

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

Value of Real Estate owned		Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U.S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth	Educa-tion		Constitutional Relations
Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate		Cannot read	Cannot write	Male Citizens of U.S. of 21 years of age and upwards
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Papers, DLC.) He then made his way to the Kanawha Salines, renamed Malden, and in August 1865 sent a wagon, or money to secure one, to Jane and her family. Wash Ferguson exploited the labor of his stepchildren, working them beside him in the furnace and coal mine. When his wife died about 1874, he apparently drifted away from his child and stepchildren, but in the 1890s he was back in Malden in poverty and poor health. Henry B. Rice, perhaps at BTW's urging, employed Wash Ferguson as janitor of his school. His daughter Amanda may also have taken care of him in his old age.

² The census shows that the Ferguson household was surrounded by white families. Household 211, for example, was that of James Hall and his family of eight. He was a white man, a fireman in a salt furnace. In household 213, on the other side of the Fergusons, was John Ferrel, a white carpenter, and his family of nine.

³ This presumably was Jane, but her age was probably fifty rather than fifty-nine.

⁴ Should have been reported as mulatto rather than black.

⁵ Should have been recorded as Amanda. She was eleven rather than twelve and black rather than mulatto.

⁶ James B. Washington (1864-1938) was found abandoned in a stable in Malden, and the Fergusons adopted him into their family. When they took the surname Washington, so did he. BTW helped him to attend Hampton Institute, where he was not as serious a student as his brothers but graduated in 1882. He returned to West Virginia to teach school and worked between sessions in the coal mines. He lived at Fayette Station, married a local girl, Hattie Calloway, and named their first son Booker C. Washington. On their fiftieth anniversary a reporter observed, "Mrs. Washington has made a happy home for her family —