

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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**William I. Boreman**

William Inghram Boreman, (June 28, 1816-?), delegate from Tyler County, was the brother of the first Governor of West Virginia. He was born on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June, 1816, in Waynesburg, Greene County, Pennsylvania, where his father moved in the spring of 1827, to Middlebourne, on the Ohio. He studied law at Parkersburg, Wood County, in the office of his brother-in-law, James M. Stephenson, one of the best land lawyers of Western Virginia. He received his license, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 1839, and began practice at Middlebourne. In the spring of 1861, from the counties of Tyler and Doddridge, he was elected to the General Assembly at Richmond, but his decided Union sentiments prevented his acting in that body. By virtue of that election, however, he appeared and served in the Wheeling convention to restore the State to connection with the United States. He was a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates in 1867, and of the State Senate from 1868 to 1871.

Source:

Atkinson and Gibbens, *Prominent Men*, p. 364, Wheeling: W.L. Callin Publishing, 1890.