

HISTORIC RED HOOK

Montgomery Marshall

Born Feb 9, 1838 Died Sep 2, 1918

Red Church Cemetery, Tivoli

The Marshall marker is an inscribed marble column, finial atop, with Marshall name on block on larger base within family plot near cemetery's American flag. Individual stone marked with a veteran American flag and metal star marker. The plot is in Section A, Lot 19, four plots south of the second row of the southern side of the road at the southern entrance of the cemetery.

1st Wife: Alice Moore Marshall, Mar 28, 1841–Mar 17, 1872

2nd Wife: Margaret Ann Fraleigh Marshall, Sep 15, 1847–Sep 3, 1910

Steamboat Pilot, Blacksmith, Police Constable & Union Veteran

When a group of Union soldiers reunited in 1908 for a photograph, the accompanying article noted that Montgomery Marshall

“was a steamboat pilot, and before 1890 was a baggage master on the steamer Kaaterskill of the Catskill Evening line that ran from Coxsackie. His son, Clarence Marshall, who now lives in Spring street, Tivoli, worked with his father on the Kaaterskill when he was 16 years old.”¹ In his 80 years, Montgomery worked also as a blacksmith, a laborer, and a farmer, and was Tivoli’s first police constable. His military service was important to him, but his roles as a brother, husband, and father of nine make for an enduring legacy.

Marshall, son of Robert (1805-1878) and Susan Miller Marshall (1807-1841), was christened August 30, 1839, at Christ Evangelical Church of Germantown. He had six siblings.² Marshall and his first wife Alice Moore Marshall were the parents of three.³ He and his second wife Margaret Annie Fraleigh Worden Marshall (1847-1910) were married on November 8, 1875, and had six children.⁴ Marshall was predeceased by both of his wives.

Many were the achievements of Marshall: “Montgomery Marshall served in the Civil War in the ‘Ulster Guard’ Company R, NY 20th Militia Volunteers. This unit was given a 90-day service to protect the Nation’s Capitol, Washington, D.C. Montgomery was recognized as a True Patriot on Nov 28, 1866, by Brevet Major General John Watts DePeyster at the dedication of the Defender’s Monument that stands proudly still in the Village of Tivoli. The Monument recognizes the men who gave their lives in the Slave Holders Rebellion (Civil War) and the dedication honored those that returned to the area...Marshall was, by profession, listed as a Blacksmith, like his father Robert. He was also the first Police Constable for the Village of Tivoli.”



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Sources:

1. "When Taps Were Sounded for a GAR Comrade in Tivoli." Poughkeepsie Journal. Sun., Jan. 15, 1950, page 1C. accessed 24 April 2024. Newspapers.com.
2. According to Findagrave.com, he was the brother of Anna Matilde Marshall (1833-1839), Delia Marshall Simmons (b. 1837), and Matilde Marshall Boyce (b. 1841), and half brother to Robert Marshall (1843-1891), Lucinda G. Marshall Stickle (b. 1849), and Alice Marshall Ring (1857-1935) through his father's second marriage to Hannah Smith.
3. According to Findagrave.com, the children were Nellie Marshall Rivenburg (1862-1942), Theodore Marshall (1865-1954), and Minnie L. Marshall Cornwell (1868-1949).
4. According to Findagrave.com, the children were Clarence M. Marshall (1876-1950), Sylvester Boyce Marshall (b. 1877), Alice Marshall (1884-1887), Florence Marshall (1885-1885), Morton Marshall (1888-1901), and Gertrude M. Marshall Clark (b. 1890).