

JONATHAN WALKER

BORN: March 22, 1799, Harwich, Massachusetts
DIED: April 30, 1878, Norton Township, Michigan
BURIAL: Evergreen Cemetery, Irwin at Pine Streets, Muskegon Michigan

*Then lift that manly right hand,
Bold ploughman of the wave,
Its braded palm shall prophecy
"Salvation to the slave."*

John Greenleaf Whittier 1846

In 1836 Walker, a merchant marine from Cape Cod, tried to establish a colony in Mexico for American slaves. Walker was punished for sailing Florida fugitives to freedom in 1844 by authorities who hot branded his right hand. In 1852 Walker operated a station on the Underground Railroad in Wisconsin, and then twelve years later went to Virginia to teach farm and trade skills to former slaves.

Jonathan Walker was immortalized by John Greenleaf Whittier's poem "The Man with the Branded Hand" in which Greenleaf interpreted the SS (slave stealing) brand to mean *Salvation to the Slave*. Walker's proud family carries the names of the abolitionists after whom the Walkers named their children.

Sandra K. Ellis, Geneva IL

On behalf of deceased husband Wendell N. Ellis, Jonathan Walker's 3rd great grandson

Great Grandchildren of Capt. Walker: Clifford Walker, Shirley Leavens, Bernice Wardecke, Phyllis Sheve, Nancy Kniskern, Delores Grandaw, Carole Kroll, Mervin Walker, Donna Meyer, Alan Walker, Dale Walker, Darrell Walker, Barbara Mayer, Darlene Weddle

Family of Irma Walker Johnson and Ken Johnson, Pound WI
Ken's mother Irma was the last of Jonathan Walker's grandchildren

Bob and Candy Nicholas: Pell City, Alabama
Great, great, grandson of Jonathan Walker

Alvin F. Oickle and John Hoh, Nominators of Jonathan Walker to the Hall of Fame
Oickle is the author of the biography *Jonathan Walker: The Man with the Branded Hand*

Dale Garrison Walker: Pound, Wisconsin
Great grandson of Jonathan Walker