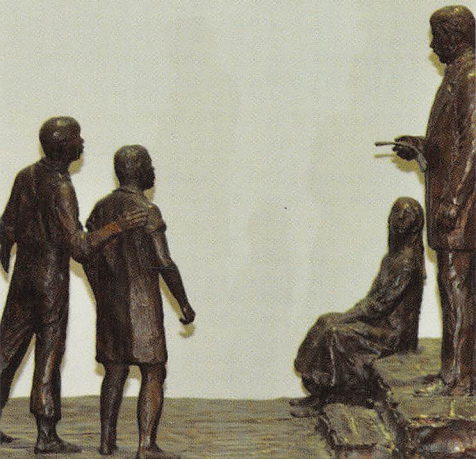


# Booker T. Washington National Monument



# Day of Jubilee

Congress ratified the 13th Amendment in December 1865, formally ending slavery in the United States. Booker T. Washington, his family and the other slaves on the plantation were freed! A United States officer gave a speech on the porch of the "big house". With tears of joy, Washington's mother kissed her children and told them this was the day she prayed for, but feared she may never see.

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