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1. Building Name: Walker Chapel and Cemetery Grounds

2. Address: 4102 North Glebe Road

3. Original Owner: Walker Family

4. Original Use: Church

5. Present Owner: Walker Chapel Congregation

6. Present Use: Church

7. Legal Description: From Liber A-4, page 445.

"Beginning at a stone, the So-th West corner to a Grave yard which was deeded by the said party of the first part to William Walker, James Walker, James Read, John W. Read and Robert Walker, as trustees, thence North 39° West 18 poles 13 (305.58') links to the middle of the County Road leading from the Little Falls, to the Falls Church thence with said County Road North 56° 7 poles 18 (127.38') links, thence South 39° East 17 Poles 15 links (290.40') to a stone, the North east corner of said grave yard, thence with, the North line of said graveyard west 5 1/2 poles (90.75') to a stone, the North west corner of grave yard thence with west line of said grave yard South 5 1/2 poles (90.75') to the place of beginning containing 2 Rods and 34 poles more or less -

8. Description and History:

Walker Chapel is the third oldest congregation in Arlington County. Erected in 1871, it served as a junior church to Mount Olivet. The congregation had its beginning in house to house Sunday School Classes conducted by Mrs. Jane Bowden Edwards. Construction of the Church came about when fifty-eight men of the Mt. Olivet Church pledged to commit resource toward the building of a church at or near the Walker Family Graveyard. Robert and James Walker donated the land for the building and later contributed their labor in the effort.

The original structure was a small frame building which was used until 1903. A new church was then constructed at the other end of the graveyard and the first structure of 1871 was then delegated as a site for Sunday School classes. In 1930, the old church was dismantled.

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For the record, the oldest burial site at the Walker Graveyard is that of David Walker who died in 1848.

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