



*The National Society of Washington Family Descendants Inc. – 68<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Reunion Meeting*

*Who do You Think you Are? – John Augustine Washington*

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John Augustine Washington was born on January 24, 1736; the third son of Augustine Washington and his wife, Mary Ball at their home on Little Hunting Creek near the future site of Mount Vernon. The home at Little Hunting Creek later burned after the birth of Charles Washington.

John Augustine Washington had two older brothers, George and Samuel and an older sister Betty. In 1738, the Washington family relocated to Ferry Farm on the Rappahannock River near the town of Fredericksburg, Virginia after the Little Hunting Creek fire.

In 1743, John Augustine Washington lost his father, Augustine Washington, when he was just seven years old. His older brother George, who was 11 years old at that time, became the head of the family. This must have affected the family greatly in unknown ways. His father, Augustine, made his will just one day before his death. In the will, John Augustine Washington was granted 700 acres of land on Mattox Creek near the Potomac River in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

John Augustine Washington married Hannah Bushrod in 1756 at the age of 20 years at her family's home called Bushfield Manor near Pope's Creek in Westmoreland County. John Augustine Washington was serving as the Manager of Mount Vernon for his brother, George, at the time. He brought Hannah back to Mount Vernon on April 13, 1756, having married a short time before at Bushfield. Hannah Bushrod Washington was the daughter of John Bushrod and Jane Lane Wilson Corbin Bushrod.

Hannah's father, John Bushrod, fell ill in 1759. John Augustine and Hannah Washington relocated to Bushfield to help take care of her father. In the same year, George Washington married the widow, Martha Dandridge Custis and brought her to live at Mount Vernon.

John Bushrod passed away in 1760 at Bushfield. He willed a parcel of land to his daughter, Hannah, not far from John Augustine Washington's holdings. John Augustine and Hannah Washington continued to live at Bushfield. Hannah Washington inherited Bushfield upon the death of her mother, Jane Corbin in 1787.

John Augustine Washington and Hannah Bushrod had three daughters; Mary in 1757, Jane, also known as Jenny, in 1759 and Mildred in 1769, also known as Milly. They also had three sons; Bushrod was born in 1762, Corbin Washington was born in 1765 and William Augustine was born in 1767..

Their first son, Bushrod Washington, was born at Bushfield on June 5, 1762. Bushrod Washington was to become a US Supreme Court Associate Justice from 1798 to 1829, serving with Chief Justice, John Marshall, under President John Adams on a three-justice US Supreme Court. Educated at the College of William and Mary, Bushrod served as the principal executor for President George

Washington's estate and was the inheritor of Mount Vernon in 1802 and of all of George Washington's private papers. Bushrod Washington married Julia Anna Blackburn and had no issue. Bushrod Washington was the 41<sup>st</sup> member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Bushrod Washington was also known for co-founding and serving as the president of the American Colonization Society. This Society promoted the emigration of freed slaves to Africa and the founding of the country of Liberia on July 26, 1847.

Their younger son, Corbin Washington, born in 1764, married Hannah Lee of the Richard Henry Lee family on May 10, 1787 at Chantilly in Westmoreland County, Virginia. From their issue came John Augustine Washington III, who was the last private owner of Mount Vernon and who sold Mount Vernon to the present owners; the Mount Vernon Ladies Association in 1858.

As an additional note, the Washington Family has a John Marshall family connection through my family. My paternal Grandmother, Agnes Harwood Marshall Washington, was the great granddaughter of Justice John Marshall.

John Augustine Washington died unexpectedly at Bushfield on the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> of January 1787 of what George Washington described as "gout of the head". Hannah Washington lived until 1801. Both John Augustine Washington and Hannah Washington are buried at Bushfield in unmarked graves. Bushfield was burned by British troops in 1814 during the War of 1812 and was rebuilt. It remains a private residence.

At Charleston, South Carolina

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