

Maggie L. Walker

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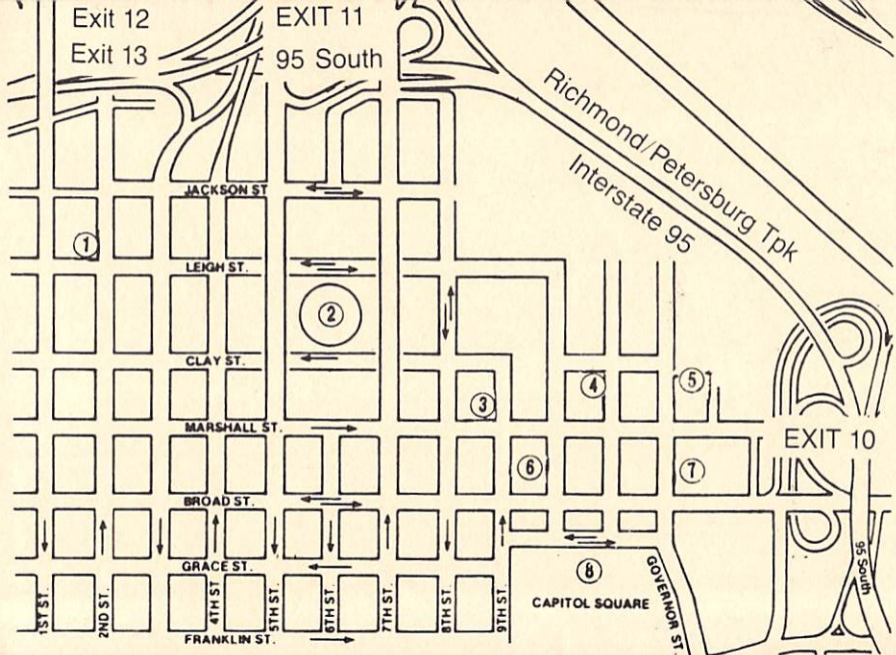


110-½ East Leigh Street
Richmond, Virginia

ABOUT THE SITE—The Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site, in Richmond, VA, commemorates the life of an unusually gifted woman. Despite being female, black, and physically handicapped, she achieved success in the world of business and finance. Under her direction and guidance the Independent Order of St. Luke expanded from a fraternal beneficial society to an insurance company, owning a newspaper and a bank (of which she was editor and president respectively), and a department store. The bank, the St. Luke Penny Savings Bank, continues today as Consolidated Bank and Trust, the oldest surviving black-operated bank in the United States. In addition, she was active in civic groups, fostering racial cohesiveness and improved economic and educational opportunities for her people.

ABOUT YOUR VISIT—Visitors may tour the 22-room, two story, red brick house, which was home for Maggie L. Walker and her family from 1904 to 1934. The house has been restored to its 1930 appearance and is furnished with Walker family pieces.

HOURS AND LOCATION—The house is open Thursday through Sunday, 9am to 5pm, except January 1 and December 25. Advanced notices for groups of five or more are required. Admission is free.



The Site is accessible from Interstates 95 and 64. The most direct route to the house is by way of Exits 12 and 13. Both these exits are on the section of highway where I-95 and I-64 overlap. If traveling west on I-64 or north on I-95, take Exit 12, turn left at intersection, then left at West Leigh Street (first traffic light). Go 2½ blocks to house on left. If traveling east on I-64 or south on I-95, take Exit 13 (Belvidere) and turn left on West Leigh Street.

For more information, contact the Superintendent, Maggie L. Walker NHS, 3215 East Broad St., Richmond, VA 23223, or telephone 804-780-1380.

Use caution on the narrow staircases within the home, and observe all safety regulations. Don't let an accident spoil your visit.

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