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Marshall, Mary A., 1921-1992 (creator)

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RG 65: Personal Papers of Mary A. Marshall, 1938-1992 (34 records)

Born Mary Rice in 1921, Mary A. Marshall graduated from Swarthmore College and came to Washington, DC, in 1942 to work as an economist in the Department of Justice. In 1944 she married Roger D. Marshall and they moved to Arlington in 1953. Prominent in Arlington County politics in the 1950s and early 1960s, she was elected in 1965 as a Democrat to represent Arlington in the Virginia House of Delegates, taking the seat of the retiring Kathryn Stone, another "housewife" turned state representative.

In the General Assembly, Marshall chaired the Counties, Cities, and Towns Committee and served on the Privileges and Elections Committee, the Committee on Health Institutions and Welfare, and the Roads and Internal Navigation Committee. She was a sponsor of the Women's Round Table, a network of legislators and organizations interested in women's issues. She showed special interest in legislation concerning the elderly and served on the Federal Council on Aging from 1978 to 1981. Marshall introduced legislation protecting the rights of the mentally ill and establishing the first state-wide child care licensing law. As a member of the Virginia Library Board, she promoted an increase in state aid for libraries. Marshall represented Arlington in the House of Delegates from 1966 to 1970, lost reelection, and then returned to Richmond from 1972 to 1992. After retiring from politics, Marshall died after a fall in October that same year.

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