

A Drilling Professional Just Can't Quit!

From the mouth of
Herbert Walker

Walker Drilling is owned by Herbert Walker. The company has a combined total of 60 years experience. His son Thomas handles the operations and logistics of the company. Being a second- and third-generation family business is something the Walker family takes very seriously, along with their reputation.



Herbert operating a drill rig and experimenting with a new digital camera. He is hopeful his great grandson will carry the tradition on as the fifth-generation drilling professional. Photos provided by Thomas Walker.

Here is how it all began:

My dad N.J. Walker was instrumental in getting the Texas Water Association started. He was also instrumental in bringing gravel packing to our area. N.J. was a jarhead or a cable tool driller (for those who don't know what a jarhead is - it's an air driller).

I started out there, then moved on to mud and rotary. By age 16, I managed up to three rigs and two septic crews. My dad fired me at least twice a week.

Later, I worked for several other drilling companies, which became an unending learning process; with different techniques using different equipment.

Then in 2000, I retired unsuccessfully. I continued to bug my kids about their work ethics. They continued to call me out to keep inquisitive customers busy while they completed their services.

After years of selling rigs and having a yard full of miscellaneous parts left over and not wanting them to go to the salvage yard, we started a locator service.

We have located water well equipment all over the United States, Canada, Mexico, and South America. We are not rig brokers. We only locate equipment associated with the water well industry.

Being a drilling professional and a little windy, I have enjoyed talking to the different drilling contractors across the country. You would be surprised how much in common those in the industry have. We must remember two things:

1. Safety is the key in our business.
2. We are the protectors of our most precious resource - water.

Herbert Walker says he makes it a point to speak with all **Walker Drilling** customers one-on-one. His close attention to details concerning ethics, customer satisfaction, and the Walker drilling reputation, as well as word of mouth, has helped this company thrive throughout the years.

Focus on NEWWA



The NEWWA (New England Water Well Association) 2012 Expo is set for March 30-31, in the Central Massachusetts Expo Center at the Marriott Courtyard in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Get a sneak peek of the Expo during the trade show preview scheduled from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Then it's time to enjoy Family Fun Night, sponsored by the 2012 exhibitors and NEWWA at the Marriott Courtyard ballroom starting at 6:30 p.m. With extreme gaming, sports games, food, and drinks for the entire family, everyone is sure to have a great time! They thought of everything - there's even an indoor water park!



The 2011 trade show preview kept exhibitors busy! *WWD&R* photos.

The exhibit hall opens bright and early at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, giving you a chance to learn about the latest and greatest products and equipment on the market. If you don't have time to grab breakfast, NEWWA has you covered with complementary coffee, bagels, and donuts on the second floor mezzanine.

This two-day event is also filled with informative and educational seminars to keep you up to date with trends and issues within the industry.



The Pul-A-Pump duo took time to pose for the *WWD&R* camera at the 2011 NEWWA Expo. Maybe we'll catch of shot of you at this year's event!

Hurry! The deadline for preregistration is March 14, 2012. *WWD&R* can't wait to see you at this year's event.

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