

Harry Lee Walker
(1875 - 1941)

Schooling: grade 4

Occupation: butcher

1900-1920: proprietor of Lexington
Meat Market supplying fresh meat
by contract or open market Washington St
and two locations
on Main St.

1920-1941: incorporated as Walker
and Wood Brothers Market specializing
in hickory smoke-cured Virginia
hams and groceries

Real estate holding

Walker Building (market), 28 N. Main
Street; first black ^{owned} commercial property

Walker Meadows: tract of land east
of Lexington bounded by Market Street
(Old Boat Road), Route 60 east and Route
11 by-pass; formerly farm development.
101 Tucker St.

Blandome: the family home purchased
in 1917; formerly owned by John Randolph
Bucher, a Virginia senator and F.F.V.

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Many low income family dwellings sold off during the Great Depression of ~~the 30's~~ 40's

Religious and fraternal affiliations

Member and deacon of First Baptist Church.
Member of Masons, Odd Fellows and Elks.

Favorite past time

Football,
Livestock shows and ^{state fair} ~~livestock shows~~
~~State fairs~~

Traveling minstrel and medicine shows.

Civic honors

Walker Street honors his name

~~honors~~

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Eliza Merica Bannister Walker
(1874-1939)

Schooling - grade 5

Occupation - practical nurse
housewife

Affiliations - First Baptist Church
Easter Star

Household of Ruth

Elks

MAACP

Colored Citizens for Equal
Education

Cultural activities

Directress of THE NIGHTINGALES -
a spiritual group (1920's/30's)

Directress of plays; ~~including~~
the slave episode in McCormick's
Reaper Centennial at Raphine, Va in 1937

Civic honor ~~awarded~~

1925 Memorized for ^{important} rights ~~at~~ ^{by} Roanoke Chapter, NAACP,
Special Projects Committee Bi-Centennial
Memorial Banquet, ~~1925~~

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