

Colonel Charles A. Marshall

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MARSHALL, COL. CHARLES A., Agriculturist, youngest child of Capt. Thomas Marshall, was born May 2, 1809, at Washington, Mason County, Kentucky. His father was a native of Virginia; was the second son of Col. Thomas Marshall, and brother of Chief-Justice John Marshall; and was a captain in the Revolutionary army; was the first clerk of Shenandoah County, Virginia; came to Kentucky in 1790; settled in Mason County, and was the first clerk of the courts of that county; was a member from that county to the second Constitutional Convention, in 1799; and was a man of fine mind, great strength and integrity of character, and was universally beloved. Col. Charles A. Marshall was educated chiefly in the school of his uncle, Dr. Lewis Marshall, and has spent his life in the pursuits of his farm, now residing near the place where he was born, in Mason County. In 1840, he was elected to the Lower House of the Legislature, as a Whig, without opposition; in 1855, was again elected; and re-elected, in 1857, by the American party. In 1861, he raised the Sixteenth Kentucky Union Regiment, by the solicitation of Gen. Robert Anderson, Gen. Nelson, and the loyal men of the county; and served with the regiment, as its colonel, until failing health compelled him to resign, in the Spring of 1862. He remained a strong Union man throughout the war, and was highly serviceable to the people of his county in lightening the burdens and difficulties of the times. He has been, for over twenty years, an officer in the Presbyterian Church, and is one of the most valuable men of Mason County. He is a man of fine social qualities and unquestionable talent, and is distinguished for his bravery and great integrity of character. Col. Marshall was married, in 1833, to Phebe A. Baxter. They have eight living children—four sons and four daughters. Their son Thomas is now a prominent lawyer of Salt Lake City; and William L. is a lieutenant of engineers in the United States army.