

Walkup (continued)



*Pictures of John B. Walkup House - circa 1920
Evelyn and Esther Allen on front porch
Photographs included with recent Girard
donation to Society*

Josiah Walkup built his home in 1846 at the southwest corner of today's intersection of Walkup Avenue and Route 176. Sadly, the house was demolished a few years ago. Josiah served as a trainman for the North Western Railroad during the mid 1800's. For many years, the terminus of that line was at "Walkup's Crossing" on his property. Josiah was also a partner in the Crystal Lake Pickling & Preserving Works, which was located just south of the railroad tracks near today's intersection of Walkup Avenue and Woodstock Street.



*Josiah Walkup House
1872 Combination Atlas of McHenry County, IL*

A Peek into Our Past - Courtesy of the Nunda Advertiser November 26, 1876

The subject of this discourse [Josiah Walkup], was born in Green Briar Co., Va, Feb 22nd, 1815, and died in this village Sept. 12th, 1876 in the 62nd year of his age. He spent the years of his childhood youth and early manhood with his parents in Virginia, where he received all of the rudiments of a common school education which the schools of the neighborhood could afford.

He was brought up by his parents with habits of industry, temperance, and frugality. His mother was distinguished for ability both physical and mental. For many years she was a devoted Christian woman and a member of the Presbyterian Church, and consequently her children were carefully instructed in religion. Thus in early life was laid deep and broad the good foundation upon which the character of our departed brother was constructed.

In 1835 he removed with his parents to this county [McHenry] where he has resided ever since. In March 1840, he was united in matrimony with Miss Margaret P. St. Clair. The newly married couple established their home near this village, long before there was any village here. Here on the farm and in this village they have lived ever since.

As a man he possessed more than ordinary physical and mental endowments. He inherited a sound mind from his mother, above the average mind of men. He was always a good speaker, especially on religious subjects. For 21 years he has acted as station agent at this station. For a number of years he was Supervisor of this town. (Nunda). In 1837 he was appointed Class Leader in the church, and for 39 years has held that office. For 25 years he has been Superintendent of Sabbath Schools. He lived honored and respected by ALL, and his death has caused all to mourn near and far, who knew Josiah Walkup.

Note: full obituary has been condensed