

Come Honor Your Ancestors Role in America's History

Sesquicentennial Commemoration of John Brown's Raid
Charles Town, West Virginia
August 14-16, 2009

Hosted by the Jefferson County, West Virginia chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

Recognize and honor your ancestor's role in John Brown's Raid during three days of guided tours, concerts, dramatic presentations, family & youth activities and a special reception for the Ancestors of those involved in John Brown's Raid.

On Friday, August 14, 2009, starting at 7:00 p.m. you are invited to join Ancestors of townspeople, militia, marines, raiders and John Brown at an evening reception in historic down town Charles Town, West Virginia. Later that evening take a guided tour of the sites associated with John Brown's trial and hanging, including the Jefferson County Courthouse and the gallows.

On Saturday, August 15, 2009, participate in the 16th Annual African American Cultural Heritage Festival, beginning at 12 noon, with a parade honoring the John Brown Raid Ancestors. Throughout the day you will enjoy gospel music, soul food, educational exhibits and lectures as well as family and youth activities.

On Sunday, August 16, 2009, at the Betty Roper Auditorium located at Congress and Charles Streets in Charles Town, you are invited to listen to acclaimed actor Fred Morsell as he portrays the abolitionist Frederick Douglass, a personal friend of John Brown. The program begins at 3:00 p.m. and will last approximately one hour.

All events this weekend are free of charge. For more information on the above programs or any other descendant events, please contact the John Brown Raid descendant liaison:

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