleton, Mrs. A.L. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Lawrence, Mr. Isaac Long, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Miller, Mrs. Mankin, Rev. and Mrs. John McNabb, Mrs. Fannie Osgood, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Blanch Steel, Mrs. Irene Stearns, Mrs. M.J. Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Walker.

From Floris, Va. -- Mrs. H.H. Lyell, Mr. and Mrs. M.K. Stroud, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Walker, Florence Walker, Thomas T. Walker, Gilbert Walker, Edith Walker, C.M. Walker, jr., Paul H. Walker.

From Chantilly, Va. -- Mr. Conrad Shear, Miss Lillian Shear.