

Samuel Walker, Sr. of Woburn, presumed to have been the son of Capt. Richard Walker of Lynn, was born in England. He accompanied his father to New England, 1630. Capt. Richard Walker died May 1687, aged 95 yrs., in Lynn. After residing for a time at Lynn, Samuel removed, with his brother Richard, to Reading, originally Lynn Village. Thence he appears, for some reason, to have removed once more, and to have permanently established himself in Woburn, the adjoining town. He is first mentioned as an inhabitant of Woburn in it's Records, at the annual election of town officers, 25 Feb. 1661-62, when he was appointed a surveyor of Highways for that year. By occupation he was a Maltster: and was approved by the Selectmen, 1675, in order to obtain a license for keeping a tavern, being the first person known to have followed that business in Woburn. He appears to have been much respected in his day, being chosen Selectman in 1668, and appointed by the town the year before on a very important committee for taking " a list of the persons and estates of the right Proprietors" among whom it had been voted to divide a large portion of the common lands of the town. He died 6 Nov. 1684, when agreeable to a testimony given by him in Court, he must have been in the 69th or 70th year of his age.

His children (the given name of his Wife is unknown) were Samuel JR.; Israel; and probably John Sr. of Woburn; Hannah, wife of James (son of Simon Thompson of Woburn; and Joseph Walker , of Billerica.

Samuel Walker, Jr., his son (distinguished likewise in Woburn Records successively by the titles of Corporal, Sgt., and Deacon Walker), was the second suscriber to the memorable "Declaration of the Church of Woburn", and a gentleman of note and influence in his day. He was Selectman 1679, and served the town in that office repeatedly afterwards. He was a member of the Convention of the Colony, which met in Boston 1689, upon the deposition of the Gov., Sir Edmund Andros: and after the establishment of the government under the Provincial Charter of 1691, represented Woburn in the General Court, 1694. About 1692, he was chosen a Deacon of the Church of Woburn, an office which he seems to have retained through life. He died 18 Jan. 1703-4; aged 61 years. b. Reading, 28 June 1643.

Deacon Walker (Samuel Walker, Jr.), married, for his first wife, Sarah "Read"(Reed) of Woburn, dau. of William & Mabel Reed, 10 Sept. (or as the County Records, 23 Oct.) 1662. By her, he had 6 sons & 1 dau. sons - Edward, John, Samuel, Timothy, Isaac, & Ezekiel dau. - Sarah, m. 12 Jan. 1686-7, Edward, son of Major Wm. Johnson. His wife, Sarah, dying 1 Nov. 1681, he married, for his second wife, 18 April 1692, Abigail, widow of Lieut. James Fowle, dau. of Capt. John Carter, but by her had no issue.

(Elizabeth Fowle, dau. of James & Abigail Fowle, b. 28 Sept. 1681. m. Timothy Walker, 1699.)

(Note)- The birth of Isaac Walker is recorded in Woburn Town Book, as follows: "Isaac, son of Samuel Walker, Sr., b. 1 Sept. 1667" but here it can hardly be doubted, there is a mistake of the Clerk in writing Sr. for Jr. The Town Records also mentions "1st of the 9th month, 1677. He married 20 Feb. 1704-5, Margery Bruce of Woburn, and he, and his sons by her, Isaac, Jr.: Ezekiel: and Timothy, were sometime residents at Pennicook, now Concord, N.H. - see History of Concord, by Rev. Dr. Bouton.