

Extract from the Washington Post, Washington, July 21, 1893:

GEN. JOHN G. WALKER DEAD.

He Was a Distinguished Officer of the Confederacy.

A Victim of Paralysis.

Gen. John G. Walker, a distinguished officer of the Confederate Army, died yesterday at his apartments, 723 Thirteenth Street.

Gen. Walker was stricken with paralysis on Thursday while conversing with Gen. Loma, one of his comrades, in La Fayette Square. It was the second attack he had suffered from that disease from which he never recovered. Gen. Walker was born in Howard County, Mo., of Virginian parents. His grandfather was a Colonel in the English Army, from which he resigned and emigrated to Virginia and married Miss Mary Meade, daughter of Andrew Meade, of Nansemond County. In the Revolutionary War he espoused the cause of the American patriots and was Adjutant of Baylor's Cavalry Regiment and subsequently was on Gen. Washington's staff. Gen. Walker's father married at the "Hermitage" a niece of Gen. Andrew Jackson's and settled in Missouri. The son, John G. Walker, was educated at the Jesuit College at St. Louis. On May 6, 1846, he was appointed First Lieutenant of the Regiment of Mounted Rifles, United States Army. He served gallantly in the Mexican War under Gen. Scott, participating in the battles of Contrero, Churubusco, and Molino del Rey, in the latter of which he was wounded. He was brevetted Captain August 1, 1847, "for gallant and meritorious" services in the affair of San Juan de los Lanos. After the termination of the Mexican War Capt. Walker served with his regiment in Oregon, California, Texas, and New Mexico. When the war between the States broke out he resigned his commission in the United States and joined the Confederate forces at Richmond, where he was commissioned a Colonel and later on promoted to a Brigadier-Generalship. He served in the Army of Northern Virginia, commanding a division at Harper's Ferry and Sharpsburg. He bore a conspicuous part in the capture of Harper's Ferry and was promoted to a Major-Generalship for "gallant conduct" at the battle of Sharpsburg, where his command took an effective part in the final defeat of McClellan's assault upon Lee's lines. After his promotion to a Major-Generalship he was sent to the trans-Mississippi, where he commanded a division of Texas troops. This body of soldiers became famous as "Walker's Division," known in the army as "Walker's Grey Hounds," from their rapid and long marches. They distinguished themselves in the battles of "Pleasant Hill" and Mansfield, where Gen. Walker was wounded, and inflicted a crushing defeat to Gen. Banks in his famous Red River expedition. Gen. Kirby Smith, upon the retreat of Banks, ordered Gen. Walker to Arkansas to make an attack upon Gen. Steel and in the battle of Saline Ferry the division was cut to pieces, his brigade commanders, Gen. Randall and Gen. Scurry, were killed, and Gen. Waul lost an arm. In June of that year Gen. Walker was assigned to the command of the Department of Louisiana, relieving Gen. Dick Taylor, and subsequently to that of Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. Here he ended his long and brilliant career as a soldier.

The Confederate veterans took charge of the funeral. His remains were carried to Winchester, Va., for interment. It was a beautiful tribute to the man that the Guard of Honor at the station was formed of Confederate and Federal Generals alike, while the evergreen of the Union veterans lay side by side with the Confederate colors on the bier.

As a diplomat he served with distinction under Mr. Cleveland's first administration as Consul-General to Bogota, Columbia, then as Special Commissioner to Ecuador, and afterwards was sent to invite the South American powers to participate in this Pan-American Congress.

Funeral of Gen. Walker.

[Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.]

WINCHESTER, VA., July 23.—The remains of Maj.-Gen. John G. Walker arrived here from Washington on Friday evening and were taken to Christ Episcopal Church, escorted by the General Turner Ashby Camp, where they remained under guard of honor until interment yesterday morning. P. L. Kurtz was officer of guard, and James W. Barr, sergeant of guard. First relief, Wm. L. Clark and Robert I. Stricker. Second relief, D. H. Anderson and James F. Faulkner. Third, James B. Burgess and John R. Mesmer. The funeral services were conducted at Christ Church by Rev. Nelson P. Dame. The procession was formed in the following order and marched to Mt. Hebron Cemetery: Friendship Band, Winchester Light Infantry, Capt. Trenary; General Turner Ashby Camp, Commander Charles W. McVicar. Honorary pall-bearers, John J. Williams, E. Holmes Boyd, Dr. Wm. P. McGuire, John Stephenson, H. Clay Krebs, and Wm. L. Clark. Active pall-bearers, from the General Turner Ashby Camp, P. L. Kurtz, first lieutenant; James F. Faulkner, second lieutenant; Messrs. James W. Barr, I. H. Faulkner, Jr., Robert Smith, W. W. Wall, Theo. Hodgson, and Luther Hodgson. The services at the grave were conducted by Rev. Dr. John P. Hyde.