

Northern Kentucky Views Presents:

The Marshall House

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Marshall House

The old house on the hill was built in 1800 by Captain Thomas Marshall, brother of Chief Justice Marshall, whose father and mother lived and died here, and are buried in the family burying ground adjacent. It is located at Washington, Mason County, Kentucky. It is two stories in height, and has an attic and a basement under part of the house. The foundation is of native stone; exterior walls of brick; partitions of brick and frame; floors of ash, random width. Roof covered with galvanized iron recently, but was formerly covered with poplar hand split shingles.

The kitchen ell was probably built first; perhaps as a part of some other structure occupying the present site. It contains a large fireplace, and is much older than the rest of the house. The brick portion of this part of the house is of stretcher bond, whereas the balance is of Flemish bond, except the chimney on the north wall of the sitting room, where the brick are laid British bond. The window frames are different from those in the main body of the house. The original chimney for the sitting room was built inside, but was later rebuilt on the outside to conform to the chimney serving the fireplace in the dining room. Several other apparent changes have been made. The stairs are fine in every detail. The parlor mantle was brought by mule-back over the mountains to grace its final location.

Capt. Thos. Marshall was born in Fauquier Co., Va. in 1761. Served in the Revolutionary War. Came to Kentucky in 1788. Was first Clerk of Mason County. Died March 19, 1817.