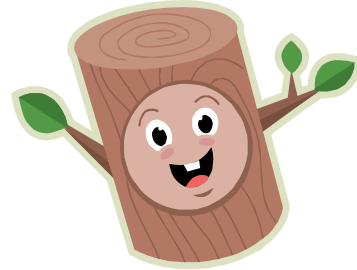


WE ARE THERE!

RFA HAS TAX-EXEMPT STATUS



Since the Charter Meeting of June 5, 1999 in Lancaster, Ohio, the Ruffner Family Association has sought tax-exempt Status. Through the diligent efforts of our leadership, that goal was realized on July 26, 2011. A letter from Lois G. Lerner, Director of Exempt Organizations for the Internal Revenue Service to Phyllis Hershock, RFA president, states:

“We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal Income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the code Section(s) listed in the heading of the letter.”

The public charity exemption code for the RFA is 509(a) (2) and our effective exemption date is March 17, 2011. the above-cited sections of the Internal Revenue Code are readily available to view on the Internet.

The RFA is hopeful this new status will pave the way to preserve the historical archives of all people who settled the Northern Shenandoah Valley and their descendants in a permanent location for the public research and education.