



Booker Taliaferro Washington

Biographical Timeline

1856-1915



1856 Born in Franklin County, Virginia, on the farm of James Burroughs.

1865 Moved to Malden, WV with; mother Jane; brother John and sister Amanda.

1868 Attended primary school taught by William Davis.

1872-1875 Attended Hampton Institute; graduated with honors.

1875-1878 Taught school Malden, WV.

1878 Entered Wayland Seminary, Washington, D.C.

1880 Taught Night School at Hampton Institute, oversaw Native American education program.

1881 Became first principal of Tuskegee Normal School.

1882 Married Fanny N. Smith (died 1884).

1883 Completed first permanent Tuskegee Institute structure, Porter Hall.

Birth of daughter, Portia M. Washington (died 1978).

- 1884** Delivered address, "The Educational Outlook in the South" before the National Education Association in Madison, Wisconsin. Speech marks the beginning of his public speaking career.
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- 1885** First class graduates from Tuskegee Normal School.
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- 1885** Married Olivia Davidson (died 1889).
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- 1887** Birth of son, Booker T. Washington, Jr. (died 1945) in Tuskegee.
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- 1889** Birth of son, Ernest Davidson (died 1938) in Tuskegee.
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- 1890** Organized Farmer's Conference.
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- 1892** Negro Conference at Tuskegee Institute.
Married Margaret James Murray (died 1925) of Mississippi.
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- 1895** Delivered address at the Cotton States International Exposition in Atlanta, Georgia.
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- 1896** Received honorary Master of Arts degree from Harvard University.
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- 1898** President William McKinley visited Tuskegee.
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- 1899** The Oaks, residence of Washington family, constructed.
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- 1900** (August 23) Founded the National Negro Business League.
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- 1905** President Theodore Roosevelt visited Tuskegee Institute.
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- 1915** (October 22) Last public address before American Missionary Association and National Council of Congregational Churches, New Haven, Connecticut.
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- 1915** (November 14) Died at Tuskegee Institute.

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