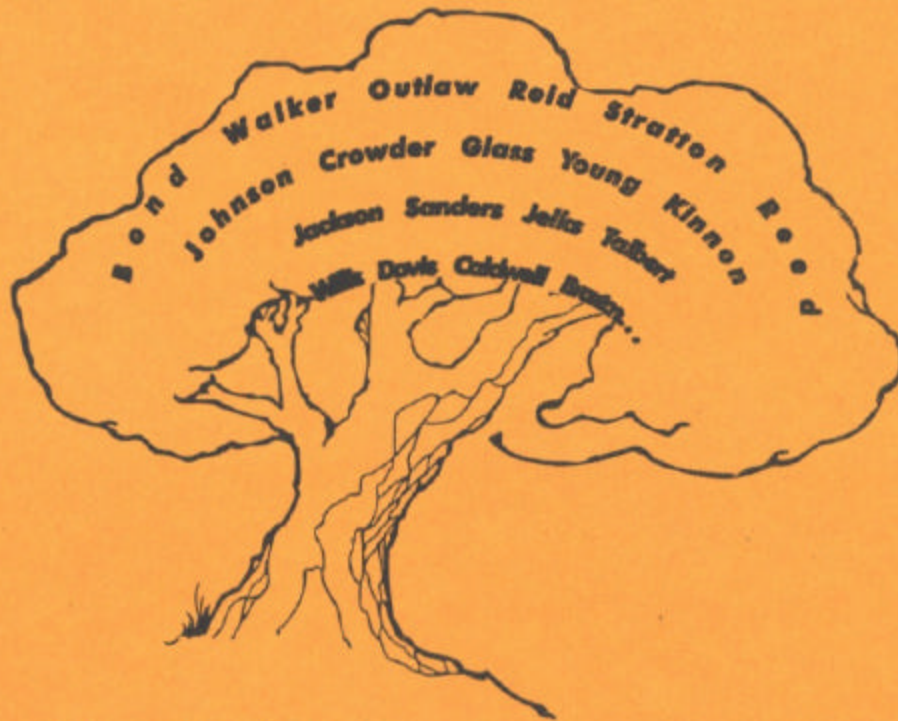


BOND - WALKER FAMILY REUNION

Biennial Celebration !



Nelson and Harriet Bond.....Zack, Sr. and Susan Walker

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STATE OF TENNESSEE

PHIL BREDESEN
GOVERNOR

July 25, 2003

Dear Friends,

As Governor of the great State of Tennessee, I am honored to welcome you to Tennessee for the Bond-Walker Family Reunion. It is a pleasure to see families come together and enjoy each other's company.

This time together serves as an opportunity to reflect on your individual accomplishments, as well as your shared history. I hope that this reunion will create even more cherished memories for future generations.

Best wishes to each of you on this joyful occasion. May you celebrate together for many years to come.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phil Bredeesen".

Phil Bredeesen

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Metropolitan
Government of
Nashville and
Davidson
County

Bill Purcell Mayor

July 25, 2003

Dear Bond and Walker Family Members:

It is my pleasure to welcome the biennial celebration of the Bond and Walker Family Reunion being held on July 25- 27, 2003. We are honored to have you here.

All of Nashville is primed to show you a great time. While you are in town, we hope you will take advantage of all the excitement Nashville has to offer – excellent restaurants, great shopping, and, of course, the wealth of music and other entertainment that has helped make our city a national treasure. Visitors and newcomers will have the opportunity to experience our newest landmarks, the Frist Center for the Visual Arts, the new Country Music Hall of Fame, and our new Main Public Library. Make sure to pay a visit to the Parthenon, one of our most beloved icons, newly refurbished and looking better than ever.

You have my every good wish for an enjoyable stay, the sort of experience that will make you want to come back again and again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Purcell".

Bill Purcell
Mayor

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Bond-Walker Family Reunion
Nashville, TN
July 25-27, 2003



Greetings Family and Friends:

Welcome to the **Great City of Nashville, Tennessee** (The Athens of the South)! We're sure your stay will be a very enjoyable one because we have attempted to roll out the **red carpet** for you and your family. Our city, and Sheraton Music City Hotel, have been very cooperative and generous with their resources so that your visit will be a most memorable one.

It has been two years since our last reunion, and it will certainly be a joy to see those whom we saw then, the new members of both families, and those who will be attending the reunion for the first time. It's good for families to get together to share their history, their achievements, and their fables so that the generations to come will never forget from whence they came!

We certainly have toiled untiringly to make this the **best one yet!** We appreciate all the help we've received from both sides of the family, but especially the help from Connell and Tobey, which made the load a little bit lighter for us. We're grateful to those who have hosted the reunions during the previous years because we have learned from their successes, and hope that the agenda we have planned for you this year will add to those years of success.

It's so nice to see our families getting together to share and add to the history of Nelson and Harriett Bond; and Zack, Sr. and Susan Walker. I know that if they could see us they'd be smiling from ear to ear to see all of the offsprings of their daughters and sons. So let's make this reunion one that they would surely be proud of.

If you have any suggestions as to how to make our reunions better, please pass those suggestions on to us before the end of this reunion! Again, **WELCOME TO NASHVILLE!**

We love you !

Martha N. Stratton
Martha Walker Stratton, Co-Chairperson

Elois Outlaw/mws
Elois Bond Outlaw, Co-Chairperson

Reunion Agenda

Friday, July 25, 2003

2:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Registration, Sheraton Music City Hotel

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Family Reunion Picnic at Two Rivers Park

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Opryland Hotel - Conservatory, Cascade & Delta Tour

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Family Reunion Meeting

Saturday, July 26, 2003

7:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Breakfast on your own

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Board Vehicles for Tour of Universities and City

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Tour of Fisk University

11:45 AM - 1:45 PM

Lunch and Tour of Tenn. State University

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Tour of Parthenon

3:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Rest and Preparation for our Banquet, or Shopping

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Reunion Banquet and Program

McGavock Ball Room, Sheraton Music City Hotel

10:00 PM - 12:00 MN

Reunion Dance

McGavock Ball Room, Sheraton Music City Hotel

Sunday, July 27, 2003

7:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Breakfast on your own

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Family Worship

Corinthian Baptist Church

*Historical Tribute To
The Walker Family*

The Walker family heritage began long, long ago in the motherland called "Africa". As fate would have it, many centuries would pass before we'd find branches of their roots in America. In 1845, Zack Walker appeared on the scene in North Carolina (North American continent, United States), and Susan Conner appeared in Virginia in 1848. It still remains a mystery as to who brought Zack and Susan's ancestors to the United States. As their date of birth would indicate, they were born into slavery. Zack became the property of the Walker family who were white land owners in Brownsville, Tennessee (Haywood County), and Susan was the property of the Conner family who were also white land owners in Brownsville.

The 1900 Census reported that both Zack and his parents were born in North Carolina. This suggests that he was **at least** one generation from the mother land. Investigation of the census records of North Carolina at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. has produced a possible link to the white family that could have brought Zack to Tennessee. Further research is necessary to thrash through the existing documents to verify that link.

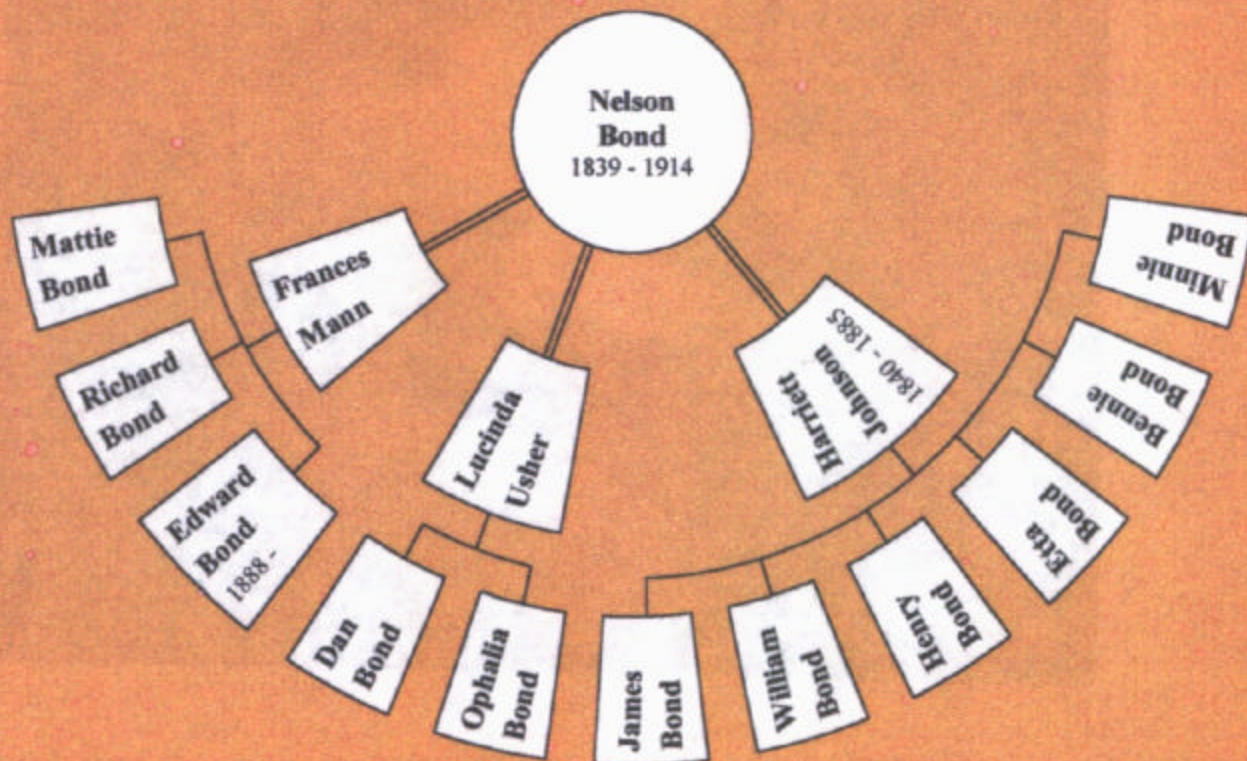
If we focus on Zack and Susan after they arrived in Brownsville, we will find that they started their family at a very young age. Zack was 22 years old and Susan was only 13 when John, their first child, was born. The following is a list of their children:

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>
1. John Walker	1861
2. Emma Walker	1863
3. Cora Walker	1869
4. Zack Walker, Jr.	1871
5. Judge Walker	1872, Nov.
6. Mattie Walker	1874
7. Susana Walker	1878, Aug.
8. Sallie Walker	1880, Mar.
9. Della Walker	1884, May
10. Ollie Walker	1885, Dec.
11. James Walker	1887, Nov.
12. Hattie Walker	1889, Feb
13. Ella Walker	1893, Aug.
14. Henry Walker	1895, Nov.

Zack, Sr. was listed on the 1900 Census but not on the 1910 Census. It is safe to infer that he died between 1900 and 1910. In addition, Susan was listed as a widow on the 1910 census. Death certificates were not kept until 1908, and was not mandatory until 1913, therefore, one was not recorded for Zack. As you review this tribute find your link, if any, to those seeds sown by our tenacious ancestors from the motherland and note that it was through their sacrifices, yes even death that we are **who we are today !**

Ole bah jeh woh, many rain ago !

Hourglass Tree of Nelson Bond



Acknowledgements

We extend a heartfelt Thank You to everyone who helped to make this reunion a big success ! We especially want to thank Mrs. Pip Moravec, Executive Meeting Manager, and Sheraton Music City Hotel for all the courtesies extended to us during the past nine months. It was a pleasure to work with her and feel the kindness and understanding she showed during times of what we thought was impending doom. Praise be to God that He worked His will through her to help us accomplish our goals (He solved all of our concerns before we even got to them). God is good !

*Thanks to everyone,
Martha and Elois*

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