



# Cleveland Call & Post

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Through his newspaper, Walker also promoted participation in politics, urged the establishment of legal aid societies by the African-American community, and encouraged black solidarity and self-reliance. Today's researchers can explore online 57 years of the *Cleveland Call & Post*.

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