

Marshall County Locality Guide (4 Dec 2021)

Geographic Area

Marshall County is a county located in the U.S. state of Tennessee. As of the 2010 census, the population was 30,617. Its county seat is Lewisburg. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has a total area of 376 square miles (970 km²), of which 375 square miles (970 km²) is land and 0.7 square miles (1.8 km²) (0.2%) is water. The Duck River drains much of the county. As of the census of 2000, there were 26,767 people, 10,307 households, and 7,472 families residing in the county. The population density was 71 people per square mile (28/km²). There were 11,181 housing units at an average density of 30 per square mile (12/km²).



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The median income for a household in the county was \$38,457, and the median income for a family was \$45,731. Males had a median income of \$31,876 versus \$22,362 for females. The per capita income for the county was \$17,749. About 7.30% of families and 10.00% of the population were below the poverty line, including 10.80% of those under age 18 and 13.10% of those age 65 or over. ([Wikipedia](#))

Marshall County was created 20 February 1836 from Lincoln, Bedford and Maury Counties. The County was named the American jurist, John Marshall, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. The County is located in the south-central area of the state. The economy was based on agriculture in the antebellum years and well into the twentieth century. Planters had depended on the labor of enslaved African Americans to work the commodity crops of tobacco and hemp, as well as care for thoroughbred horses and other quality livestock. The breed known as the Tennessee Walking Horse was developed here.

In point of natural agricultural advantages, but few counties in the State are superior to Marshall County. Situated wholly within the Central Basin, the fairest agricultural region in the State, it has much of the finest soils and timber to be found in that famous locality. As a home for thrifty farmers, it is desirable, both on account of the abounding fertility of the soil and the salubrity of the climate, and these advantages were quickly recognized by the early settlers. The original inhabitants were from North Carolina. From 1782 to 1794 most of the lands now embraced in the county were located and surveyed by commissioners from North Carolina, appointed by the Legislature to locate and survey grants made to the officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army living in that State. Private citizens of the same State who held grants, also came out and located them here. These locations and surveys were the parents of the tide of emigration that poured into this region from the old North State, from the year 1800 to 1820. The location and surveys were made in accordance with the laws of North Carolina, and before the government of the United States, under the advice of Col. Mansfield, Surveyor General in 1800, adopted the wise system of surveying the public lands into sections, quarter sections, townships, etc., based on meridian lines. These surveyors and locators were the first white men who explored this country, then a wilderness of forest and cane and wild animals. They gave names to the streams and ridges. Some of them never removed from North Carolina;

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others came and settled on their lands in this lovely region. Other emigrants from Virginia, South Carolina and Georgia swelled the tide of population flowing into this part of Middle Tennessee. The first settlements were made at Fishing Fork, on Duck River, about the year 1810. The village of Farmington is said to be the oldest town in the State south of Duck River. ([TN Encyclopedia](#))

County Contacts

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Vital County Records

Record Loss - 1872 and 1927 Marshall County's courthouse caught fire, but no records were lost.

[FamilySearch On-Line Marshall County Catalog](#)

TnGenWeb Project - Marshall County

Contact - [Bettye Liberty](#)

Record Location Table

Record Type	Location	Record Notes
Birth	County Clerk Office	County Registrations began 1914
	Tennessee Vital Records Office	Keeps for 100 years then they are sent to TSLA
Marriages	County Clerk Office	County Registrations began 1836
	Tennessee Vital Records Office	Keeps for 50 years then they are sent to TSLA
1836-1877	TSLA	Microfilm #22, 1 reel
1838-1882	USGenWeb - Marshall	Marriage Bond Extracts
Divorce	County Clerk Office	
	Tennessee Vital Records Office	TSLA
Deaths	County Clerk Office	County Registrations began 1914
	Tennessee Vital Records Office	Keeps for 50 years then they are sent to TSLA
1908-1912	TN Death Records	Index TN Death Records
1914-1970	TN Death Records	Index TN Death Records

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Land Deeds		
	County Register	County Register of Deeds
Deed Index -- 1836-1940 (A-O)	TSLA	Microfilm #59, 1 reel
Deed Index -- 1836-1940 (P-Z)	TSLA	Microfilm #60, 1 reel
1836-1837	USGenWeb - Marshall	Probate Deeds
List of Microfilmed Marshall County Records	TSLA-PDF	ROLLS 1 - 58, 61 - 70, 72 - 75, A2156-A2172, A2175-A2280, A7503-A7543 & A7545-A7593
Biographies	USGenWeb - Marshall	A-F G-M N-Z
Pension Applications	Tennessee State Archives & Library	County Index to Tennessee Confederate Pension Applications
Probate Records		
Chancery Court	Marshall County	Clerk & Master
Administrators' & Executors' Settlements 1839-1873	TSLA	Microfilm #11, 1 reel
Estate Inventories -- 1839-1880	TSLA	Microfilm #14, 1 reel
Estate Inventories -- 1850-1871	TSLA	Microfilm #15, 1 reel
Insolvent Estates -- 1857-1872	TSLA	Microfilm #A2188, 1 reel
World War I Veterans	Tennessee State Archives & Library	Research Collection
Tax Lists	Tennessee State Archives & Library	Tax Years on Microfilm (Pre 1900): 1839-1843, 1860-1891, 1896-1900 Published Indexes: 1839 - 1841 > <i>Marshall County, Tennessee Tax Record, 1839-1841</i>
Wills	TSLA	1835-1912 (#42, 1 reel)

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County Repositories

[Marshall County Historical Museum](#)
[Marshall County Historical Society](#)
[Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society](#)
[Marshall County Memorial Library](#)
[Chapel Hill Branch Library](#)

Current Area Information

[Lewisburg Government](#)
[Marshall County Chamber of Commerce](#)
[Lewisburg Blog](#)

Resources

General

[Tennessee County Database \(TNGS\) - Marshall County](#)
[Marshall County Wiki \(FamilySearch\)](#)
[Tennessee State Library & Archives - Marshall County Facts Sheet](#)
[TNGenWeb Project - Marshall County](#)
[USGenWeb Archives - Marshall County](#)
[Atlas of Historical County Boundaries - Interactive Map of Tennessee](#)
[Tennessee Atlas of Historical Boundaries - Marshall County Chronology](#)
[Genealogy Trails - Marshall County](#)
[Access Genealogy - Marshall County](#)
[Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society](#)

Newspapers

Tennessee State Archives & Library

Lewisburg (Marshall Co.) [Check Online Catalog for Lewisburg Newspaper Details & Dates Held.](#) We do not necessarily hold all published issues of the newspaper.

Democratic Mirror.	Published	Mr 18 1838- ?
Lewisburg Gazette.	Published	Ag 4 1848- ?
Lewisburg Tribune.	Published	Ag 3 1899 - present.
Lewisburg Twice - A - Week Tribune.	See	Lewisburg Tribune.
Marshall Democrat.	Published	N 8 1847 - ?
Marshall Gazette.	Published	F 3 1871- present.

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Southern Messenger. Published F 11 1859 - 1861?
Weekly Disseminator. Published ?- ? [1846?]

[1903 Marshall County, Lewisburg Tribune News](#)
[1910 Marshall County, Lewisburg Tribune News](#)
[1911 Marshall County, Lewisburg Tribune News](#)
[1912 Marshall County, Lewisburg Tribune News](#)
[1913 Marshall County, Lewisburg Tribune News](#)

Selected Manuscripts

Tennessee State Archives & Library

[Bear Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church Records. Marshall County, 1902-1938](#) (Microfilm Manuscript #203, 1 reel)*
[Bethbirei Presbyterian Church Records. Marshall County, 1810-1975](#) (Microfilm Manuscript #548, 2 reels)*
[Bethbirei Presbyterian Church Records. Marshall County, 1817-1875](#) (Microfilm Manuscript #76, 1 reel)*
[Caney Spring United Methodist Church Records. Marshall County, 1831-1963](#) (Microfilm Manuscript #586, 1 reel)*
[Chapel Hill Masonic Lodge \(#160\) Records. Marshall County, 1831-1927](#) [*Restricted*] (Microfilm Manuscript #827, 1 reel)
[Ferguson Family Papers, 1797-1945](#) (Microfilm Manuscript #102, 1 reel)*
[James W. Franks Diary, 1883-1884](#) (Microfilm Manuscript #788, 1 reel)*
[Jane Wallace Alford Genealogical Collection, 1784-1999](#)
[Macon Brown Prince Genealogical Collection, 1889-1971](#) (Microfilm Manuscript #1125, 1 reel)*
[Marshall County Miscellaneous Records, 1841-1857](#) (Microfilm Manuscript #556, 1 reel)*
[Pleasant Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church Records. Chapel Hill, 1840-1899](#) (Microfilm Manuscript #345, 1 reel)*
[Robert B. Freeman Diaries, 1876-1877, 1885-1886](#) (Microfilm Manuscript #457, 1 reel)*
[Rock Creek Primitive Baptist Church Records. Marshall County, 1814-1851](#) (Microfilm Manuscript #386, 1 reel)*
[Ruth Baxter Cochran Scrapbook Collection, 1965-1993](#) (Microfilm Manuscript #2004, 6 reels)

Maps

[Free Marshall County, Tennessee Topo Maps & Elevations](#)
[TDOT Map of Marshall County](#)
[Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Marshall County, Tennessee](#)
[Marshall County Tennessee, 1899](#)
[Marshall County Tennessee, 1882](#)

Cemeteries

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[Marshall County Cemeteries – Find-a-Grave](#)
[Marshall County Cemeteries and Cemetery Records](#)
[Marshall County Cemetery Records](#)
[Marshall County Cemetery Records and Cemetery Collection Links](#)
[Marshall County, Cemeteries](#)

Bibliography

[The Land Laws of Tennessee \(Whitney, 1891\) Google Books](#)

Library Titles	Author / Date	TSLA	GRH&GC	MPL
A history of Marshall County, TN.	Wright, 1963	Y		
A study of the social & economic history of the Columbia Reservoir area (vol. 1, 1807-1890; vol. 2, 1890-1945)	Dwyer, 1976	Y		
Cemetery records of Marshall County, Tennessee	Marsh, 1981		Y	Y
Civil War etchings in retrospect. <i>TN Folklore Soc. Bull.</i> 27 (1961), pp. 71-76.	Rogers, 1961	Y		
Concerning the N.B. Forrest legend. <i>TN Folklore Soc. Bull.</i> 4 (1938), pp. 32-63.	Rogers, 1938	Y		
Descendants of James and Elizabeth Fleming Ferguson, Bedford County (now Marshall) Tennessee.	Ferguson, 1988		Y	
Final report on the 1972-1973 archaeological site reconnaissance in the proposed TVA Columbia Reservoir, Maury & Marshall counties, TN	Dickson, 1976	Y		
General highway map Marshall County, Tennessee [map]	TDOT, 1977			Y
Guideposts to fortune. <i>TN Folklore Soc. Bull.</i> 16 (1950), pp. 31- 38.	Rogers, 1950	Y		
Hardison and allied families: (especially those of Maury and Marshall Counties of Tennessee)	Hawkins		Y	
Index to Tennessee county court records	WPA, 1971		Y	
Land deed genealogy of Marshall County, Tennessee	Marsh, 1998		Y	
Legendary role of historic Wilhoite. <i>TN Folklore Soc. Bull.</i> 14 (1948), pp. 48-53.	Horton, 1948	Y		
Life on the common level: inheritance, conflict & instruction	Fisher, 1967	Y		
Marriage record, Marshall County, Tennessee, 1836-1870	Porch, 1976			Y
Marshall County historical quarterly	MCHS, 1970		Y	Y
Marshall County Historical Quarterly. Vol. 1, Aug. 1970- (quarterly) Marshall County Hist. Soc.	1970	Y		
Marshall County Tennessee: Wills Vols A-C	Microfilm Pub, 1971		Y	
Marshall County, Tennessee 1850 census	Porch, 1967			Y

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Marshall County, Tennessee court minutes, 1836-1845	MCHS, 1980		Y	Y
Marshall County, Tennessee tax record, 1839-1841	Porch, 1966			Y
Marshall County, Tennessee wills, 1835-1865	Porch, 1978			Y
Marshall County, Tennessee, court minutes, 1845-1848	MCHS, 1984			Y
Marshall County, Tennessee, court records [microform] Inventories of estates 1839-1850; Inventories of estates 1850-1871; Inventories of estates 1871-1896				Y
Marshall County, Tennessee, deeds [microform]	Microfilm			Y
Marshall County, Tennessee, marriages [microform]	Microfilm			Y
Marshall County, Tennessee, wills [microform]	Microfilm			Y
Marshall County, TN: a sesquicentennial history. pp196	1986	Y		
Pioneering accounts of frontier religion. <i>TN Folklore Soc. Bull.</i> 17 (1951), pp. 32-40.	Rogers, 1951	Y		
Popular sayings of Marshall County. <i>TN Folklore Soc. Bull.</i> 15 (1949), pp. 70-75.	Rogers, 1949	Y		
Preliminary case report to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: Columbia Dam & Reservoir, Maury & Marshall counties, TN.	Building Conservation Technology, 1980	Y		
Revolutionary War patriots of Marshall County, Tennessee	Wallace, 1976		Y	
Souvenir of centennial celebration of Bethbirei Presbyterian Church (Rock Creek Church) held at the church, near Lewisburg, TN	1910	Y		
Stories & legends of Marshall County, north of Duck River. George Peabody College thesis,	Rogers, 1936	Y		
The Goodspeed histories of Maury, Williamson, Rutherford, Wilson, Bedford & Marshall Counties of Tennessee.	Goodspeed, 1971		Y	
The Goodspeed's history of TN (Marshall County, pp. 884-903, 1190-1232).	Goodspeed, 1886	Y		
The Robert C. Harris House, Marshall County, TN.	Mills, 1981	Y		
The Strawberry story: when I can read my title clear	Mallory, 2008		Y	
The Williams family of Granville County, North Carolina and Marshall County, Tennessee: ancestors-descendants-connections to the Allison, Boyd, Camden, Haislip, Harris, Ogilvie and Peace families	Schack, 2002		Y	
TN plain folk: mainstream life in a southern village & country store, 1878-1986.	Tate, 1986	Y		
Tombstone inscriptions of Marshall County, Tennessee	Whitesell, 1968			Y

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