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CITY OF CHARLESTON
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G. KEMP MELTON, MAYOR

June 1, 1995

Greetings:

On behalf of all Charlestonians, I welcome those gathered to celebrate two hundred years since Joseph Ruffner and his family arrived here in the Kanawha Valley.

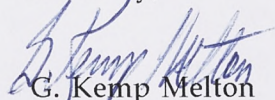
The Ruffner Family holds special interest for local historians as the family's integral role in the development of our Valley is both unique and interesting. The migration path that led Ruffner ancestors from Pennsylvania to Luray, Virginia and into this (then) Western frontier makes for fascinating reading and study.

As descendants of the Ruffner Family travel through our city in 1995, I am confident you will notice the many sites that honor your family name. Ruffner Avenue is a busy city thoroughfare that also bears witness to the important role Ruffners played in the development of Charleston.

While you are here in our city, I trust you will find it open and hospitable, and I believe you will see the natural beauty and resources that led your ancestors here 200 years ago. As Joseph Ruffner and his family came to adopt Charleston as their home, I hope you will feel a special kinship with our city. I can assure you that we, as Charlestonians, appreciate the hard work and dedication displayed by your ancestors during the past 200 years. Ruffners have played a key role in Charleston's past, and I am confident they will continue to be leaders in our community in the future.

Again, welcome to our city. Enjoy your stay here and please make plans to return as often as possible.

Sincerely,


G. Kemp Melton
Mayor