

38683 Walnut

Town of Walnut

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The Town of Walnut mayor and board of aldermen meet the first Tuesday monthy at 6 p.m.

Walnut (Hopkins) was established on November, 6, 1872. Henry Hopkins bought land which is located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 72 and Miss. Highway 15 from the Chickasaw Indian Cession in 1836.

The town was first incorporated in December, 1872 as Hopkins. The name of the town was changed to Walnut on July 10, 1876.

The railroad, chartered and approved May 13, 1871, ran from Middleton, Tenn. to Pontotoc and helped establish the town of Walnut. The town's name was changed from Hopkins to Walnut because of a mis-shipment of cargo.

There were a group of dwellings south of Walnut at one time called Hopkinsville (Frogtown). Because of the similarity of the towns' names, a train conductor had to back his train up one mile to Hopkins to recover and deliver his cargo. The suggestion was offered that the town be called "Walnut" because of a huge grove of walnut trees located in the town.

A man by the name of Wolf, drew the first blueprint of Walnut and the blueprint was used by the railroad in surveying the GM&O Railroad

through Walnut.

A charter for the town of Walnut was recorded in the office of the Secretary of State and State Library on July 10, 1936.

In about 1923-33, the Ripley Utility Company put a Delco Light System in the town. This service was discontinued when TVA was brought to Walnut in 1938. Tippah Electric Power Association now serves the town from Ripley.

Walnut is a town of about 850 people located about 20 miles north of Ripley, a few miles from the Tennessee border.

It features a lovely small - town atmosphere and friendly people. However it is upscale enough to have its own industrial park, quality schools and is located so as to provide quick access to Memphis or Corinth. It is proud of its history, and has its eyes on the future.

For more information, contact Town Hall.