



From Hill Town to Strieby

In 1867, former North Carolina slave, Islay Walden walked to Washington, D.C. in search of an education. When he returned to Randolph County, in 1879, a poet, minister, and educator, he would build a church and school that would transform the tiny community of Hill Town, and leave a lasting legacy.

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