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2002 ANNUAL MEETING RUFFNER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

CHARLESTON/MALDEN, WEST VIRGINIA

JUNE 21, 2002

Ruffner Family Association
P.O. Box #351
Luray, VA 22835

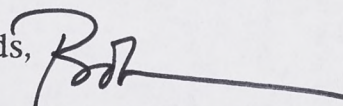
Dear Cousins:

The planners of the Booker T. Washington Descendants Reunion have invited us to join with them, during our Annual Meeting in Malden, West Virginia, for three full days of exciting and memorable events planned to celebrate his life experience growing up in Malden. This opportunity for members of the Ruffner Family Association to join with the Washington Family in honoring our shared history is a unique one, not to be missed.

The Ruffner presence in the history of the Kanawha Valley is one of great drama and achievement. No matter your branch of the family, you will find their story compelling and inspiring. The West Virginia Archive contains some of the most historic documents in our Ruffner Family History and many of your cousins will be making use of this research opportunity.

Most of us will be staying at the Embassy Suites Hotel or the Red Roof Inn Kanawha City. (See forms for details) You will be provided with a Guide to Walking and Driving Tours of Ruffner Historical Sites. There will be ceremonies honoring Booker T. Washington and his historic relationship with Viola and Lewis Ruffner and a rededication of the Ruffner Family Cemetery.

See the attached schedule to make your plans around the Ruffner-Washington experience. Fill out the enclosed forms and send them in. Bring your cameras along with your children or grand kids to the Ruffner Farm, now known as Charleston, West Virginia and be ready to picnic - Ruffner Style.

Regards, 
Robert Newman Sheets
1675 South Steele Street
Denver, CO 80210
(303) 733-4935

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THE RUFFNER FAMILY ASSOCIATION
Kanawha Salines Presbyterian Church
Malden, West Virginia
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ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____ Office Phone: _____

EMAIL: _____

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PO Box 351
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RUFFNER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

MALDEN, WEST VIRGINIA

JUNE 21, 2002

Along with the RFA Annual Meeting, this Special Gathering of the Ruffner Family will be in conjunction with the Reunion of the Descendants of Booker T. Washington. These details will assist you in planning your attendance.

LODGING

The Official Hotel for the Booker T. Washington Descendant's Reunion

The Embassy Suites Hotel, 300 Court St. Charleston, WV (304) 347-8700

\$104 per night, two persons, \$10 ea. additional - suite holds five - state you are with The BTW Reunion. See Web-site: <www.embassysuites.com>

Directions: Take exit #100 off I-64/77 to Washington Street, go right to Court Street.

A number of the Ruffners will also be staying at:

Red Roof Inn Kanawha City, 6305 SE MacCorkle Ave. Charleston, WV (304)925-6953

For reservations call 1-800-874-9000 before May 20th.

State you are with the Ruffner Family Association, Block #B-059000247

Single: \$45.99 + tax, Double: \$50.99 + tax, kids 17 and under stay free with adults.

See Web-site: <www.redroof.com> look for Charleston/Kanawha City, WV.

Direction: Take exit #95 off I-64/77 which puts you on Mac Corkle Ave. SR-61

Across the River from Malden and next door to Bob Evans Restaurant

SCHEDULE OF RUFFNER EVENTS

June 17 - 23, 2002

Pre-Meeting Research Program

June 17, Monday through June 20, Thursday:

Research Sessions at the West Virginia State Archive located in the Cultural Center just west of the State Capitol Building. The Archive and Library is located inside and to the right of the front door. Check in at the Archive desk. Joe Ruffner will be working there all week and he will introduce you to the Ruffner Papers in the Archive.

Annual Meeting of the Ruffner Family Association in Malden.

June 21, Friday:

9:30am - Meeting opens at Kanawha Salines Church

12 Noon - Picnic on the grounds of the Church

1:00pm - Ceremonies honoring David Ruffner who gave the land and money for the construction of the church.

4:00pm - Close of Meeting and Memorial for Edith Washington Johnson

The Booker T. Washington Descendants Reunion

June 21, Friday: Continued

9:00am - BTW Reunion Registration - Embassy Suites hotel

6:00pm - 11:00pm Visit Ruffner Hospitality Suite, Embassy Suites Hotel

6:30pm - Opening Reception of the Booker T. Washington Descendants Reunion, Embassy Suites Hotel, Charleston.

8:30pm - Adult Social and Children's Movie & Story Time

June 22, Saturday: Ruffner Self Guided walking & Driving tours all day

10:30am - 2:30pm - **"A Walk With Booker T. Washington"**

For those registered with the Washington Reunion.

Leaving Embassy Suites Hotel walking the six miles to Malden.

12 Noon: Ceremonies at the Joseph Ruffner Cabin in Daniel Boone Park.

2:00pm - Rededication of the Ruffner Burial Ground, Malden

6:00pm - 11:00pm - Visit Ruffner Hospitality Suite - Embassy Suites Hotel

7:00pm - Washington Family Reunion Banquet & Talent Show
Embassy Suites Hotel

June 23, Sunday - Continued Ruffner Self Guided Tours

8:00am - 10:30am - Washington Reunion Buffet Breakfast & Family Meeting
Embassy Suites Hotel

9:30am - Washington Family Worship Service & Close of Reunion

June 23 through Wednesday, June 26

Continued Research at State Archive for some of our members
who are staying over.

For additional Details:

Washington Reunion Activities:

David Barnett (713) 403-3039 Email: <david.barnett@ace-ina.com>

Edith Charles (914) 667-4954 Email: <EWC1113@aol.com>

Ruffner Family Association Annual Meeting:

Sam McNeely (540) 743-5882 Email: <smcneely@shentel.net>

Ruffner Research at West Virginia State Archive:

Joe Ruffner (256) 882-6645 Email: <jruffner@bellsouth.net>

Coordinated Activities:

Robert Sheets (303) 733-4935 Email: <rnsheets@aol.com>

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO HONOR THE MEMORY
OF
EDITH WASHINGTON JOHNSON**



**BY JOINING TOGETHER IN A CONTRIBUTION TO
THE BOOKER T. WASHINGTON FAMILY
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
AT TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY**

Viola & Lewis Ruffner were among the persons of early inspiration and encouragement for young Booker T. Washington. One hundred and thirty years later, it was his granddaughter Edith Washington Johnson who in 1999, reunited our two families. Like her grandfather, she inspired us to continue his dream of education as the bed rock to the human condition. While serving on our Board of Directors and as an active participant in the Ruffner Reunions, she helped focus our own commitment to the stewardship of our heritage and the obligation to preserve it for our youth.

Our united contributions will be presented to the Washington descendants at their Reunion in Malden, West Virginia, June 21, 2002. We would like to list you among those contributors. Please join with us and send your check made out to:

Ruffner Family Association,

with memo marked, "B.T. Washington Scholarship Fund."

The fund is Tax Deductible and a receipt for your records will be sent to you. Mail your check to:

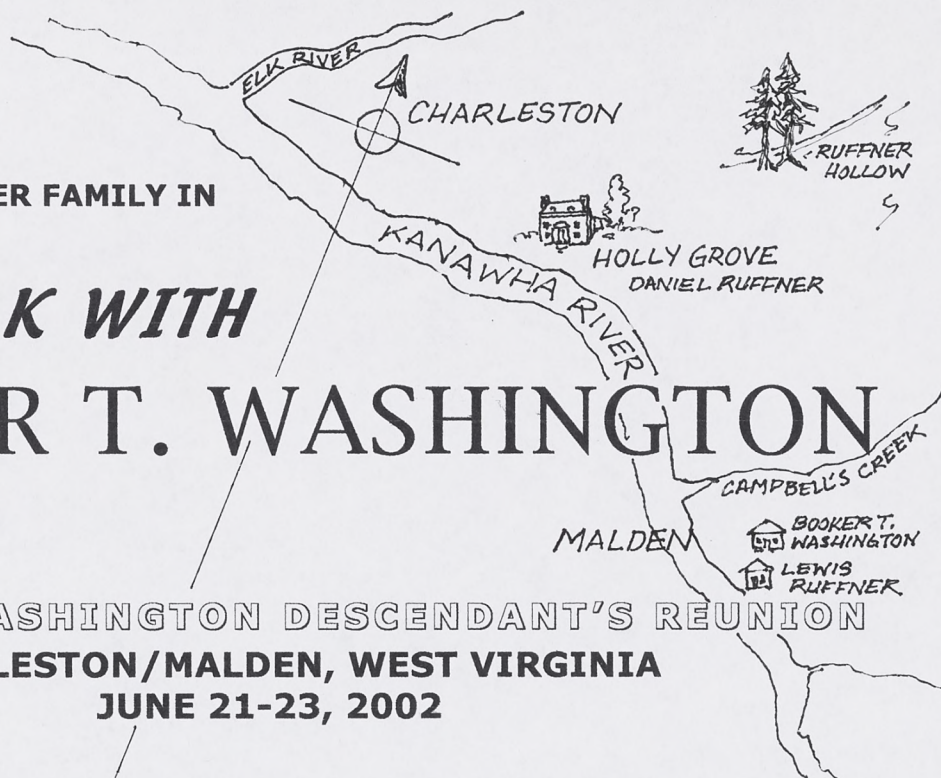
**Ruffner Family Association
BTW Scholarship Fund
PO Box #351
Luray, VA 22835**

COME JOIN THE RUFFNER FAMILY IN

A WALK WITH **BOOKER T. WASHINGTON**

DURING THE:

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON DESCENDANT'S REUNION
CHARLESTON/MALDEN, WEST VIRGINIA
JUNE 21-23, 2002



At the age of nine, young Booker T, Washington moved with his family from Roanoke, Virginia to Malden, West Virginia. There he joined them working in the Ruffner Coal Mines. He soon found employment in the Lewis Ruffner home and there began a life-long friendship with Viola Ruffner. It is that abiding friendship which brings our two families together again during the Reunion of Dr. Washington's descendants in Malden and Charleston.

Join with them in such memorable events as those mentioned in the attached brochure. You will also be able to attend the Annual Meeting of the Ruffner Family Association; rededication of the Ruffner Family Burial Ground, tours of the Ruffner Historical Sites, ceremonies honoring Booker T. Washington and Viola Ruffner and a special Memorial Tribute to Edith Washington Johnson.

Fill out their registration form, book a reservation at the Embassy Suites Hotel and join us for a very memorable weekend in the beautiful Kanawha Valley. For our members who will only be attending their Opening Reception June 21st and their Banquet, June 22nd there is a special cost of \$35 for adults 12 and older, \$20 for children 4 - 11. So indicate "Ruffner Family" when mailing in your Washington registration and payment.

For additional information contact:

Ruffner Family Association
P.O. Box #351
Luray, VA 22835

Or Email: Rnsheets@aol.com

10. The following members of my household would like to help with the reunion activities:

Registration (2-hr. Shifts):

Video and Audio Recording:

General Program Support:

Children's Pool Party/Lunch - Sat.:

Other Children's Activities & Talent Showcase:

Young Adults College Workshop/Lunch - Sat:

Malden Welcome & Tour - Sat. a.m.:

Family Business Lunch - Sat.:

Cards and other activities for adults:

Breakfast meetings:

Family Banquet, Sat. p.m.

Transportation committee:

Send completed Registration form & Fees to:

Edith Charles

168 Audobon Ave.

Mt. Vernon, NY 10552

Phone: [914] 667-4954

Schedule of Main Activities

Thursday, June 20

1:00 p.m. Early Registration Begins

Embassy Suites Hotel

3:30 p.m. Committee Leaders Planning

Embassy Suites Hotel

Friday, June 21

2002 Reunion Officially Begins

9:00 a.m. Registration Resumes

Embassy Suites Hotel

1:30 p.m. Committee Workshops

6:30 p.m. Welcome Reception

Embassy Suites Hotel

8:30 p.m. Family Time – Adult Social

Children's Movie & Story Time

Embassy Suites Hotel

Saturday, June 22

7:30 am Registration Resumes

Embassy Suites Hotel

8:30 am Business Meeting Committee Reports

Embassy Suites Hotel

10:30 am – 2:30 pm Walk – Charleston to

Malden (Box Lunches to be served in Malden)

7:00 pm Banquet and Talent Show

Embassy Suites Hotel

Special Presentation – Guest Speaker

Carolyn Dorsey – Reflections on the life of

Margaret Murray & Olivia Davidson

10:00pm – 12:00am Dance & Social

Embassy Suites Hotel

Sunday, June 23

8:00 - 10:30 am Buffet Breakfast

Family Business Wrap-Up (8:00 - 9:30)

Embassy Suites Hotel

9:30 - 11:00 am Worship Service

Location to be determined

Depart

A Walk With Booker T. Washington

- Charleston to Malden -

The Booker T. Washington Family Reunion

June 20 - 23, 2002

Embassy Suites Hotel

[Reunion Headquarters]

Charleston, WV

*“Remembering the Past,
Family and Friends in
Malden”*

*Walking with Booker from
Charleston to Malden*

Booker T. Washington Family Reunion June 20 - 23, 2002

Registration/Activity Fees:

These fees cover the shared cost of putting on the reunion. They include most meals and all group activities. Other items are mailing costs, some toll calls, decorations, printing, copying, entertainment, certificates, and other miscellaneous items. These fees do not include your individual hotel charges (See Hotel information below for costs).

Adults and Children [Ages 12 and older] - \$110.00

Children [Ages 4 - 11] - \$60.00

Children [Age 3 and under] - Free

Note: Registration fees are based on a child's age at the time of the family reunion.

**The Deadline for Fee Payment is April 1, 2002.
Registration Fees Not Paid In Full By The April 1
Deadline Will Be \$10 Higher, Per Person.**

Although the deadline for reunion registration is April 1, 2002, it will help the planning committee if you can send the registration form and fees as soon as possible. If you are unable to send full payment soon, send the registration form and a \$20/person (over 3 years old) commitment fee, or deposit by Feb. 14.

Reunion Headquarters

Embassy Suites Hotel

Room Rate: \$104.00 a Night per Suite - Includes a Hot Breakfast -
Fri., Sat., Sun., Evening Social Hour - Thur. & Fri.

300 Court Street

Charleston, WV 25301

Reservations: [304] 347-8700

[Indicate you are with the BTW Family Reunion]

Registration Information:

(Please Print Clearly)

1. Family Member _____ Friend _____ (Check one)
2. Name, Address and Telephone Number as you would like it on the Reunion Mailing List:

Name: _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

E-mail Address: _____

*Print each name, as you want them to appear
On the Reunion Name Badges.*

3. Names of Adults and Children 12 & older in your party (include yourself): Fee/Person

4. Names of Children ages 4 to 11 yrs: Fee/Person

5. Names of Children age 3 yrs. and under, in your party: Fee/Person

_____ 0.00
_____ 0.00
_____ 0.00

6. Registration/Activity Fee Total:

Total of Registration Fees for your party \$ _____

Total for Reunion Shirts ordered \$ _____
(Total from T-Shirt Order below)

Total for Registration Fees and Shirts \$ _____

Less Commitment Fees and Registration
Deposits paid at this time (_____)

Balance: \$ _____

Reunion Polo/T-Shirt Order

A Reunion T-shirt or Polo-type shirt is available at an additional charge. We will order only the number of shirts requested in advance. Include the payment for shirts when paying Registration Fees.

Indicate quantity of each size you are ordering for your party.

T-Shirt, Adult Sizes:

Sm____, Lrg____, XLrg____, XXLrg____ @ \$12 each

Polo-Type Shirt, Adult Sizes:

Sm____, Lrg____, XLrg____, XXLrg____ @ \$18 each

Total for shirts ordered: \$ _____
(add to fees above)

Make Check Payable To:

Booker T. Washington Reunion,

Mail Registration & Payment to:

Edith Charles
168 Audobon Ave.
Mt. Vernon, NY 10552

*Note: Registration Fees not paid in full by the Apr.1
deadline will be \$10 higher per person.*

7. How many young people in your party will attend College Planning /Admissions Lunch? _____
8. How many young people in your party will attend Pool Party/Lunch? _____
9. How many in your party will attend pre-reunion Welcome & Reception Friday Evening? _____

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