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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John Marshall House is a square brick building which originally contained six rooms and a basement with wine cellar. In 1810 a downstairs bedroom was added in the rear. Its only exterior ornamentation are a pedimented gable, modillioned cornice and two small formal porches. The interior is decorated simply and is furnished with original Marshall and contemporary pieces.

At present the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA) is beginning an extensive restoration of the John Marshall House. All plumbing and heating pipes and ducts will be removed from the basement, so that it and the wine cellar will be made open to the public for the first time. The walls will be stripped to their plaster in preparation for new, Marshall period-type paint. Missing pieces of wood trim and flooring will be replaced; a new roof is a top priority. A large air-conditioning unit is to be replaced by a central one. In addition, a 42-foot square Interpretive Center will be part of the new John Marshall Courts Building, now under construction directly behind the John Marshall House. There are no present funds for restoration of Marshall's kitchen and law office.

Boundaries: The John Marshall House is located on the northeast corner of 9th and Marshall Streets in Richmond, Virginia. The entrance faces Marshall Street, and a white picket fence surrounds the property. The boundaries are shown by the red line on the accompanying sketch map A entitled "John Marshall House" and dated October 25, 1974. The boundaries follow the white picket fence about 100 feet on each side of the rectangular property.

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The John Marshall House was the home of "The Great Chief Justice" for 45 years. During his distinguished judicial career, sessions of the Court were so spaced that Marshall was able to spend much of his time at this building in Richmond. Many of his important opinions were undoubtedly written here.

History

For 45 years this was the home of "the Great Chief Justice," John Marshall. Built in 1790, just as Marshall was emerging as leader of the Federalist party in Virginia, the house served as his home until the end of his judicial career. Marshall remained in Washington much of the time during his few years in Congress and in President John Adams' cabinet. After he became Chief Justice he was able to spend more time at home. Altogether his judicial duties, in Washington and on circuit in Richmond and Raleigh, consumed an average of less than six months a year. Most of his remaining time was spent in Richmond. Many of his important opinions undoubtly were written at home, and on innumerable occasions he hosted distinguished leaders in all branches of American life. No other site is so closely associated with this giant of American jurists.

Biography

John Marshall (1755-1835) was the fourth Chief Justice of the United States. He was appointed to that position by John Adams, a fellow Federalist. Thomas Jefferson, the new president and political enemy of the Federalists, welcomed the appointment. He believed Marshall had been removed from active politics, for up to that time the Supreme Court had been factious and impotent. Marshall changed all that. He participated in over a thousand decisions during his 30-year tenure, writing more than half of them himself. Of these, five in particular established the Federal Government and the Supreme Court as lasting, effective institutions in America.

Marbury v. Madison (1803) proclaimed the doctrine of judicial review and established the judiciary as an effective force in American government.

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