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Virginia Historic Landmark Approved; National Register of Historic Places Followed

After extensive historical, architectural, archaeological, and dendrochronological research and documentation, The Hollow was finally placed on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

After reviewing a mountain of evidence demonstrating that the 240 year-old wood frame structure is indeed the Boyhood Home of Chief Justice John Marshall, the Virginia State Review Board and the Virginia Board of Historic Resources voted unanimously on September 10, 2003 to approve The Hollow for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places and placement on the Virginia Landmarks Register, respectively. The approval included both its architectural significance and its connection to Thomas Marshall, father of Chief Justice John Marshall.

The boards reviewed a lengthy and comprehensive application that included historical documentation, archeological and

architectural investigation, land surveys and other significant research prepared by Cheryl H. Shepherd, a prominent Virginia architectural historian, along with assistance from numerous specialists from New York to Williamsburg, VA. The research indicated a clear historical link between this small, humble wood-frame house and Chief Justice John Marshall, who lived there during his formative years from ages 9 to 17 (1764–1773).

On January 16, 2004, The Hollow was added to the National Register of Historic Places maintained by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

Both listings included approval under National Register criteria “B” (property associated with the lives of persons significant in our past) and “C” (architectural significance). This is very important because it has been fully accepted not just for its independent architectural significance, but more importantly for its association with the life of its builder, Col. Thomas Marshall, and consequently, of his son, John Marshall.

These listings complete an effort that was started in 1981 by the charter members of the Friends of the Hollow. In fact, the first attempt to list the site on the Virginia Landmarks Register was filed 23 years ago by Eva Light, President of the Friends of the Hollow, on January 14, 1981.

Manor (1821 - James Keith Marshall), the site of Mont Blanc (1820 - John Marshall, Jr.), and Carrington (1830 - Edward Carrington Marshall). Tour guides included John Gott and Bill Stribling. A guidebook and full color map was generously provided by Dr. Collins.



From L-R, David Collins, Cheryl Shepherd and Carter F. McNeely, Chairperson of the Virginia Board of Historic Resources, presenting the Virginia Landmarks Register certificate to Dr. Collins at the September 10, 2003 joint meeting in Richmond. Other members of the Board are in the background.

Restoration Work to Begin Immediately

The owner of The Hollow, Dr. David C. Collins, plans to begin a complete restoration of the house immediately. The permitting process and contractor selection process are underway, and under the current timetable, the restoration will be completed in July 2005.

Marshall Descendant Reunion Included Fauquier Tour of Marshall Homes, Including The Hollow

It was a spectacularly beautiful day on September 28, 2003, when two tour bus loads of John Marshall descendants made their way down the winding roads of Fauquier to visit some of the original homes of Chief Justice John Marshall and his family. The tour included stops at The Hollow (1765), Oak Hill (1773 - Col. Thomas Marshall), Morven (1825 - Col. Thomas Ambler), Leeds Church, Leeds

The Friends of the Hollow, Inc. is a Virginia non-stock, non-profit charitable corporation formed in 1981 with the express purpose of preservation and restoration of the boyhood home of Chief Justice John Marshall known as The Hollow. Basic membership dues are \$10.00 per year and sustaining membership is \$25.00 per year. Additional donations are welcome. Dues and contributions are fully tax deductible. Please make checks payable to Friends of the Hollow, Inc. and mail to Friends of the Hollow, 4283 N. 38th Street, Arlington, VA 22207.

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