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Thornton Francis Marshall

MARSHALL, HON. THORNTON FRANCIS, Lawyer, was born July 4, 1819, in Augusta, Bracken County, Kentucky. A sketch of his father, Martin Marshall, one of the most able, conscientious, and pure lawyers who ever lived in Kentucky, will be found on another page of this volume. His mother was Matilda B. Taliaferro, a native of Virginia, and a daughter of Nicholas Taliaferro, and a sister of the late Dr. W. T. Taliaferro, of Cincinnati. Thornton F. Marshall was educated at Augusta College, and Centre College, Danville. He left the latter institution in 1839, and commenced reading law, at Augusta, under his father; underwent a thorough and careful preparation; was admitted to the bar in 1842; began the practice of his profession in that year, at Augusta; was elected County Attorney for Bracken County, in 1851; was re-elected in 1855, holding the office eight years; in 1858, was elected to the Senate of Kentucky; held the office one term, of four years; was delegate to the Chicago Convention, in 1864, and was Elector for the State at large on the McClellan ticket, that year. He cast his first Democratic vote for James Buchanan, and voted for John C. Breckinridge, in 1860. He was previously a member of the old Whig party, and was a warm supporter of Henry Clay. Mr. Marshall stands among the first lawyers of Eastern Kentucky, and is a man of fine personal and social habits, and, in many respects, maintains in his own life the admirable traits of the Marshall family. He was married, October 12, 1843, to Anna Eliza Mackie, only daughter of Dr. George W. Mackie, a good man, who died in Augusta, in 1855, after a life of great usefulness in his profession.