

Biographies of West Virginia statehood leaders were prepared by Marshall University Humanities Program graduate students enrolled in Dr. Billy Joe Peyton's Fall 2010 "Historical Studies" class at Marshall's South Charleston campus.

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CHARLES B. WAGGENER was born in 1809 to Andrew and Attarah (Bell) Waggener. He is a native of Berkeley County, [West] Virginia. In 1817 he moved with his family to Mason County, [West] Virginia. He was married twice: First, to Margaret S. Lewis, with whom he had ten children, five boys and five girls; second, to Catherine M Beale, of Mason County.

In 1861, a son, Thomas L., was a Confederate soldier in the cavalry service. Waggener's father was killed by the Confederate Cavalry at Point Pleasant.

Charles B., was a deputy sheriff in 1832. He was a member of the Virginia Legislature from 1846 to 1847. He served as Clerk of the Circuit Court for many years. He was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1872 that framed the Constitution for the State of West Virginia.

His post office address is Point Pleasant, Mason County, West Virginia.

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