

Many of the elder residents of Chautauqua Co. will undoubtedly remember and recognize the first of these names as that - (continued next page)

of one of the loyal sons whom, in the dark days of the Civil War, she sent to represent her on the battlefield and who laid down his life in the service of his country. The other name is familiar to three generations of the county's citizens as that of one who spent his life among them, always maintaining a reputation which insured him the sincere esteem and cordial liking of his neighbors and associates.

Gardner D. Walker was born in 1831, in Charlotte township, N. Y., and was a son of Jesse and Sarah (Hooker) Walker, both of whom were representatives of old agricultural families of the county. Gardner D. Walker was reared on the home farm, acquiring his education in local schools, and on reaching manhood was associated with his father in the management of the homestead until the echo of the guns bombarding Fort Sumter resounded through the land and the call of President Lincoln for volunteers thrilled the heart of every patriot. On Sept. 25, 1862, Mr. Walker enlisted, in Jamestown, for a term of three years' service, as corporal in Company F, 154th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Thomas Donley, and later Captain John G. Griswold, and Colonel A. G. Rice and later Colonel R. H. Jones. The regiment was assigned to the First Brigade and Division Corps, Army of the Potomac, and participated in the battle of Warrentown, after which it was ordered to German-town, and thence to Falmouth. It saw service in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, and it was in the last-named engagement, fought on the first three days of July, 1863, that Corporal Walker was taken prisoner. He was confined at Belle Island from July 3 until the advent of cold weather, when he was transferred to Libby Prison.

Meanwhile in his faraway home in the North, his young wife was anxiously waiting for news of her soldier husband. Corporal Walker had married Sophia C. Wright, born in Gerry township, N. Y., daughter of Alexis and Martha (Patty) (Dingman) Wright, residents of that township and members of two of its old families. Two children had been born to Mr. and Mrs. Walker: Emma J., now the wife of Frank Bushey, of Jamestown; and Gardner J., a farmer of Carroll township.

But never was the gallant young patriot to return to his waiting wife and their infant children. All too soon came the sad news that, on Jan. 31, 1864, he had breathed his last in captivity, a victim of starvation and exposure. All to whom he had ever been known mourned for him, for he was a young man of noble character and firm principles. He had been successively allied with the Whigs and Republicans, and of patriotism he gave the ultimate proof and made to it the supreme sacrifice.

David Rider was born in Livingston county, N. Y., in 1829, and was a son of Silas and Mahala (Dean) Rider. On reaching manhood he made farming his occupation, becoming, in the course of time, one of the leading agriculturists of Ellicott township. He was also highly esteemed as a citizen, being always one of the men to be counted on for aid in any project tending toward improvement of community conditions. He was a member of Ross Grange.

Mr. Rider married, Nov. 14, 1868, Sophia C. (Wright) Walker, widow of Gardner D. Walker, and

they became the parents of the following children: Alton A., of Falconer, N. Y.; Guernsey, of Erie, Pa.; Floyd, of Portville, N. Y.; and Leon, of Falconer, N. Y. Like her husband, Mrs. Rider belongs to Ross Grange, having served for six years as chaplain of that body. Since becoming a widow she has resided in Falconer, and despite her more than fourscore years takes an active interest in family and neighborhood affairs. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The death of Mr. Rider, which occurred Jan. 6, 1906, deprived his community of one of its best and most public-spirited citizens whose record is eminently worthy of perusal and preservation.

EARL R. MORRISON—A man who is very much to the fore in business circles in Jamestown is Earl R. Morrison. He has been a resident of that city since 1912, and in that time has made a host of friends both in a social way and in connection with his business, the Jamestown Panel Company, one of the successful enterprises in that city of prosperous industrial life.

Earl R. Morrison was born in Hamilton township, McKean county, Pa., May 22, 1883. His parents were Frank and Ella S. Morrison, the former a prominent manufacturer and banker, now living at Warren, Pa. Young Morrison was educated in the grammar and high schools of Warren, graduating from the latter. When he reached the age of nineteen he began his business career, entering the employ of his father in the Veneer and Panel Company of Warren. Here he gained an insight into commercial life, remaining in Warren until 1911, when he and a Mr. McCabe went to Salamanca and took over an old concern there, the Salamanca Panel and Veneer Company, and they reorganized it under the name of the Salamanca Panel Company. A year later they bought up the assets of the old Jamestown Panel and Veneer Company, converting it into the New Jamestown Panel Company. It was at this time that Mr. Morrison went to reside in Jamestown, being made manager of the newly organized company. Mr. Morrison is one of the directors of the Salamanca Panel Company, of the Jamestown Panel Company, and of the Warren Panel and Veneer Company. In the social side of the life of Jamestown Mr. Morrison is also active, being a member of the Jamestown Club and the Rotary Club, and he is a Knights Templar, being a thirty-second degree Free Mason and a member of the Shrine. He is also an attendant of and much interested in the Methodist church of Jamestown.

Mr. Morrison married, in Warren, Pa., June 1, 1911, Georgia Olmstead, a resident of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison have one child, Lillian, who is attending school in Jamestown.

THE JAMESTOWN PANEL COMPANY—In 1912, Frank Morrison, the president of the Warren, Pa., Panel and Veneer Company, established the Jamestown Panel Company at No. 34 Steele street, Jamestown. The concern was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York with the following officers: Frank Morrison, president; Thomas McCabe, vice-president; Earl R. Morrison, secretary and treasurer. They started business in a two story build-

G D Walker was 30 yrs. old when he enlisted.
1/2. He was 5'8" tall had blond hair & blue eyes,
according to muster Roll.

Concerning Gardner Darwin Walker Civil War

Gardner Darwin Walker enlisted
Aug. 28th, 1862 at Berry, Chautauque Co,
N. Y. Mustered into U.S. service at
Jamaica, N. Y. Sept. 25th 1862 as
Corporal for 3 years or during war in
Company D, 154th N. Y. Infantry Volunteers
Under Captains Donnelly and John J. Griswold.
Cols. A. J. Rice and P. H. Jones. The Regiment
was assigned to the 5th Brigade, 2^d Division,
1st Corp, Army of the Potomac and moved
to Warrenton, then to Germantown, Nov. 1
to 20th, at Palmyra till April 1863. Then
Fredricksburg Dec. 10th, Chancellorsville May 1
to 5th, 1863. Gettysburg July 1 to 3rd where
he was captured and confined on
Belle Isle from July 3rd to cold weather.
Then to Libby Prison where he died on
Jan. 31, 1864 on account of privation.

{ He was ill in hospital at Washington ~~Nov 7~~
to Dec. 1862 - according to muster Roll from
Chittis. Received no pay Sept. 24 to Oct. 31st, 1862.

Prisons

He was held on Belle Isle from
July till cold weather. There were only
a few tents and they lived mostly in
the open with some "lean-to" for pro-
tection from hot sun & storms in
summer & cold rain & wind in
fall. Belle Isle ^{was} in the James River
at the foot of 7th St., Richmond, Va. It

Crossing the ~~across~~ the ^{James River} Lee Bridge

can be seen from the Jefferson Lee Bridge. In 1786 when we were there, it was an abandoned ~~ore~~ ore quarry - brush etc.

Libby Prison, where Gordon ^{Walker} Davie died on Jan. 31st, 1864 of pri-
vation, was located at the corner of ^{high} Carey + 20th Sts. on a canal in Richmond. His wife, our great grandmother Sophia Catherine, told of ^{one} his last letters saying of how terribly cold & hungry they all were. They slept on the floor except ~~for~~ the ill were given cots. Sometimes they would get a thin, watery ^{greasy} soup. Once a week they had bacon which was soured or moulded or with maggots. They wolfed it down. They ate ~~any~~ insects - roaches, lugs ^{etc} and were especially lucky to catch a rat or snake which they divided. No wonder the Adjutant General's office of the War Dept stated "Died at Richmond, Va. of starvation and disease."

Libby was called "The Palace Prison of the Confederacy". The ^{South} ~~government~~ ^(comprised) ~~took~~ over a large manufacturing building - "Libby + Son, Ships, Chandlery + Groceries". It was 135 ft long, 105 ft ^{wide} + 3 stories high on Carey St. + 4 stories on Canal. It had nine rooms above ground and three rooms in damp basement. It was dis-
mantled ^{part} on display at the 1896 Chicago World's Fair. Then it was moved to N. Indiana ^{and} then torn apart + made into several ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~pieces~~ ^{pieces} used as rails in our town

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There is a book at the Richmond Va Public Library from which I copied the picture of Libby Prison, that tells in much more horrible detail of the eating, living and medical conditions at Libby Prison. It was supposed to hold 6,000 prisoners but there were 10,000 at end of war.

Internment in Richmond National Cemetery
Located 1701 Williamsburg Rd, Richmond Va. 23223 /

For over 100 yrs. none of the Walker family knew where Gardner Darwin Walker was buried. We followed many leads of the older members of the family but to no avail.

We found his name on a list of prisoners sent to Libby who had been at Libby Prison & his number 3204. We also found that the prisoners who died there were buried at various church & family Cemeteries in and around Richmond, Virginia. He was buried in either Oakwood or Hollywood Cemetery, when the Federal Gov. moved & reburied all prisoners in Richmond National Cem.

In moving the prisoners, papers were lost or mismatched because it was such a huge undertaking. We found in a listing from the Roll of Honor, Vol. 3, he is listed as Gardner B Walker #3204 Co. D, 154th Regiment, N. Y. Volunteers died Jan. 31st 1864. His name was not listed on any headstone in the Richmond National Cemetery. We did find the number 3204 marked "unburied". We asked why his name was not on the marker,

we were told they had no Gardner Darwin Walker only a Gardner B. Walker. We feel quite sure that this has to be our great grandfather's final resting place.

This picture is of grave # 3204. It is 3 rows N of speakers stand and one row East.

or maybe pension app.

In one of the Muster Rolls a Benjamin ~~W~~ Coaler's letter called him Private Walker. Gardner Darwin Walker was made a Corporal on the day he was mustered in because he was in charge of the men on the train leaving Jamestown.

I've included a write up of Gardner Darwin + Sophia Catherine Wright Walker. They had 2 children Emma Jane b. 11 April 1861 and Jesse Gardner Walker b. 12 May 1863. Therefore, He never saw his son.

Dear Sir, — Mark

This is all the information we have. So sorry it could not have been typed. Please use it in any order you like.

We do not believe his description from the Muster Roll is correct. There have been no blue eyed blonds in the Walker families. They also have been of large build & tall. His two pictures look as if he had dark hair. Hope this helps. Sincerely,
Mrs. D W Raistrick



Sophia C. Rider

Her first husband was Gardner Darwin Walker

Dear speaker stand Richmond National Cemetery.



3204 - Unknown. We found Gardner Walker's name on the list of "Roll of Honor" at St. Liberville with the pertinent data. Then found this number at cemetery.