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COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Booker T. Washington

Biography

Full Name:
Booker Taliaferro Washington

Birth Date & Place:
Born a slave
Exact date uncertain –
c. 1856-1859
Hale's Ford, Virginia

Schooling:
Hampton Institute in Virginia

Lived:
Virginia, West Virginia,
Alabama

Death:
November 14, 1915

Achievements

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1900: He established National Negro Business League.

1901-1913: He was an advisor to Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft

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