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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](http://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](http://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:

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Ruffner Family Association Annual Meeting:

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Ruffner Research at West Virginia State Archive:

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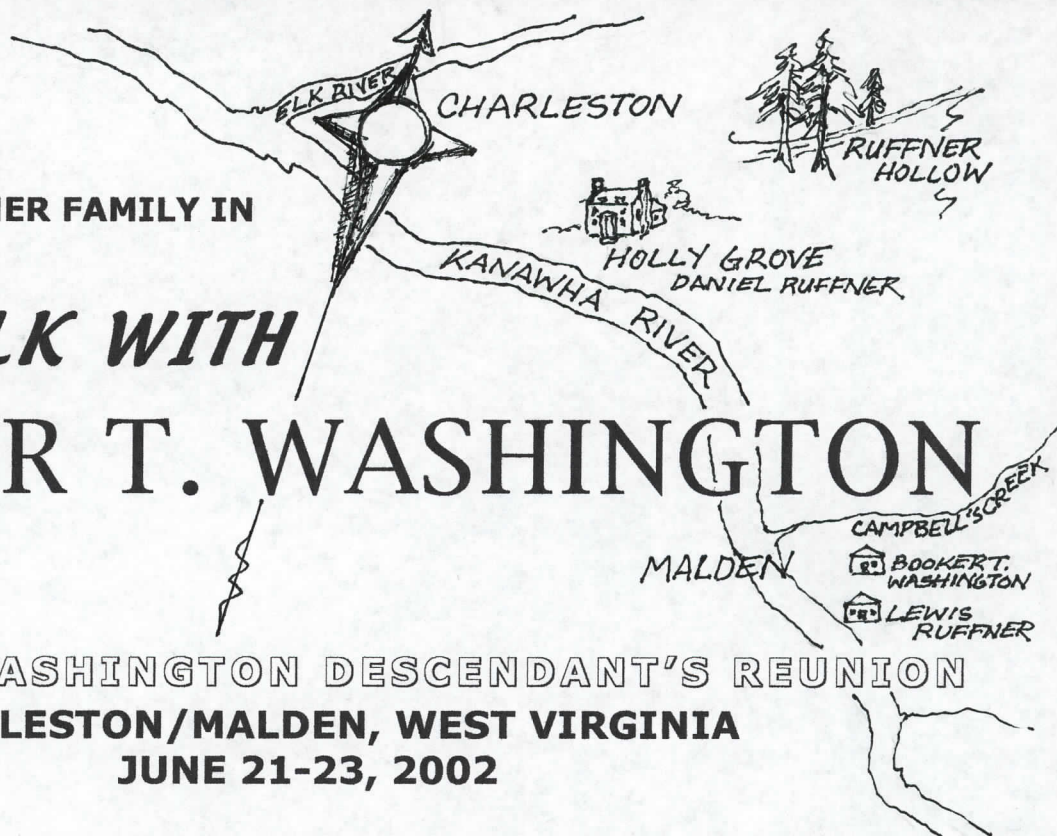


COME JOIN THE RUFFNER FAMILY IN

# *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 with them working in the Ruffner Coal Mines. He soon found domestic 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: the Opening Welcome Reception at the Embassy Suites Hotel; a Family Time Social with Movies and Story Time for the children; an Historic Walk from Charleston to Malden, in Memory of Dr. Washington; a Banquet and Talent Show; a Dance & Social; concluding with a Family Worship Service.

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.

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