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HUMPHREY MARSHALL.

1760—1841.

THE
LIFE AND TIMES
OF
HON. HUMPHREY MARSHALL,

SOMETIME

AN OFFICER IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR; MEMBER FOR THE
DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY OF THE VIRGINIA CONVENTION (1788)
WHICH ADOPTED THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION; MEMBER
FROM FAYETTE COUNTY, KY., OF ONE OR MORE OF
THE CONVENTIONS AT DANVILLE LOOKING TO THE
ERECTION OF KENTUCKY INTO A SEPARATE
STATE; SEVERAL TIMES A MEMBER OF THE
KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE; SENATOR
IN CONGRESS FROM 1795 TO 1801;

AUTHOR OF MARSHALL'S HISTORY OF KENTUCKY,

Etc., Etc., Etc.

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INTRODUCTORY.

THE elder Humphrey Marshall, the stormy petrel of Kentucky's earlier years, presents one of the most unique and picturesque figures that has yet been furnished by American history. So strange and varying were the fortunes and vicissitudes of his tempestuous career, that the recital of them by a more competent biographer than the present one would prove more striking and more interesting than a romance.

He was a man of the most inflexible integrity, of the highest order of intelligence, and of the most dauntless moral and physical courage. He had, at one time, a flattering promise of a long and illustrious public career, but his very integrity and force of character proved the ruin of his political hopes. Never for an instant would he hold his convictions in abeyance as a matter of policy. With him to think was to say and to do, regardless of consequences.

His loftier political aspirations were frustrated by a cabal between the flower and the fruition of whose ambitions he interposed the chilling frost of his unpurchaseable integrity. As he could neither be seduced by the prospect of power nor influenced by the promise of gain to depart from the line of duty and the pathway of honor, the cabal, by means they knew only too well how to employ, crushed him to the earth, as they fondly imagined. His character was blackened in a thousand insidious ways, and every means that could be devised to disgrace, degrade and humiliate him, was put into operation. Mobs were even incited to inflict upon him personal outrage. The leaders in the dark rooms pulled the wires, and innumerable puppets assailed him in innumerable ways, until it came to be said that he was the best hated man of his day. But at this distance of time, and in this era of Kentucky's history, the scenes

have shifted; and while the memory of many of the men who persecuted him rest under either absolute disgrace or else the shadow of suspicion, no disinterested persons doubt the integrity of Humphrey Marshall's purposes, however much they may think he may have been led into error by the strength of his prejudices. To this generation of Kentuckians it is hardly necessary to say more in vindication of the man than that he he was the bosom friend and possessed the perfect confidence and esteem of Washington.

The people of Kentucky should have a biography of so illustrious and so remarkable a Kentuckian as Humphrey Marshall. The author of this sketch had long hoped that such a work might be written by some historian competent to do it justice, and, at last, in despair of this, undertook it himself.

Humphrey Marshall has now lain for fifty years in his grave. After so long a time has elapsed it has been an exceedingly difficult matter to collect data for the work. Mr. Marshall himself left no materials for his biography. If he did this writer has been unable, after a most patient and thorough inquiry, to find them. Much matter which would have added greatly to the interest and value of this biography has been, by the lapse of many years, irrecoverably lost. As it is, the compiler of the work, snatching when he could a few hours from the daily requirements of a busy life, has gone through a long and laborious search among public records, old pamphlets, files of old newspapers, &c., &c., and appropriated for his purpose every available scrap of information which he thought might serve to make his work full, authentic, and interesting. This labor has also been supplemented by an extensive correspondence—numerous letters having been written to all parts of the country, and to every person from whom there was reason to believe that information of value concerning Mr. Marshall might be obtained. In this way much authentic tradition and many actual observations have been gathered. But, after all, it is feared that the work is very imperfect and meager.

This biography of Humphrey Marshall was prepared for the Filson Club, of Louisville, Ky., before which body it was read at the meetings for December 1890, and January and February, 1891.

Col. Thomas Marshall Green's "Spanish Conspiracy," though printed more than a year ago, was not written until after this sketch had been

completed. It is earnestly recommended for the perusal of all who may become interested in this book; for the two works, without any intention or prearrangement, are supplemental to each other. The "Spanish Conspiracy" is an important contribution to Kentucky History; and its author has uttered it in no uncertain tones.

WASHINGTON, D. C.,
October 16, 1892.

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Author of the History of Kentucky.

Paternal Ancestry.

In the Northern Neck of Virginia there settled at an early day many families which have since become distinguished, socially and politically. Among these the Marshall family is by no means the least. During more than a century of the sluggish, monotonous life, which preceded the Revolution they, like the most of their neighbors, were plain, substantial people, not at all distinguished for anything, perhaps, except the simple integrity of their characters.

But the outbreak of the Revolution was the signal of a revolution indeed in Old Virginia. Almost imperceptibly the race of plain, simple planters became a race of statesmen and soldiers, nearly peerless on the field and in the forum. While the Virginians as a whole became distinguished in this respect, the "Tuckahoes," or citizens of the Northern Neck, became pre-eminent in the same respect among Virginians. The county of Westmoreland alone furnished the illustrious names of the Washingtons, the Lees, the Marshalls, the Madisons, the Monroes, the Popes, and many others; and of these the Marshall family has furnished many members who have been distinguished in every public and private walk of life, and who have contributed no small share to the lustre of their country's history.

There are families of the name of Marshall in England, Ireland,