

~ FATHER AND SON ~  
**HD and WJ MARSHALL**

INDUCTED INTO THE  
**MIDDLE GEORGIA  
FOLK POTTERY MUSEUM  
HALL-OF-FAME**  
AT THE  
**GEORGIA JUG FEST  
AND  
OLD KNOXVILLE DAYS**  
MAY 15-16, 2009  
KNOXVILLE  
CRAWFORD COUNTY, GEORGIA



Exhibit presented by Marvin Joseph "Pete"  
and his wife, Jackie Clara Marshall Marshall,  
descendants of HD and WJ...

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men, please contact...

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**HENRY DOSS MARSHALL  
HD**



**Noted Crawford County Master Potter**



Born - February 4, 1845 in Bibb County, GA

Served in Co. E 6<sup>th</sup> Reg't Georgia Vol Inf CSA

Married Rosa Ann Hunnicutt January 28, 1869

Father of two sons and three daughters

Noted Contractor/Builder - H.D. Marshall and  
Sons - Crawford and Bibb Counties - Georgia  
Owner/Operator of Pottery in Crawford County

Died - March 23, 1899 in Crawford County,  
Georgia - buried in Mt. Paran Cemetery -  
Crawford County, Georgia

**WILLIAM JOSEPH MARSHALL  
WJM**



**Noted Crawford County Master Potter**



Born - 1869 Crawford County, Georgia  
Married Anna Cora Joyner - December 19, 1889  
Father of three sons and four daughters  
Owner/Operator of Marshall's Mill on the  
Echeconnee Creek - Bibb County, Georgia  
Owner/Operator of W.J. Marshall Company in  
Macon, Georgia - Contractor/Builder  
W.J. Marshall Company - Box Factory Manufacturer -  
biggest crate and basket manufacturer in the South;  
1924-1931  
Owner/Operator of Marshall Lumber Company,  
Malabar, Brevard County, Florida  
Died - October 8, 1931 in Malabar, Brevard County,  
Florida; buried in Mt. Paran Cemetery - Crawford  
County, Georgia

**HENRY DOSS**, the eighth child of Joseph and Nancy Layfield Marshall, lived his entire life in the Bibb and Crawford County areas, except when he served as Pvt. H.D. Marshall and fought alongside his brother, Pvt. John Loudy Marshall, in Gen. Colquitt's Brigade during the War of Northern Aggression. He was admitted to Jackson Hospital in Richmond, Va. September 5, 1864; later was wounded and captured at Bentonville, North Carolina. March 18, 1865.

Excerpt from...*Brothers of Clay-the Story of Georgia Folk Pottery* ...At many points in Crawford County, the clay, which is doubtless Potomac, is used for the manufacture of common pottery, an industry carried on in this county in a primitive way, and under conditions, which make its continuation remarkable. There are certain families, which are brought up, generation after generation, as potters, the business being carried on chiefly at odd times in the winter, and at intervals, in the summer during the making of crops...The products of this pottery are sold mostly by peddling, the articles being carried in wagons, so the writer was informed, sometimes to a distance of 75 miles, and disposed of, partly for cash and partly in trade...Among the proprietors of different establishments, are Messrs. J. Becham, W. Becham.....H. D. Marshall...

**FUNERAL OF MR. MARSHALL** - The **MACON TELEGRAPH** - Sunday Morning April 2, 1899  
**LIZELLA, Ga.** - April 1 - Mr. H.D. Marshall, (known familiarly as "Doss" Marshall) of Crawford County, near this place, died on March 23 and was buried at Mount Paran Baptist Church. There were about two hundred relatives of the deceased at the funeral,

including five children and widowed mother, two boys and three girls. He was 53 years of age, and one of the most prominent and enterprising citizens. Dr. Gostin of Pine Level was the attending physician, and his brother, Dr. Gostin of Macon was called in. The disease was brain fever superseding congestion of the brain. He died in delirium.

**WILLIAM JOSEPH**, the oldest child of Henry Doss and Rosa Ann Hunnicutt Marshall lived in the Bibb and Crawford County areas until 1924. Around 1910 he built a dam across Echeconnee Creek that stands today as a remarkable architectural feat. Excerpt from...*Remembering Lizella* by C. C. McCook: LIZELLA HAD been "on the map" several years before it had contact with other parts of the world by telephone. W. J. Marshall, who had a big mill and farm operation three miles southwest of the town, known as Marshall's Mill, on Echeconnee Creek, was the first person to become interested enough in telephone service to do anything about it. Mr. Marshall built a telephone line from his farm to the nearest point on Columbus Road to the lines of the Macon Telephone system. He later built a gin house in Lizella and ran a line from his residence to the gin. PRIOR TO 1930 - residents of Lizella did not have electricity for lights or power. Mr. W. J. Marshall had one of the few early private power plants at his mill operations about three miles south of Lizella.

Excerpt from...**MELBOURNE TIMES** -  
**Melbourne, Florida, Friday, Oct. 9, 1931**

**W.J. MARSHALL Passes Away at Malabar**  
William Joseph Marshall, prominent citizen of Malabar, died at his home there at 1:30 Thursday afternoon after a short illness. He was 62 years old. Mr. Marshall came to Malabar in August, 1924 from Crawford County, Georgia and established the Marshall Lumber Co. He was well known in this part of the state. Funeral services are to be held at his former home in Georgia on Sunday.

Excerpt from...**The MACON TELEGRAPH-Macon, GA. Friday Morning October 9, 1931**

W.J. Marshall, until six years ago a resident of Lizella and Macon, died yesterday afternoon at his home in Malabar. He was a large land owner in Bibb and Crawford Counties and carried on a sawmill and lumber business over a long period of years. Marshall' Mill received its name from his family. He operated a contracting company in Macon, W. J. Marshall Company, building many homes around Macon. Some of the first houses built in North Highlands were constructed by his company. He operated a box factory...

Doss's youngest son, Marion Monroe, was also a remarkable man... Excerpt from...the "*Wesleyan Christian Advocate*" - J.O.J. Taylor writes: Rev. M.M. Marshall, pastor-architect, built a church or a parsonage in every place where he has preached. "I grew up working with my father, who was a contractor and builder. My philosophy of life was then and now, that a man can do anything he wants to do, if his desire grows out of an unselfish motive, and he takes God as his partner. He taught me that the psychology of success in anything is to begin it. When a man has begun, he has won half his battle. That's the plain truth about it."

*Marvin Joseph Marshall proudly holds the jug his Great-grandpa H.D. Marshall made.  
Photo taken by Katherine Lynn Milton, H.D.'s great-great-great granddaughter.*



# Georgia JugFest



*William Joseph Marshall  
son of  
Henry Doss Marshall  
Master Potters*



## The Marshall Mill Dam at the Bibb and Crawford County Line in Georgia

Mr. William Joseph Marshall, owner and operator of the Marshall Mill, sits on the dam that his mill-workers built around 1909-1910. Standing by him is his namesake, William Joseph, Jr., and on the riverbed below is his family: directly below him, Anna Cora Joyner Marshall, his wife; to her right is their eldest daughter, Eva Roberta, in the dark skirt and white blouse; the third to the right of Eva are the twins, Betty Anne and Rosa Anne; standing with her hands on her hips is Hallie Mae and to her right is Samuel Raymond. Not pictured is William Herman Marshall, the eldest son.

Marvin Joseph Marshall, aka Pete, the grandson of William Joseph Marshall remembers his dad, William Herman telling him about the long, hard hours required by the mill-workers once the construction began, they worked twenty-four hours a day. He does not remember his dad telling him how long it took for the dam to be completed. In this photo, taken in 1910, the east end of the dam is not yet finished.

The dam was built to provide power for a generator, sawmill and grist mill; it still stands today.