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**THE HOLLOW:** The boyhood home of Chief Justice John Marshall, near Markham, has been added to the Virginia Landmarks Register.

## Boyhood home of Marshall recognized

The 240-year-old wood frame structure near Markham known as The Hollow has been recognized by the Virginia State Review Board and the Virginia Board of Historic Resources as the boyhood home of Chief Justice John Marshall.

Last week, the Virginia Board of Historic Resources and the State Review Board added the building to the Virginia Landmarks Register.

The actions will help preserve the home.

"This is a milestone event for Marshall's boyhood home and for the Friends of The Hollow," said Thomas Marshall deButts, president of that group and a descendent of Marshall, in a written statement.

Marshall, considered by many the United States' most influential Supreme Court jus-

tice, lived at The Hollow from 1765 to 1773, according to historians.

Col. Thomas Marshall, John Marshall's father, arrived in Prince William County in 1753 as a planter.

Thomas Marshall steadfastly rose from a backwoods planter to a respected gentleman surveyor, influential and multi-term member of the House of Burgesses, county sheriff, clerk of the court, soldier and inventor.

Between 1763 and 1764, Thomas Marshall built the dwelling named for the valley that surrounds it. Although worn with time and neglect, the frame, colonial hall-and-chamber house is distinguished for its rare 240-year survival without invasive additions or alteration of its original 16-by-28-foot form.