

Biographies of western delegates who attended the 1861 Virginia Secession Convention were transcribed by undergraduate students enrolled in Dr. Billy Joe Peyton's Fall 2010 "Introduction to Public History" class at West Virginia State University.

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ALPHEUS F. HAYMOND, of Marion County (now in West Virginia), was born on December 15, 1823, at Palatine Hill, in what was then Monongalia County. He was a son of Thomas S. Haymond and Harriet A. Haymond and was educated at the College of William and Mary. Haymond was a lawyer and practiced his profession in Fairmont, Marion County. He married Maria F. Boggess in 1847 and had eleven children by her. He was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from 1853 to 1854 and again from 1857 to 1858.

He represented Marion County in the Convention, and was elected as a Unionist. He was a member of the Committee on Elections and voted against secession on April 4 and again on April 17. However, he later changed his vote from "nay" to "aye."

During the war he supported the Confederacy and served as a field commissary in the Confederate army. He returned to Fairmont after the war and resumed the practice of law. In 1872 he was a member of the Second West Virginia Constitutional Convention, and he was elected the same year as a judge of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. He served until the end of 1882, when he resigned and returned to private practice. He died on December 15, 1893, in Fairmont.

SOURCES: *PMWV*, p. 244; *Biographical and Portrait Cyclopedia of Monongalia, Marion, and Taylor Counties, West Virginia* (Philadelphia, 1895), "Marion County," pp. 12-14; *RGA*, p. 386