

Walker Settlement

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This community is located in northern Brazos County. It was settled prior to the Civil War. Walker Settlement sometimes is referred to as Walker neighborhood or as Walker community. There was a school at this location. Confusion over whether Walker Settlement was a white or an African American community has arisen because African American residents of the area are buried in Walker Settlement Cemetery, while whites are buried in the Alexander Cemetery. Nonetheless, the name Walker Settlement has traditionally been used to refer to all residents living in this area, regardless of their race.

Thomas J. Fullerton and nine other petitioners (not named) requested on 21 February 1859 that a new road from Boonville to Wheelock be built through the Walker neighborhood; the jury of view for the road were James Walker, Thos. J. Fullerton and John Walker. (Brazos County Commissioners Minutes, Book A, page 31).

In 1875, a public road existed from Bryan to the Robertson County line by way of Walker's settlement. Brazos County Commissioners Minutes, Book B, page 123.

Bryan Pilot ... A son of Mr. Barnes, living in the Walker neighborhood, had a hand badly cut up in a gin a few days ago. Galveston Daily News, 2 September 1879, page 3

A jury of view was appointed to lay out a road to Walker Settlement, 20 February 1893. Brazos County Commissioners Minutes, Book E, page 190

We are informed that emancipation celebrations will be held today at the following places: Bryan, Boonville, Walker settlement, Benchley, Canaan church on the Little Brazos, Millican, Peach Creek, Salem Church near Mudville, near Myers and Tunis and at Cartwheel and on Wickson. Bryan Daily Eagle, 19 June 1896, page 4, col.1

"Walker Settlement," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 19 April 1900, page 1

"Walker Settlement," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 26 April 1900, page 3

J.H. Wilson is going to move to Walker settlement. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 22 November 1900, page 2

John McCallum and Carl Seely of the Walker Settlement called on the Eagle yesterday. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 22 March 1906, page 2

Uncle Steve Moss of the Walker Settlement was in town yesterday. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 5 April 1906, page 6

Joe Walker was here today from his home in the Walker settlement. Brazos Pilot, 19 April 1906, page 5

H.Z.T. Wilson and Joe B. Walker were in the city today from the Walker neighborhood. Brazos Pilot, 21 June 1906, page 5

Uncle Johnnie McCallum, T.J. Walker and Ezra Wilson were in the city from the Walker neighborhood today. Brazos Pilot, 21 June 1906, page 5

Lee Josey of Walker community was in Bryan on business yesterday. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 19 July 1906, page 3

George Walker, C.E. and George Wilson were in today from the Walker neighborhood. Brazos Pilot, 6 September 1906, page 1

W.D. Stallings and T.J. Walker of the Walker settlement, were in the city today. Brazos Pilot, 13 September 1906, page 5

T.R. Josey of the Walker settlement, was in the city today and added his name to the Pilot's subscription list. Brazos Pilot, 20 September 1906, page 5

Pearl and Johnny Walker were in town today from the Walker settlement. Brazos Pilot, 4 July 1907, page 5

H.Z.T. Wilson of the Walker neighborhood called on the Eagle yesterday. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 26 December 1907, page 5

News was received here yesterday of the serious illness of Mr. and Mrs. S.F. Harlan of the Walker neighborhood. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 16 January 1908, page 6

Tom Walker of the Walker neighborhood called on the *Eagle* while in the city yesterday. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 30 January 1908, page 3

Mr. A.Z.T. Wilson was here from the Walker settlement Thursday. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 21 January 1909, page 3

Mr. Dink Barnes, residing in Walker neighborhood north of Bryan, was trading here yesterday and paid the Eagle a pleasant call. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 10 June 1909, page 7

H.L. Wilson and son George of the Walker settlement, were in the city today and called on *The Eagle*. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 16 September 1909, page 5

Joe Walker was down today from the Walker settlement. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 7 April 1910, page 3.

“Bud Walker for Tax Assessor,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 5 May 1910, page 2. “Mr. W.H. (Bud) Walker ... was born and raised in the Walker settlement near Alexander Church, his father, Uncle Johnnie Walker, being a pioneer citizen of the county”

Joe Walker, of the Walker settlement, was able to be in town today. He is just recovering from a several weeks' illness. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 17 November 1910, page 8

Joe and George Walker, of the Walker settlement, were in the city today. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 27 July 1911, page 5

"Death of Mr. W.J. Walker," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 14 December 1911, page 2

Joe Walker was in town today from the Walker settlement. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 3 September 1914, page 5

"Mr. S.F. Harlan Dead," Bryan Weekly Eagle, 23 September 1915, page 7. At Walker Settlement.

"Mr. W.H. Walker Dead," Bryan Weekly Eagle, 9 December 1915, page 8

"Lightning Causes Fire to Destroy Mr. Stalling's Barn," Bryan Daily Eagle, 15 October 1920, page 1. In Walker community

"Bryan Briefs," Houston Informer, 22 November 1930, p.8, col.4. Deaths included Mrs. Martha Milligan, an African American woman, of Walker Settlement