

Capt. H. P. Walker

Capt. H. P. Walker is the senior partner and active business manager of the firm H. P. Walker & Co., wholesale and retail grocers; he is a native of this county, his parents having removed here from Virginia prior to his birth. While yet a boy the great war between states coming on, he entered the confederate service as a private, and took part in every battle fought by the armies of Bragg, Johnston and Hood. At Chickamauga his company went into battle with fifty-three men and came out with only nine; at the close of the war he was captain of Company G, Eighteenth Alabama regiment. It is needless to add that this gallant soldier saw much hard service in the effort to drive back the invaders of his beloved southland, a detailed mention of which would transcend our limited space.

Peace having been declared, the young veteran turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, and in March, 1866, entered the store of J. W. Spiller as a clerk. In 1878 he began business for himself, entering the wholesale and retail grocery trade, in which he has been remarkably successful, having established a permanent, paying business and accumulated a competency, which is a test of business qualifications. His success may be justly ascribed to those qualities and business habits for which he is widely known, viz: Strick attention to business and unswerving honesty in all transaction, whether public or private. Capt. Walker is a man of pure life and high character, and is regarded by the entire community as one of our most valuable and worthy citizens. He is a staunch democrat, and yields without a murmur to the expressed will of a majority of his party. When time shall rob us of this useful citizen the highest eulogy he desires is, "Here lies a democrat."

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