

## Walker China/Bailey-Walker/Bedford China Bedford, Ohio

As part of a website devoted to the patterns and topmarks of Carr China, we posted a little info from a few trips we made to Carr and to other American china manufacturers, long closed, but whose grounds we wanted to find: to get a feel for where they were located and also always hoping to find a shard or two.

Because we included a map and GPS coordinates for them, we're sharing them here for anyone else who wants to go on a similar journey but apologize for all the extraneous, chatty remarks and dog photos.

-Susan and Ed Phillips

Note: You will see links referencing external pages that will not work. They are an artifact of how long it took to transfer most of the pages of the Carr site and that some things seemed to be too time consuming to try to repair.



## River Hopping 2017: Bedford China | Bailey-Walker | Walker

Finding the site of the shared Bedford China, Bailey-Walker and Walker China plants was easier than most because we had help.

The director of the Bedford Historical Society & Museum, Dana Best-Mizsak, put us in touch with longtime Walker researcher – and fellow digger – Chris Sweet. Knowing where to begin, we just had to ask nicely for permission to walk around the grounds, though ultimately every shard we found was along the railroad tracks running in front of the business at 24400 Solon Road.

Then we stopped by the Society to enjoy some stories, see Chris' notebooks and quickly photograph the collection of mostly rare and certainly hard-to-find china. They also have a copper decorating cylinder on display as well as a Bailey-Walker Blue Willow toaster, a piece we'd only seen in photos.

[Click here](#) to see our admittedly poor photos of what is quite a lovely collection of Bailey-Walker and Walker China at the Bedford Historical Society & Museum.

Next, on to [Fraunfelter](#) in Zanesville.



The grounds of the plants are now home to Star Leasing, 24400 Solon Road in Bedford Heights. The shards we found were all along the railroad track.



Above, looking out at the paved parking lot. Below, the view from the parking lot to the railroad track and the old water tower.





Above, the beautiful Bedford Historical Society and Museum at 30 Park in Bedford. Below, director Dana Best-Mizsak graciously invited us – and Zephyr and Tilde – in out of the heat.



Below, Chris Sweet stands in front of the museum's display case devoted to Bailey-Walker and Walker China. Chris has an astounding collection of Walker ephemera she's worked very hard to put together, plus more than 3,000 pieces of china she dug from the Walker site years ago.









Google map of the site, showing Tinker's Creek running behind it. Latitude and longitude: 41.385154, -81.505849. Bedford Heights is located close to Cleveland and Lake Erie.

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