

Justice. Those of us who are old enough to have heard Thos. F. Marshall, have memories which may excite the envy of those who were less fortunate. In that old Court House which has been replaced by this beautiful structure, perhaps no more eloquent advocate ever charmed or misled a jury than Thomas Francis Marshall. Among the sons of Kentucky born upon her soil, few were equal, perhaps none superior, in native intellectual gifts, in the extent and value of his attainments, in the keenness of his wit, the clearness of his reasoning, the lucidity of his speech, to this gifted but erratic and unfortunate son of genius. And if he had not been so great a man, it is not unlikely that in the judgment of Kentucky his brother, Edward C. Marshall, would have held his place. If Edward Marshall had a superior as a public orator, as a humorist and wit, it was only his elder brother.

Three Johnson brothers were members of the Lower House of Congress; three of the Marshall brothers sat in that same body. We know of no other instance in Kentucky where one family gave three brothers to the Federal Congress. In each case, however, other members of the same family bearing the same name were also thus honored. Two of the Marshalls, Thomas F. Marshall and Dr. Alexander K. Marshall, represented this District. Edward C. Marshall represented the State of California, of which he was afterwards Attorney General.

Among the later members of this bar whose memory is fresh with us was another relative of the Chief Justice, Henry Marshall Buford, than whom no abler or purer judge ever dispensed justice from this, or any other bench.

But in a broader view, Kentucky was part of Virginia when John Marshall was born, and we claim him as one of our native sons. It is true that after he had won his reputation as soldier and also after his wondrous argu